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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 263

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*16th September 2026*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*18th September 2026*
Coming into force - -	*13th November 2026*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 33 and 61(2) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation, commencement and transitional provision

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 13 November 2026.

(2) These Regulations have no effect for the purposes of any election for which the date of poll is on or before 5 May 2027.

Amendment of the Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

2. After regulation 11(4)(c) of the Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007(**b**) (closing date for applications) insert—

> "(d) on the grounds set out in regulation 10(5G) and the applicant became aware of those grounds after 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made,".

(**a**) 2006 asp 14.
(**b**) S.S.I. 2007/170 as relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2017/64, S.S.I. 2021/317 and S.S.I. 2026/251. Regulation 10(5G) is inserted by S.S.I. 2026/251.

JAMIE HEPBURN
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House
Edinburgh
16th September 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007.

They amend regulation 11 of those Regulations to set a closing date of 5 p.m. on the date of the poll for applications for a proxy vote for a particular election where the applicant cannot vote in person on the date of the election as they will be accompanying another person to receive medical care or treatment.

These Regulations supplement the Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 which provided for additional information required to be provided in an such an application.

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