
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 1147

The Representation of the People (Postal and Proxy Voting etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

PART 2

Amendment of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001

Amendment of Part 3 (registration)

- 4.—(1) Part 3 (registration) is amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 26 (applications for registration)—
- (a) in paragraph (11), after “receives” insert “, subject to paragraph (12),”;
 - (b) after paragraph (11) insert—
 - “(12) Where an application made through the digital service in accordance with paragraph (9) includes the applicant’s national insurance number the Secretary of State—
 - (a) may send the registration officer that application without the national insurance number, and
 - (b) where the Secretary of State does so, must indicate to the registration officer that a national insurance number was included when the application was made by the applicant.”.
- (3) In regulation 29ZB (processing of information provided in connection with an application under section 10ZC or 10ZD)—
- (a) in paragraph (2)(a), at the end insert “transmitted to the registration officer by the Secretary of State”;
 - (b) in paragraph (5)—
 - (i) omit the “or” after sub-paragraph (a);
 - (ii) after sub-paragraph (a) insert—
 - “(aa) in the case of information disclosed under regulation 29ZA, for the purposes of determining—
 - (i) a relevant absent voting application made by the same applicant where that information is used by the Secretary of State to complete in part the relevant absent voting application by virtue of regulation 51(7)(a),
 - (ii) an application for an absent vote made under Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012⁽¹⁾ by

(1) S.I. 2012/1917; relevant amending instruments are: S.I. 2014/921, 2016/300, 2018/272, 1310, 2020/190, 2021/1265, 2022/175, 391, 1354, 1382.

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the same applicant where that information is used by the Secretary of State to complete in part that application by virtue of paragraph 11(5A)(a) of Schedule 2 to that Order,

- (iii) an application for absent signing made under Part 4 of the Recall of MPs Act 2015 (Recall Petition) Regulations 2016⁽²⁾ by the same applicant where that information is used by the Secretary of State to complete in part that application by virtue of regulation 60(6A)(a) of those Regulations, or
- (iv) an identity document application, as defined by regulation 3(1) of the Voter Identification Regulations 2022⁽³⁾, made by the same applicant where that information is used by the Secretary of State to complete in part that application by virtue of regulation 5(2) of those Regulations, or”.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 4 in force at 31.10.2023, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2016/295; relevant amending instruments are: S.I. 2018/699, 2019/1094, 2020/581, 2021/1188, 2022/332, 1382.
⁽³⁾ S.I. 2022/1382.

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

- Sch. 2 para. 4(3)(4) inserted by [S.I. 2024/99 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 9(4)(5) inserted by [S.I. 2024/99 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 13(4)(5) inserted by [S.I. 2024/99 reg. 2\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 17(4)(5) inserted by [S.I. 2024/99 reg. 2\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 30(6)(7) inserted by [S.I. 2024/99 reg. 2\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 37(3A)(3B) inserted by [S.I. 2024/99 reg. 2\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 37(6)-(8) inserted by [S.I. 2024/99 reg. 2\(7\)\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 42(4)(5) inserted by [S.I. 2024/99 reg. 2\(8\)](#)
- reg. 17(3)(b)reg. 17(5)(a)reg. 17(5)(b)(i)(aa)(ii)reg. 17(5)(b)(iii)(c)(6)-(8) coming into force by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 1\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- reg. 17(5)(ca) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 19\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 18(1)-(4)reg. 18(5)(a)(ii)reg. 18(5)(a)(iii)(b)(c)(6)-(8) coming into force by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 1\(3\)\(e\)](#)