University Register and Elections

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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and every other power it thereunto enabling, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland hereby makes the following Regulations :—

PART I

Register of Electors

Form of Register and order of names therein.

1.—(1) The Register shall be prepared to show the surname and other names or initials, the last known address, and the nature and date of the qualifying degree, of each person qualified under the provisions of Section 6 of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, (hereinafter called " The Act of 1946 ") to be a parliamentary elector in the University constituency.

(2) The names shall be entered in alphabetical order and shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with the number " 1 ".

(3) If no information is in the possession of the Registration Officer of an elector's postal address, the name and particulars of the qualification of that elector shall nevertheless be entered in the Register, and the omission of the address shall not invalidate the right of the elector to vote at any election for which the Register is in force if, not later than the day before the day fixed for nominations at such election, particulars of an address to which a voting paper can be sent are furnished to, or are secured by, the Registration Officer.

Date of publication of Register.

2.—(1) The Register shall, in each year, be published in the first place on the first day of October and shall contain the names of all persons qualified to be electors, up to and including the thirty-first day of July in that year.

(2) On each first day of February there shall be published a supplementary list containing the names of those persons who have

become qualified to be electors since the thirty-first day of July in the preceding year.

(3) The Register published on the first day of October in any year shall be the Register to be in force for any election initiated before the publication of the supplementary list, but, on the publication of the supplementary list, that list and the Register published on the first day of October shall together constitute the Register to be in force for any election initiated thereafter and until the publication of the next Register as provided in the first paragraph of this Regulation.

(4) The supplementary list shall be prepared in the same form and contain the same particulars as the Register, and the names therein shall be entered in alphabetical order and be numbered consecutively beginning with the number " 1 ", but the prefix " S " shall be entered before each such number.

Publication of Register.

3.—(1) The Registration Officer shall publish the Register by making a copy thereof available for inspection at or outside his office, and formal publication of the Register shall thereby be completed.

(2) The Registration Officer shall arrange for the printing of a sufficient number of copies of the Register.

(3) As soon as may be, and in any event not later than five days after the formal publication of the Register, the Registration Officer shall give public notice that the Register has been published and is available for inspection by interested parties at his office. Public notice, for the purposes of this paragraph, shall be given by advertisement in newspapers circulating in the County Borough of Belfast and in such other newspapers as the Registration Officer considers appropriate.

Copies of Register.

4.—(1) The Registration Officer shall, if requested by a candidate at an election or by his election agent, supply him with additional copies of the Register at 10/- per copy.

(2) He shall also, if there are sufficient copies of the Register available, supply to any elector such copies as may be required at 20/- per copy.

Extracts from Register.

5. The Registration Officer shall on the application of any elector allow that elector at all reasonable times to take extracts from the Register.

Corrupt and Illegal Practices List.

6.—(1) The Registration Officer shall publish not later than the date of publication of the Register the Corrupt and Illegal Practices List (if any) made by him under Section 39 of the Corrupt and Illegal Practices (Prevention) Act, 1883, as amended by the Act of 1946.

(2) Claims and objections to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices List may be made in writing to the Registration Officer at his office and

such claims and objections shall be made within ten days from the date of publication of the list.

(3) The Registration Officer shall forthwith take any claim or objection into consideration and shall notify the parties thereto :—

(*a*) of his opinion or decision thereon ; and

(*b*) that if any of the said parties is dissatisfied with his decision and makes representation in writing to him to that effect within five days of the receipt of the said notification he will appoint a place and time for the hearing of the claim or objection at which any of the parties shall be entitled to appear and be heard either in person or by some other person other than counsel.

(4) If representation in writing is not made to the Registration Officer under sub-paragraph (*b*) of the immediately preceding paragraph of this regulation the decision of the Registration Officer shall be final, but if representation is so made, the Registration Officer shall notify each of the parties of the time and place appointed for the hearing of the claim or objection and shall at the place, and at or as soon as possible after the time, hear and determine the claim or objection. If after such hearing and determination any of the parties to the claim or objection is dissatisfied with the decision thereon of the Registration Officer an appeal shall lie from such decision to the County Court as provided in Section thirty-two of the Act of 1946.

(5) Any amendments of the Register which may become necessary by reason of the determination under this regulation of any claim or objection to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices List shall be effected by the addition to every copy of the Register of a list of determined claims and objections to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices List and such list shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form part of the Register.

PART II

Proxies

Proxy.

7. A proxy must be appointed by means of a proxy paper issued by the Registration Officer.

Proxy Application.

8. An application by an elector for the issue of a proxy paper must be in the following form or in a form to the like effect :—

ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (N.I.), 1946.

Queen's University Constituency — Parliament of Northern Ireland

PROXY APPLICATION FORM

To the Registration Officer for the University

The Elector *must* insert here his surname and other names in full.

I, ...

being or believing myself to be qualified for registration as a Parliamentary Elector at the said University hereby

state that there is a probability that I shall, at the time of a Parliamentary election, be at sea or out of the United Kingdom, and that I desire to appoint as proxy to vote for me at any such election the person nominated below as First Choice or (if he or she is not qualified or is unwilling to act) the person nominated below as Second Choice.

Person to be appointed Proxy (see Footnote).*

1. The Elector *must* fill this up
   - Names of First Choice .....
   - Postal Address of .....
   - First Choice .....
   - Relationship, if any, of First Choice to Elector .....

2. The Elector should fill this up as the First Choice may be unwilling or not qualified to act.
   - Names of Second Choice .....
   - Postal Address of .....
   - Second Choice .....
   - Relationship, if any, of Second Choice to Elector .....

3. The Elector should fill this up to the best of his ability
   - Reason for and expected length of absence from United Kingdom .....

I apply for the issue of a proxy paper appointing as my proxy the person or one of the persons, nominated above ; and in the event of any further information being required by the Registration Officer I hereby authorise :

4. The Elector should enter here the names and address of some person in the United Kingdom who can supply any further information required, in case the Elector is at sea or abroad. The person so authorised may be one of the persons nominated above as proxy.
   - Names .....
   - Postal Address .....
   - .....

to make an application giving such further information as may be necessary to enable a proxy paper to be issued to the person or one of the persons nominated.

The form must be properly signed, witnessed and dated.

Signature of Elector .....

Elector's residence in United Kingdom or other postal address in United Kingdom to which letters for him may be sent .....

Witnessed by .....

The Witness must be a person to whom the Elector is known — Address and Occupation of Witness .....

Date .....

* The person to be a proxy must be a British subject of full age not subject to any legal incapacity and resident within the prescribed postal voting area. The person shall not vote as proxy at an election in the Constituency on behalf of more than 2 voters of whom that person is neither the husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother or sister.

Issue of Proxy Paper.

9.—(1) The Registration Officer on receiving an application for the issue of a proxy paper shall, if satisfied that a proxy may be appointed, intimate to the person nominated as First Choice, unless he knows that that person is not qualified to be appointed as proxy or has expressed his unwillingness to act, that it is proposed to appoint him as proxy for the elector, and that if no notice is received within seven days intimating that he is unwilling or unable to act as proxy for the elector a proxy paper will be issued to him and he will be entered on the list of proxies :

Provided that where the Registration Officer requires further information to enable him to issue a proxy paper and the name of any person is given in the form of application as authorised to make an application giving such further information as may be necessary to enable a proxy paper to be issued to the person or one of the persons nominated, the Registration Officer shall apply to the person so named for such further information.

If at the expiration of the said seven days no notice is received intimating that the person nominated as First Choice is unable or unwilling to act as proxy, the Registration Officer shall unless otherwise directed by the elector, send or deliver a proxy paper to that person, and shall enter his name on the list of proxies :

Provided that the Registration Officer may send or deliver the proxy paper and enter the name of the proxy as aforesaid before the expiration of the said seven days if he is satisfied that the person nominated as First Choice is willing and able to act as proxy.

(2) If, within seven days from the date of sending the intimation, notice is received by the Registration Officer informing him that the person nominated as First Choice is unable or unwilling so to act, the Registration Officer, shall, if another person is nominated as Second Choice in the form of application, deal in like manner with the person so nominated.

(3) If the person nominated as First Choice, or if another person is nominated as Second Choice, each of such persons is unable or unwilling to act as proxy or is not qualified to act, or if for any other reason the Registration Officer does not comply with the application and issue of a proxy paper, the Registration Officer shall send a notice to the elector informing him that no proxy paper has been issued and explaining the reason.

(4) As soon as may be after issuing a proxy paper the Registration Officer shall send notice of the fact to the elector, stating the name and address of the person to whom the paper has been issued and the period for which the proxy paper remains in force.

(5) The proxy paper shall remain in force until cancelled by the voter, or until terminated by the death of the proxy or of the voter, or by the voter's or the proxy's ceasing to be entitled to appoint or to be appointed a proxy.

10. The proxy paper to be issued by the Registration Officer shall be in the following form or a form to the like effect :— Form of Proxy Paper.

ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (N.I.), 1946

Queen's University Constituency — Parliament of Northern Ireland.

PROXY PAPER

(Name) .....

(Address) .....
is hereby appointed as Proxy for

(Name of Elector) .....
who is registered as a Parliamentary Elector for the Queen's University Constituency

to vote for such elector at all Parliamentary Elections for the above constituency whilst this Proxy Paper remains in force.

Date until which proxy paper remains in force.....

Signature of Registration Officer .....

Date.....

Form of cancellation of Proxy Appointment

11. A notice to the Registration Officer cancelling a proxy paper must be in the following form or in a form to the like effect :—

ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (N.I), 1946

To the Registration Officer for Queen's University.

I, ...

being registered as a Parliamentary Elector at the University hereby cancel any proxy paper issued in respect of the above qualification.

Signed.....

* The Witness should be some person to whom the Elector is known

* Witnessed by .....

Date .....

List of Proxies.

12.—(1) The Registration Officer shall keep a list of persons on the Register who have appointed proxies and of the persons so appointed, and the list shall be open to inspection during business hours at some convenient place named by the Registration Officer.

(2) The Registration Officer shall, on the application of any person, supply to that person a copy of the list of proxies for a fee of 5/-.

Notice of Cancellation of Proxy.

13. Where a proxy paper is cancelled the Registration Officer shall send notice of the cancellation to the person who has been appointed proxy under the cancelled paper, and shall delete his name from the list of proxies.

Proxy Appointments which may be disregarded.

14. When the Registration Officer receives an application for the issue of a proxy paper appointing a proxy less than twelve clear days before the date of nomination, the application may for the purpose of that election be disregarded.

Proxy to be the voter.

15. Where under Part II of the First Schedule to the Act of 1946 a voting paper is required to be sent to an elector and the elector is a person who is entitled to vote by proxy, the voting paper shall, instead of being sent to the elector, be sent to the proxy.

PART III

Miscellaneous Provisions

Postal Voting Area.

16. The postal voting area for the purposes of Part II of the First Schedule to the Act of 1946 shall be :—

The United Kingdom : The Channel Islands : Isle of Man : Eire.

Leaflet of Instructions.

17. A leaflet of instructions in the following form shall be issued by the Returning Officer with each voting paper :—

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

Parliamentary Election for Parliament of Northern Ireland

DIRECTIONS TO VOTERS

(1) Polling will begin on.....at.....a.m. and close on.....at.....p.m. in the room known as the Secretary's Office of the Queen's University of Belfast.

(2) An elector shall vote by the delivery of a voting paper accompanied by a declaration (signed by the voter and a witness at any time subsequent to the nomination) in the form supplied by the Returning Officer.

(3) A voting paper may be delivered on behalf of the voter by an elector or may be sent by post to the presiding officer at the place where the poll is to be taken.

(4) Voting papers must reach the Returning Officer before the close of the poll.

(5) * Vote by placing the figure '1' in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you vote.

(6) * You may also place the figure '2' or the figures '2' and '3' and so on in the squares opposite the names of the other candidates in the order of your preference for them.

(7) * A voting paper is invalid on which

(*a*) the figure 1 is not marked ; or

(*b*) the figure 1 is set opposite the name of more than one candidate ; or

(*c*) the figure 1 and some other figure is set opposite the name of the same candidate.

Crosses must not be used.

(8) † Vote by placing an 'X' in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you vote.

(9) If, when marking the paper, you deface it or do anything which you think will cause its rejection, or if you lose the paper, you may make a declaration to that effect before a Justice of the Peace and send it to the Returning Officer who will send you a new voting paper if there is time to do so. If you have to apply in this manner for a new voting paper, do not use the stamped addressed envelope sent to you for the return of your vote.

(10) If you lose or destroy the stamped addressed envelope provided for the return of your vote you may use another envelope but any such envelope should be addressed and marked as nearly as possible in the same way as the printed envelope sent to you.

(11) When you have marked the voting paper fold it once, insert it in the small envelope provided and seal the envelope.

(12) You must then complete and sign the elector's declaration in the presence of a friend, to whom you will show the sealed envelope containing the voting paper, and your friend must then complete the witness's attestation at the foot of the declaration.

(13) Finally, you should fold the declaration and place it, with the sealed envelope containing the voting paper, in the stamped addressed envelope, seal the envelope and post it.

(14) If you are residing outside the United Kingdom and have received the voting paper it may be necessary for you to affix ordinary postage stamps to the envelope since the official paid stamp may not be sufficient.

* Paragraphs (5) — (7) apply when there are two or more vacancies.

† Paragraph (8) applies when there is only one vacancy.

Single Transferable Vote

Conduct of Election.

18.—(1) At a contested election for the University constituency, where there are two or more members to be elected, any election of the full number of members shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions set out in the following regulations.

Method of Voting.

19.— (i) Every elector shall have one vote only.

(ii) An elector in giving his vote—

(*a*) must place on his voting paper the figure 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom he votes ;

(*b*) may in addition place on his voting paper the figure 2 or the figures 2 and 3, and so on in the squares opposite the names of other candidates in the order of his preference.

Invalid Voting Papers.

20. A voting paper shall be invalid on which—

(*a*) the figure 1 is not marked ; or

(*b*) the figure 1 is set opposite the name of more than one candidate ; or

(*c*) the figure 1 and some other figure is set opposite the name of the same candidate.

Arrangement of Voting Papers.

21. The Returning Officer shall arrange the voting papers (other than invalid voting papers) in parcels according to the first preferences recorded for each candidate.

22. The Returning Officer shall then count the number of papers in each parcel, and credit each candidate with one vote in respect of each valid paper on which a first preference has been recorded for him, and he shall ascertain the total number of valid papers. Counting of Votes.

23. The Returning Officer shall then divide the total number of valid papers by a number exceeding by one the number of vacancies to be filled, and the result increased by one, disregarding any fractional remainder, shall be the number of votes sufficient to secure the return of a candidate (hereinafter called the " quota "). Ascertainment of Quota.

24. If at any time the number of votes credited to a candidate is equal to or greater than the quota, that candidate shall be elected. Candidates with quota elected.

25.— (i) If at any time the number of votes credited to a candidate is greater than the quota, the surplus shall be transferred in accordance with the provisions of this regulation to the continuing candidates indicated on the voting papers in the parcel of the elected candidate as being next in order of the voter's preference. Transfer of Surplus.

(ii) (*a*) If the votes credited to an elected candidate consist of original votes only, the Returning Officer shall examine all the papers in the parcel of the elected candidate whose surplus is to be transferred and shall arrange the transferable papers in sub-parcels according to the next preferences recorded thereon.

(*b*) If the votes credited to an elected candidate consist of original and transferred votes, or of transferred votes only, the Returning Officer shall examine the papers contained in the sub-parcel last received by the elected candidate and shall arrange the transferable papers therein in further sub-parcels according to the next preferences recorded thereon.

(*c*) In either case the Returning Officer shall make a separate sub-parcel of the non-transferable papers and shall ascertain the number of papers in each sub-parcel of transferable papers and in the sub-parcel of non-transferable papers.

(iii) If the total number of papers in the sub-parcels of transferable papers is equal to or less than the surplus, the Returning Officer shall transfer each sub-parcel of transferable papers to the continuing candidate(s) indicated thereon as the voters' next preference.

(iv) (*a*) If the total number of transferable papers is greater than the surplus, the Returning Officer shall transfer from each sub-parcel the number of papers which bears the same proportion to the number of papers in the sub-parcel as the surplus bears to the total number of transferable papers.

(*b*) The number of papers to be transferred from each sub-parcel shall be ascertained by multiplying the number of papers in the sub-parcel by the surplus and dividing the result by the total number of transferable papers. A note shall be made of the fractional parts, if any, of each number so ascertained.

(*c*) If, owing to the existence of such fractional parts, the number of papers to be transferred is less than the surplus, so many of these fractional parts taken in the order of their magnitude, beginning with the largest, as are necessary to make the total number of papers to be transferred equal to the surplus, shall be reckoned as of the value of unity, and the remaining fractional parts shall be ignored.

(*d*) The particular papers to be transferred from each sub-parcel shall be those last filed in the sub-parcel.

(*e*) Each paper transferred shall be marked in such a manner as to indicate the candidate from and to whom the transfer is made.

(*v*) (*a*) If more than one candidate has a surplus, the largest surplus shall be first dealt with.

(*b*) If two or more candidates have each the same surplus, regard shall be had to the number of original votes obtained by each candidate, and the surplus of the candidate credited with the largest number of original votes shall be first dealt with, and, if the numbers of the original votes are equal, the Returning Officer shall decide which surplus he will first deal with.

(*c*) The Returning Officer need not transfer the surplus of an elected candidate when that surplus together with any other surplus not transferred does not exceed the difference between the totals of the votes credited to the two continuing candidates lowest on the poll.

Exclusion of Candidates lowest in the poll.

26.—(i) If at any time no candidate has a surplus (or when under the preceding regulation any existing surplus need not be transferred), and one or more vacancies remain unfilled, the Returning Officer shall exclude from the poll the candidate credited with the lowest number of votes, and shall examine all the papers of that candidate, and shall arrange the transferable papers in sub-parcels according to the next preferences recorded thereon for continuing candidates, and shall transfer each sub-parcel to the candidate for whom that preference is recorded.

The Returning Officer shall make a separate sub-parcel of the non-transferable papers.

(ii) If the total of the votes of the two or more candidates lowest in the poll, together with any surplus votes not transferred, is less than the votes credited to the next highest candidate, the Returning Officer may in one operation exclude those candidates from the poll and then transfer their votes in accordance with the preceding regulation.

(iii) If, when a candidate has to be excluded under this regulation, two or more candidates have each the same number of votes and are lowest in the poll, regard shall be had to the number of original votes credited to each of those candidates, and the candidate with fewest original votes shall be excluded, and, where the numbers of the original votes are equal, regard shall be had to the total number of votes credited to those candidates at the first transfer at which they had an unequal number of votes, and the candidate with the lowest number of votes at that transfer shall be excluded, and, where the numbers of votes credited to those candidates were equal at all transfers, the Returning Officer shall decide which shall be excluded.

Disposal of papers after any transfer.

27.—(i) Whenever any transfer is made under any of the preceding regulations, each sub-parcel of papers transferred shall be added to the parcel, if any, of papers of the candidates to whom the transfer is made, and that candidate shall be credited with one vote in respect of each paper transferred. Such papers as are not transferred shall be set aside as finally dealt with, and the votes given thereon shall thenceforth not be taken into account.

(ii) If after any transfer a candidate has a surplus, that surplus shall be dealt with in accordance with and subject to the provisions contained in Regulation 25 hereof before any other candidate is excluded.

Filling the last vacancies.

28.—(i) When the number of continuing candidates is reduced to the number of vacancies remaining unfilled, the continuing candidates shall be elected.

(ii) When only one vacancy remains unfilled, and the votes of some one continuing candidate exceed the total of all the votes of the other continuing candidates, together with any surplus not transferred, that candidate shall be elected.

(iii) When the last vacancies can be filled under this regulation, no further transfer of votes need be made.

Public notice of the result of the election.

29. In publishing the result of the election the Returning Officer shall include a notification of any transfer of votes made under these regulations, and of the total number of votes credited to each candidate after any such transfer.

Provision for recounts.

30.—(i) Any candidate or his agent may, at any time during the counting of the votes, either before the commencement or after the completion of any transfer of votes (whether surplus or otherwise),

request the Returning Officer to re-examine and recount the papers of all or any candidates (not being papers set aside at any previous transfer as finally dealt with), and the Returning Officer shall forthwith re-examine and recount the same accordingly. The Returning Officer may also at his discretion recount votes either once or more often in any case in which he is not satisfied as to the accuracy of any previous count : provided that nothing herein shall make it obligatory on the Returning Officer to recount the same votes more than once.

(ii) If upon an election petition—

(*a*) any voting papers counted by the Returning Officer are rejected or invalid ; or

(*b*) any rejected voting papers are declared valid, the court may direct the whole or any part of the voting papers to be recounted and the result of the election ascertained in accordance with these regulations.

(iii) On any recount, subject to such modifications as may be necessary by reason of any error in the original count, each paper shall take the same course as at the original count.

Determination of questions arising from transfer of votes.

31.—(i) If any question shall arise in relation to any transfer of votes, the decision of the Returning Officer, whether expressed or implied by his acts, shall be final unless an objection is made by any candidate or his agent before the declaration of the poll, and in that event the decision of the Returning Officer may be reversed upon an election petition.

(ii) If any decision of the Returning Officer is so reversed, the transfer in question and all operations subsequent thereto shall be void, and the court shall direct what transfer is to be made in place of the transfer in question, and shall cause the subsequent operations to be carried out and the result of the election to be ascertained in accordance with these regulations.

Publication of result.

32. The return of a member or members elected to serve in Parliament for the University Constituency shall be made by a certificate of the names of such member or members under the hand of the Returning Officer endorsed on the writ of election and the Returning Officer may, if he thinks fit, deliver the writ with such certificate endorsed to the Postmaster of Belfast Post Office or his Deputy and in that case he shall take a receipt for the same and such Postmaster or his Deputy shall then forward the same by the first post free of charge under cover to the Clerk of Crown with the words " Election Writ and Returns " endorsed thereon.

The Returning Officer shall as soon as possible give public notice of the names of the candidates elected and in the case of a contested election of the total number of votes given for each candidate whether elected or not.

Definitions.

33. In this part of these regulations—

(i) The expression " continuing candidate " means any candidate not elected and not excluded from the poll :

(ii) The expression " first preference " means the figure " 1" ; the expression " second preference " means the figure " 2 " ; and the expression " third preference " means the figure " 3 ", set opposite the name of any candidate, and so on :

(iii) The expression " transferable paper " means a voting paper on which a second or subsequent preference is recorded for a continuing candidate :

(iv) The expression " non-transferable paper " means a voting paper on which no second or subsequent preference is recorded for a continuing candidate :

Provided that a paper shall be deemed to be a non-transferable paper in any case in which—

(*a*) the names of two or more candidates (whether continuing or not) are marked with the same figure, and are next in order of preference ; or

(*b*) the name of the candidate next in order of preference (whether continuing or not) is marked—

(i) by a figure not following consecutively after some other figure on the voting paper ; or

(ii) by two or more figures ;

(v) The expression " original vote " in regard to any candidate means a vote derived from a voting paper on which a first preference is recorded for that candidate :

(vi) The expression " transferred vote " in regard to any candidate means a vote derived from a voting paper on which a second or subsequent preference is recorded for that candidate :

(vii) The expression " surplus " means the number of votes by which the total number of the votes, original and transferred, credited to any candidate, exceeds the quota.

Interpretation.

34. The Interpretation Act, 1889, as applied to Northern Ireland, by the Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Citation and Commencement.

35.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral (University Register and Elections) Regulations, (Northern Ireland), 1946.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force as from the date hereof.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this twenty-first day of June, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill,*
Assistant Secretary.