REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

1959 No. 431

The Parish Council Election Rules, 1959

Made - - - -	10*th March*, 1959
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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by section twenty-nine of the Representation of the People Act, 1949(**a**), and by sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 31 of the Eighth Schedule to the Local Government Act, 1958(**b**), I hereby make the following Rules:—

1.—(1) Paragraphs (1) and (3) of Rule 2 of the Parish Council Election Rules, 1952(**c**) (which relates to polls of rural district and parish councillors being taken together), are hereby revoked.

(2) In paragraph (2) of the said Rule 2 for the words "Where polls are so taken together" there shall be substituted the words "Where the poll at an election of rural district councillors is taken together with the poll at an election of parish councillors".

2. For paragraph (1) of rule 3 in the First Schedule to the Parish Council Election Rules, 1952 (which relates to the hours of poll), there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(1) The poll shall commence—

(*a*) where the poll is taken together with the poll at an election of rural district councillors, at the hour at which the last-mentioned poll commences;

(*b*) in any other case, at the hour fixed for the parish by the county council by any general or special order or, if no such order has been made, at noon,

and be kept open till eight o'clock in the evening of the same day and no longer:

Provided that the poll shall be kept open till nine o'clock in the evening—

(i) where the poll is taken together with the poll at an election of rural district councillors, if the poll at the last-mentioned election is kept open till nine o'clock in the evening; or

(ii) whether or not the poll is so taken, if candidates remaining validly nominated at the election of parish councillors to a number not less than the number of vacancies at that election have by written notices signed by them and delivered at the place and within the time for delivery of notices of withdrawals of candidature at that election so requested.".

(**a**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 68. (**b**) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 55. (**c**) S.I. 1952/91 (1952 III, p. 2795).

3. These Rules may be cited as the Parish Council Election Rules, 1959 and shall come into operation on the twenty-third day of March, 1959.

R. A. Butler,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
10th March, 1959.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules amend the Parish Council Election Rules, 1952. Rule 1 revokes certain provisions which are now unnecessary in consequence of the Local Government Elections Act, 1956 (4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 43.), which provided for the synchronization of rural district and parish council elections. Rule 2 amends the existing rule by providing that, where rural district and parish council elections are held together, the hours of poll for the two elections shall be the same.

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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by section twenty-nine of the Representation of the People Act, 1949(**a**), and by sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 31 of the Eighth Schedule to the Local Government Act, 1958(**b**), I hereby make the following Rules:—

1.—(1) Paragraphs (1) and (3) of Rule 2 of the Rural District Council Election Rules, 1951(**c**) (which relates to polls of rural district and parish councillors being taken together), are hereby revoked.

(2) In paragraph (2) of the said Rule 2 for the words "Where polls are so taken together" there shall be substituted the words "Where the poll at an election of rural district councillors is taken together with the poll at an election of parish councillors".

2. For the proviso to paragraph (1) of rule 3 in the First Schedule to the Rural District Council Election Rules, 1951 (which relates to the hours of poll), there shall be substituted the following proviso:—

"Provided that the poll shall be kept open till nine o'clock in the evening—

(i) where the poll is taken together with the poll at an election of parish councillors, if the poll at the last-mentioned election is kept open till nine o'clock in the evening; or

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(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 68. (b) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 55. (c) S.I. 1951/266 (1951 II, p. 361).