

---

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.

**Amendment of the Elections Act 2001**

**10.** In the Schedule to the Elections Act 2001(3) (Northern Ireland: modification of election provisions), in paragraph 29 (forms), replace the form inserted by sub-paragraph (2) (form 5A: declaration of identity (combined polls))(4) with the form in Schedule 5.

---

(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](#).  
(3) [2001 c. 7](#). Relevant amending instrument is [S.I. 2015/566](#).  
(4) Paragraph 29(2) inserts form 5A (declaration of identity (combined polls)) into the Appendix of Forms in Schedule 5 to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 for the purposes of a combined local and parliamentary election. Form 5A (declaration of identity (combined polls)) was substituted by [S.I. 2015/566](#).

### **Amendment of the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2010**

**11.** In Schedule 3 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2010 (access to marked registers and other documents open to public inspection after an election)**(5)**, in paragraph 4(1) (public inspection of other documents)—

- (a) at the end of paragraph (b) omit “and”;
- (b) after paragraph (c) insert—

“and

- (d) lists compiled in accordance with paragraph 15H(1) of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the 1985 Order**(6)** and any extracts produced from those lists.”

---

**(5)** [S.I. 2010/2977](#).

**(6)** For the meaning of “1985 Order”, see paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 3 to [S.I. 2010/2977](#).