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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE
SUPREME COURT OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Election Petition (Amendment) Rules 2003

Made - - - - -	*24th March 2003*
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The Civil Procedure Rule Committee, being the authority having for the time being power to make rules of court for the Supreme Court(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 136, 182 and 185 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**b**), make the following Rules—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Election Petition (Amendment) Rules 2003 and shall come into force on 1st May 2003.

2. In rule 19(1) of the Election Petition Rules 1960(**c**)—

(a) for "enlarged" substitute "varied"; and

(b) after "rules 2.8 to 2.11" insert "and 3.1(2)(a)".

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I allow these Rules

24th March 2003 *Irvine of Lairg,* C.

(**a**) in accordance with section 2 of the Civil Procedure Act 1997 (c. 12).
(**b**) 1983 c. 2. Section 136 was amended by the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), section 24 and Schedule 4, paragraph 48.
(**c**) S.I. 1960/543, amended by S.I. 1985/1278 and 1999/1352.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules make it clear that periods of time prescribed by the Election Petition Rules 1960 may be varied by the court or by the parties unless they are governed by section 119 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

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