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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 635**

**The Local Elections (Northern  
Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2020**

**Amendment of rule 10 (decisions as to validity of nomination papers)**

5. In rule 10 (decisions as to validity of nomination papers)(1)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)—
    - (i) after “consent to it” insert “, and its accompanying home address form,”,
    - (ii) after the “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (a) insert—
      - “(aa) the returning officer decides that the home address form—
        - (i) does not comply with rule 5(5); or
        - (ii) if the form contains a statement under rule 5(6), does not comply with the requirement in that rule for a signature or with rule 5(7); or”,
  - (b) in paragraph (3), after “nomination paper” insert “or home address form”,
  - (c) for paragraph (4) substitute—
    - “(4) Paragraph (4A) applies if the returning officer—
      - (a) decides that a nomination paper is invalid; or
      - (b) decides that a home address form—
        - (i) does not comply with rule 5(5); or
        - (ii) if the form contains a statement under rule 5(6), does not comply with the requirement in that rule for a signature or with rule 5(7).
    - (4A) The returning officer must endorse and sign on the paper or form that fact and the reasons for the returning officer’s decision.”.