
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 382

The Local Elections (Northern
Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024

Part 3

Amendment of other electoral legislation

Amendment of Schedule 5 to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962

9.—(1) Schedule 5 to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 (local election rules) is amended as follows.

(2) In rule 45 (preliminary proceedings and conduct of the count)(1), in paragraph (2)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), after “it is returned” insert “by post or by hand”;
- (b) at the end of sub-paragraph (a) omit “and”;
- (c) after sub-paragraph (b) insert—

“and

- (c) the postal ballot paper is not one that falls to be rejected in accordance with paragraph 15C of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.”

(3) In the Appendix of Forms(2)—

- (a) replace form 5 (declaration of identity) with the form in Schedule 2;
- (b) replace form 6A (elector’s official postal poll card) with the form in Schedule 3;
- (c) replace form 7A (proxy’s official postal poll card) with the form in Schedule 4.

(1) Rule 45 was substituted by [S.I. 1985/454](#), and paragraph (2) was amended by [S.I. 2002/2835](#).

(2) Relevant amendments were made by paragraph 61(4) of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 ([c. 22](#)) and [S.I. 2010/2977](#), [2014/1116](#), [2015/566](#) and [2020/635](#).