Fourth Schedule.

SECTIONS 74 AND 75 OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACTS, 1882, AS ADAPTED AND ALTERED IN THEIR APPLICATION TO THE ELECTION OF [ALDERMEN AND] COUNCILLORS IN A COUNTY BOROUGH.

Offences in relation to Nomination Papers.

74.—(1) If any person forges or fraudulently defaces or fraudulently destroys any nomination paper, or delivers to the Returning Officer any forged nomination paper, knowing it to be forged, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour.

(2) An attempt to commit any such offence shall be punishable as the offence is punishable.

Neglect of Duty by Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer.

75.—(1) If a person who has undertaken to act as returning officer or deputy returning officer, at an election of [Alderman and] Councillors, in a County Borough neglects or refuses to conduct or declare the election in manner provided by the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1929, and the Aldermen and Councillors of County Boroughs (Northern Ireland) Election (Consolidation) Order, 1929, he shall for every such offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, recoverable by action.

(2) An action under this section shall not lie after three months from the neglect or refusal.

Elections : County and Rural Districts.

1929. No. 43.

To the Council of every Administrative County in Northern Ireland and to the Secretary of every such Council :

To the District Council of every Rural and Urban District in Northern Ireland and to the Clerk of every such Council ; and to all others whom it may concern :

WHEREAS in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1923, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland by an Order under Seal entitled The County and Rural District Councillors (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1924 (hereinafter referred to as " the Principal Order "), did order and direct that, subject to any directions that might be given by the said Ministry or until the Ministry should otherwise order, the rules contained in the said Order should be observed in connection with the election of county and rural district councillors in Northern Ireland :

And whereas provision is contained in Rule 19 of the Principal Order to prevent a local government elector voting in more than one electoral division :

And whereas it is enacted by sub-section 6 of the Section substituted for Section 4 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, by the Representation of the People Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, that nothing in sub-section (2) of Section 8 of the

Representation of the People Act, 1918, or in the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, or any similar enactment shall be construed so as to prevent a person registered as a Local government elector in respect of several company qualifications possessed by different companies from voting in one or more district electoral divisions by virtue of each company qualification in respect of which he is registered, or from voting by virtue of a qualification other than a company qualification in respect of which he is registered as a local government elector and would apart from the said Section 4, as so substituted, be entitled to vote :

And whereas it appears expedient to the said Ministry to amend and vary the Principal Order in manner hereinafter appearing :

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of every power in this behalf enabling the Ministry hereby orders and directs as follows :—

1. Nothing contained in Rule 19 of the Principal Order shall be construed so as to prevent a person registered as a local government elector in respect of several company qualifications possessed by different companies from voting in one or more district electoral divisions by virtue of each company qualification in respect of which he is registered or from voting by virtue of a qualification other than a company qualification in respect of which he is registered :

2. Sub-section 2 of Rule 19 of the Principal Order shall be read and have effect as if for paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) thereof the following were substituted :—

(*b*) " Have you already voted at the present election of " County Councillors in this or any other County " Electoral Division of the County in respect of a " qualification other than a company qualification ? "

(*c*) " Have you already voted at the present election " of Rural District Councillors in this or any other " District Electoral Division of the Rural District " or at any election of Guardians or Rural District " Councillors in any District Electoral Division in the " Union of in respect of a " qualification other than a company qualification ? "

3. Rule 27 of the First Schedule to the Ballot Act, 1872, as adapted and printed in the Third Schedule to the Principal Order shall have effect subject to the following amendments :—

(1) The words " in respect of a qualification other than a company qualification " shall be inserted in the form of oath in the said Rule prescribed immediately after the words " (County) of "
(Rural District)

in lines 6 and 7 of the said form, and again immediately after the words " Union of " in line 9 thereof :

(2) The words " in respect of a qualification other than a company qualification " shall be inserted in the form of affirmation in the said Rule prescribed immediately after the words " (County) (Rural District) of " in line 7 of the said form, and again immediately after the words " Union of " at the end thereof.

4. This Order may be cited as the County and Rural District Councillors (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1929, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 1st day of May, 1929.

(L.S.) *D. L. Clarke,*
Assistant Secretary.

Elections : Guardians.

1929. No. 44.

To the Council of every Administrative County in Northern Ireland and to the Secretary of every such Council :

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of every Borough in Northern Ireland :

To the Town Clerk of every such Borough :

To the Urban District Council of every Urban District in Northern Ireland, not being a Borough, and to the Clerk of every such Council ; and to all others whom it may concern :

Whereas in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1923, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland by an Order under Seal entitled The Guardians (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1924 (hereinafter referred to as " the Principal Order "), did order and direct that, subject to any directions that might be given by the said Ministry or until the Ministry should otherwise order, the rules contained in the said Order should be observed in connection with the election of guardians in boroughs and urban county districts in Northern Ireland :

And whereas provision is contained in Rule 19 of the Principal Order to prevent a local government elector voting in more than