STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 885

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, NORTHERN IRELAND

The Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2015

Made - - - - 20th March 2015

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(1)

The Secretary of State, with the consent of the Treasury, makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29(3) and (4C) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**a**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 and it comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(2) This Order extends to Northern Ireland only.

Overall maximum recoverable amount

2. For the purposes of section 29(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 the amount specified as the overall maximum recoverable amount at—

(a) an uncontested parliamentary election in each constituency is £1,750;

(b) a contested parliamentary election in a constituency is the amount specified in respect of that constituency in the table in the Schedule to this Order.

Revocation

3. The Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2010(**b**) is revoked.

(**a**) 1983 c. 2; subsections (3) to (4C) were substituted for subsections (3) to (4) by section 1 of the Representation of the People Act 1991 (c. 11). Subsection (3) was amended by section 68 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22) and section 18 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6). Subsection (4C) was amended by section 15 of, and paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 to, the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). Subsections (3) to (11) were substituted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41), as amended by paragraph 107 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22), but those amendments are not yet in force. Consent of the Treasury is required by section 29(9) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, which was inserted by section 1 of the Representation of the People Act 1991 (c. 11), substituted by S.I. 1991/1728 (transferring functions), and amended by section 68 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22). Other amendments to section 29 are not relevant.

(**b**) S.I. 2010/869.

Andrew Murrison
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Northern Ireland Office

9th March 2015

We consent to this Order

Gavin Barwell
David Evennett
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

20th March 2015

SCHEDULE

Article 2

Overall maximum recoverable amount for each constituency

Constituency	*Overall maximum recoverable amount*
Belfast East	£196,500
Belfast North	£204,000
Belfast South	£180,000
Belfast West	£178,500
East Antrim	£164,000
East Londonderry	£181,000
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	£198,000
Foyle	£182,500
Lagan Valley	£175,500
Mid Ulster	£181,500
Newry and Armagh	£194,000
North Antrim	£202,500
North Down	£156,000
South Antrim	£170,000
South Down	£188,000
Strangford	£155,500
Upper Bann	£193,000
West Tyrone	£177,500

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 29(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 enables the Secretary of State to specify in an Order the overall maximum recoverable amount that a returning officer may recover in respect of services rendered or expenses incurred for or in connection with a parliamentary election.

This Order specifies those amounts in respect of each constituency in Northern Ireland (of which there are 18). At an uncontested election in any constituency the amount is £1,750. At a contested election, the overall maximum recoverable amount is £3,278,000, which is broken down by the amount for each constituency set out in the table in the Schedule to the Order.

This Order also revokes the Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2010.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

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