Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2), for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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2007 No.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland)(Amendment) Regulations 2007

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In accordance with section 7(2)(e) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**a**), the Electoral Commission has been consulted prior to making these Regulations.

A draft of these Regulations was laid before Parliament in accordance with section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**b**) and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 53(1)(b)(i) and (3) of, and paragraphs 1(4), (4A), (4B) and (6) to (8) and 13(1ZA)of Schedule 2 to, that Act(**c**) makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland)(Amendment) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on the expiry of fourteen days beginning with the day on which the Regulations are made.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the 2001 Regulations" means the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001(**d**); and

"the 1983 Act" means the Representation of the People Act 1983.

(3) These Regulations extend to Northern Ireland only.

(4) Nothing in these Regulations shall be taken to require a specified authority or person mentioned in regulation 35(1) of the 2001 Regulations, as substituted by regulation 3 of these Regulations, to disclose information which came into their control before these Regulations came into force.

(**a**) 2000 c.41.
(**b**) 1983 c.2.
(**c**) Paragraphs 1(4A), (4B), (6) to (8) and 13(1ZA) of Schedule 2 to the 1983 Act were inserted by section 7 of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (c.33). Paragraphs 1(7) and (8) are interpretation provisions and are cited here because they define the meaning of "the relevant registration objectives" and "third party" respectively.
(**d**) S.I.2001/400 as amended by the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland)(Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I.2002/1873).