

## SCHEDULE 1

### Amendments to the 1962 Act

#### **Part 2**

##### Amendments to Part 9 (Questioning of elections) and Part 10 (Electoral misdemeanours)

**30.** After paragraph 4 (personation) insert—

**“Offences relating to applications for postal and proxy votes at a local election**

**4A.—**(1) A person (“P”) is guilty of a corrupt practice if P—

- (a) engages in an act specified in sub-paragraph (2) at a local election, and
- (b) intends, by doing so, to deprive another of an opportunity to vote or to make for P or another a gain of a vote to which P or the other is not otherwise entitled or a gain of money or property.

(2) These are the acts—

- (a) applying for a postal or proxy vote as some other person (whether that other person is living or dead or is a fictitious person);
- (b) otherwise making a false statement in, or in connection with, an application for a postal or proxy vote;
- (c) inducing the registration officer or returning officer to send a postal ballot paper or any communication relating to a postal or proxy vote to an address which has not been agreed to by the person entitled to the vote;
- (d) causing a communication relating to a postal or proxy vote or containing a postal ballot paper not to be delivered to the intended recipient.

(3) In sub-paragraph (1)(b), property includes any description of property.

(4) In sub-paragraph (2) a reference to a postal vote or a postal ballot paper includes a reference to a proxy postal vote or a proxy postal ballot paper (as the case may be).

(5) For the purposes of this paragraph—“postal ballot paper” means a ballot paper issued to a postal voter; “postal voter” means a person entitled to vote by post at an election as an absent voter or as a proxy; and “proxy postal ballot paper” means a ballot paper issued to a proxy postal voter.”.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2010. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3 para. 4(1)(d) and word inserted by [S.I. 2024/382 art. 11\(b\)](#)