STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Amendment) Rules 1983

Made - - - -	*27th July* 1983
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Coming into Operation	*1st September* 1983

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 36 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**a**), I hereby make the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Amendment) Rules 1983.

(2) These Rules shall come into operation on 1st September 1983, except that paragraphs (2), (3) and (10)(*a*) and (*b*) of Rule 3 shall not apply to any election notice of which is published before the coming into operation of these Rules.

2. Rule 3(1) of the Local Elections (Principal Areas) Rules 1973(**b**) shall have effect as though, for the reference in that rule to Schedule 2 to the Representation of the People Act 1949, there were substituted a reference to Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983.

3.—(1) The rules in Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) Rules 1973 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In rule 2(1) after the words "of the timetable in rule 1 a" there shall be inserted "Saturday,"; and in the proviso to that rule the words "or on the Saturday in the Easter break" shall be omitted.

(3) At the end of rule 2, there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(3) In this rule "weekday" does not include a Saturday.".

(4) At the beginning of rule 7 there shall be inserted the words "Subject to section 38(1)(*b*) of the Representation of the People Act 1983,".

(5) In rule 20 for "Representation of the People Regulations 1969" there shall be substituted "Representation of the People Regulations 1983".

(**a**) 1983 c. 2.
(**b**) S.I. 1973/79, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Rules.

(6) In rule 26(5) for "section 60(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1949" there shall be substituted "section 72(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983".

(7) At the end of rule 27(1) there shall be added the words "but the constables on duty at polling stations or at the counting of the votes shall not be required to make the declaration of secrecy".

(8) In rule 27(3) and (4) for "section 53 of the Representation of the People Act 1949", in each place where the words occur, there shall be substituted "section 66 of the Representation of the People Act 1983".

(9) In rule 28(3) for "Representation of the People Act 1949" there shall be substituted "Representation of the People Act 1983".

(10) The following provisions shall be omitted:—

(*a*) rule 34(1)(*b*);

(*b*) in rule 39(1)(*f*), the word "Jews", and

(*c*) rule 53(1).

Leon Brittan,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
27th July 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Rules.*)

These Rules amend the Local Elections (Principal Areas) Rules 1973 ("the 1973 Rules"). The principal change is to exclude Saturdays from the computation of time for the purposes of the election timetable (rule 3(2), (3) and (10)(*a*) and (*b*)).

These Rules also make amendments consequential on the consolidation of the Representation of the People Acts by the Representation of the People Act 1983 and the making of the Representation of the People Regulations 1983 (S.I. 1983/435) (rules 2 and 3(4), (5), (6), (8) and (9)). Rule 3(7) inserts a provision which expressly states that constables on duty at polling stations or at the counting of the votes are not required to make the declaration of secrecy. Rule 3(10)(*c*) omits a provision from the 1973 Rules because the substance of that provision is to be found in primary legislation, namely, section 38(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

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