STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1033

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1980

Made - - - -	11*th June* 1980
Laid before Parliament	20*th June* 1980
Coming into Operation—	
Regulations 1 *to* 3 *and*	
5 *to* 10 - - -	15*th August* 1980
Regulation 4 - -	16*th February* 1981

In pursuance of sections 42 and 171(5) of the Representation of the People Act 1949(**a**), I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1980 and, subject to their having been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament, shall come into operation on 15th August 1980 except for Regulation 4, which shall come into operation on 16th February 1981.

(2) These Regulations shall extend only to Northern Ireland.

2. In these Regulations, "the principal Regulations" means the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1969(**b**).

3. In Regulation 4(2) of the principal Regulations, for the words "Regulation 6(1)(*a*) or (*b*) or (2)" there shall be substituted the words "Regulation 6(2)".

4. In Regulation 15(1) of the principal Regulations,—

(*a*) for the words "section 7(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1969" there shall be substituted the words "section 9(3) or (4) of the Act of 1949 (as inserted by section 2(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1980)"; and

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*a*), the words "made with respect to the electors list" shall be omitted.

(**a**) 1949 c. 68.

(**b**) S.I. 1969/905; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1977/96; 1979/1657.

5. In Regulation 18(1) of the principal Regulations, for the words "of Part 2 of Form G, H," there shall be substituted the words "of Part 3 of Form G or H or Part 2 of Form".

6. In Regulation 46 of the principal Regulations, for paragraphs (3) and (4) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(3) A service declaration shall be transmitted by or on behalf of the declarant to the appropriate registration officer.".

7. In Regulation 52(1)(*a*), there shall be inserted, immediately before the word "attested" the words "(where required)".

8. In the Schedule to the principal Regulations, for Form A there shall be substituted the form set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

9. In the Schedule to the principal Regulations, for Form G there shall be substituted the form set out in Part I of Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

10. In the Schedule to the principal Regulations, for Form H there shall be substituted the form set out in Part II of Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Humphrey Atkins,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Northern Ireland Office.
11th June 1980.

Regulation 8

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 57

FORM A: RETURN BY OCCUPIER AS TO RESIDENTS

REGISTER OF ELECTORS 19

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Register in force for twelve months from 16th February 19 .

Qualifying date 15th September 19 .

Qualifying period: the three months ending on 15th September 19 .

No one may vote at elections to Parliament or the European Assembly unless his/her name appears in a register of electors. A new register is produced each year and the law requires the householder to supply the information necessary to ensure that all eligible persons are included.

The information required is shown on the form overleaf. Please complete, sign and return it as soon as possible in the envelope provided. If no envelope was supplied, the form will be collected from you.

You should complete the form even if you intend to move house after 15th September 19 .

If no one in your household is eligible to be included in the register, please write "NONE" on the form and return it as explained above.

REMEMBER

Only those in a register of electors are entitled to vote.

Instructions.

1. You are required to enter the names of all those eligible to vote. These are British subjects and citizens of the Irish Republic who will be resident at your address on 15th September 19 , who have been residing there or elsewhere in Northern Ireland for the whole of the three months before that date, and who are 18 or will become 18 while the register is in use.

Remember to include—

(*a*) Those who are only 16 or 17 now but who will become 18 before 16th February 19 . They will be eligible to vote as soon as they are 18;

(*b*) citizens of all Commonwealth countries (all of whom are British subjects);

(*c*) those who normally live at your address but are temporarily away, for example, on holiday; as students; in hospital (including informal patients in psychiatric hospitals); or as reservists called up for service or training;

(*d*) any residents, except short-stay guests, at your address (which may be, for example, a hostel or club), including merchant seamen who live there when not at sea;

(*e*) anyone who is away working unless his/her absence will be for more than six months.

2. Do not include the following, for whom special arrangements are made:—

(*a*) members of H.M. Forces;

(*b*) wives or husbands of members of H.M. Forces *who have made a service declaration which they have not cancelled;*

(*c*) Crown servants employed outside the United Kingdom;

(*d*) British Council staff employed outside the United Kingdom;

(*e*) wives or husbands of Crown servants or British Council staff employed outside the United Kingdom *if living abroad* to be with their husbands or wives.

NOTE

POSTAL VOTING

Postal votes are available for certain persons who may have difficulty in voting in person. These include the blind, the disabled, those leaving the area, and those whose work regularly takes them away from home. Contact the Deputy Electoral Officer for more information.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS 19

Address No. of flat, room or floor (where applicable)	No. of house (or name if not numbered)	Name of street or road	Remainder of address including post code

Names Enter below all British subjects (including Commonwealth citizens) and citizens of the Irish Republic eligible to vote. (See instructions opposite.)		16/17 YEAR OLDS Give date of birth of those with 18th birthday between 16th February 19 and 15th February 19 . (See instructions opposite.)	If merchant seaman enter a
Surname and title (Mr., Mrs., etc.) (BLOCK LETTERS)	Full Christian names or forenames (BLOCK LETTERS)		√

Other Residents

Is any part of your house or flat *separately* occupied by persons not entered above? *Please answer Yes or No* ☐

Declaration.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars given above are accurate, and all those whose names are entered above as *British subjects or citizens of the Irish Republic* will be 18 or over by 15th February 19 and are eligible to be included in the register of electors.

Sign here:..... Date.....

Regulation 9

SCHEDULE 2

PART I

Forms for use by service voters

Regulation 46

FORM G: SERVICE DECLARATION AND APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROXY BY A MEMBER OF THE FORCES

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

1. Please complete all of PART 1 and the top section of PART 2 clearly in BLOCK LETTERS. Sign and date PART 1.

2. If you want a proxy appointed to vote on your behalf you must complete and sign PART 3 as well. When stationed outside the United Kingdom you can vote only by proxy.

3. When completed send the form to the electoral registration officer for the area in which the qualifying address you have given in PART 1 is situated, using envelope F/Vote/37.

4. This declaration will remain in force until it is cancelled by yourself or until you cease to be a member of the regular Armed Forces.

5. The declaration must be completed by, and dated on or before, 15th September (10th October for qualifying addresses in Great Britain) to enable the registration officer to include you in the register of electors published on 15th February of the following year. It must be received by him by 15th December (16th December in Great Britain). The registration officer will acknowledge the receipt of this form.

6. For further information read leaflet F/Vote/656.

FORM

PART 1

Surname (in block letters)		Other names (in block letters)	
Rank/Rating	Service Number	Service (R.N., Army, R.A.F., etc.)	Regt./Corps (Army only)
Present postal address			

I DECLARE THAT—

1. I am a British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland.

2. I am over 18 or if under 18 my date of birth is:

Day	Month	Year

*3. I reside, or but for my service would reside, in the United Kingdom at

*4. (*If you are unable to give such an address.*) But for my service, I would reside in the United Kingdom; and have formerly resided in the United Kingdom at

*Delete 3 or 4 whichever is inapplicable.

(*Qualifying address for registration*) .....

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I HEREBY CANCEL any previous declaration made by me.

Signature of declarant ..... Date .....

PART 2

Surname (in block letters)		Other names (in block letters)	
Date of birth (if under 18 years of age)		Day / Month / Year	
Rank/Rating	Service number	Service (R.N., Army, R.A.F., etc.)	Regt./Corps (Army only)

TO BE COMPLETED BY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER	TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION INDEX
To the Electoral Registration Index for (Tick appropriate box) R.N. ☐ Army ☐ R.A.F. ☐	To the Electoral Registration Officer The above-named person's declaration has ceased to be in force. .....
ERO's Reference	
ERO's Address	STAMP DATE

PART 3

Regulation 18

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I hereby cancel any previous proxy appointment and apply for the appointment as my proxy of:

Names of first choice .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Full postal address .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

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Relationship, if any, to me .....

OR IF HE OR SHE IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO BE APPOINTED AS PROXY

Names of second choice.....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Full postal address .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

.....

Relationship, if any, to me .....

Signature ..... Date .....

NOTES

1. Your proxy must be a British subject or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, of voting age and not subject to any legal incapacity to vote. A proxy appointed in consequence of this application will be entitled to vote for you at all parliamentary and European Assembly elections.

2. *If you are in the United Kingdom at the time of an election:* you may vote in person if you go to the polling station before your proxy; or you may apply for a postal vote in a parliamentary or European Assembly election.

3. If at any time you wish to cancel the appointment of your proxy, you should notify the electoral registration officer.

PART II Regulation 10

FORM H: SERVICE DECLARATION AND APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROXY BY THE SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE FORCES

Regulation 46

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

1. Please complete all of PART 1 and the top section of PART 2 clearly in BLOCK LETTERS. Sign and date PART 1.

2. If you want a proxy appointed to vote on your behalf you must complete and sign PART 3 as well. When living outside the United Kingdom you can only vote by proxy.

3. When completed send this form to the electoral registration officer for the area in which the qualifying address you have given in PART 1 is situated, using envelope F/Vote/37.

4. This declaration will remain in force until it is cancelled by yourself or until your spouse ceases to be a member of the regular Armed Forces.

5. The declaration must be completed by, and dated on or before, 15th September (10th October for qualifying addresses in Great Britain) to enable the registration officer to include you in the register of electors published on 15th February of the following year. It must be received by him by 15th December (16th December in Great Britain). The registration officer will acknowledge receipt of this form.

6. For further information read leaflet F/Vote/656.

FORM

PART 1

Surname (in block letters)	Other names (in block letters)
Present postal address	

Other names of my spouse	Service (R.N., Army, R.A.F., etc.)	Regt./Corps (Army only)
	Rank/Rating	Service Number

I DECLARE THAT

1. I am a British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland.
2. I am 18, or if under 18 my date of birth is:

Day	Month	Year

*Delete 3 or 4 whichever is inapplicable.

*3. I reside, or but for my spouse's service would reside, in the United Kingdom at

*4. (*If you are unable to give such an address.*) But for my spouse's service I would reside in the United Kingdom; and have formerly resided in the United Kingdom at

(Qualifying address for registration) .....

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I HEREBY CANCEL any previous declaration made by me.

Signature of declarant..... Date.....

PART 2

Surname (in block letters)	Other names (in block letters)		
Date of birth (if under 18 years of age)	Day	Month	Year
Details of my spouse	Forenames		
Rank/Rating	Service Number	Service (R.N., Army, R.A.F., etc.)	Regt./Corps (Army only)

TO BE COMPLETED BY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

To the Electoral Registration Index for (Tick appropriate box) R.N. ☐ ARMY ☐ R.A.F. ☐

ERO's reference

ERO's address

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION INDEX

To the Electoral Registration Officer

The above-named person's declaration has ceased to be in force.

STAMP DATE

PART 3

Regulation 18

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I hereby cancel any previous proxy appointment and apply for the appointment as my proxy of:

Names of first choice .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Full postal address .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

.....

Relationship, if any, to me .....

OR IF HE OR SHE IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO BE APPOINTED AS PROXY

Names of second choice .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Full postal address .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

.....

Relationship, if any, to me .....

Signature ..... Date .....

NOTES

1. Your proxy must be a British subject or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, of voting age and not subject to any legal incapacity to vote. A proxy appointed in consequence of this application will be entitled to vote for you at all parliamentary and European Assembly elections.

2. *If you are in the United Kingdom at the time of an election:* you may vote in person if you go to the polling station before your proxy; or you may apply for a postal vote in a parliamentary or European Assembly election.

3. If at any time you wish to cancel the appointment of your proxy, you should notify the electoral registration officer.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1969 ("the principal Regulations").

Regulation 8 (with Schedule 1) prescribes a new form for an occupier's return as to residents (Form A), in place of the form contained in the Schedule to the principal Regulations. Regulation 9 (with Part I of Schedule 2) prescribes a new form for a service declaration and application for the appointment of a proxy for use by a member of the forces (Form G), in place of that in the Schedule to the principal Regulations; Regulation 10 (with Part II of Schedule 2) makes the like provision regarding the form (Form H) for use by the spouse of a member of the forces. Regulation 5 is consequential upon Regulations 9 and 10.

Regulations 6 and 7 are consequential upon section 1(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1980 (c. 3), which removed the requirement for members of the forces and their spouses to have service declarations attested. Regulation 4 makes an amendment consequential upon section 2(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1980 (which made new provision regarding corrections to electoral registers). Regulation 3 removes redundant words from Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations.