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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the Representation of the People Act, 1949(a), and by the Electoral Registers Act, 1949(b), I hereby make the following Regulations:—

PART I

REGISTRATION

The Register

Separate part of register for each registration unit

1.—(1) The register shall be framed in separate parts for each registration unit in the constituency.

(2) The registration unit shall be each registration unit as defined in section fifteen of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (Reprint to 1948).

Separate number for each registration unit

2. There shall be a separate number in the register for each registration unit and such number shall be deemed to form part of an elector's number in the register.

Order of names

3.—(1) The order of names in each registration unit shall be the same as the order of names in that unit for the purposes of a register prepared under the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (Reprint to 1948).

(2) The names in the register shall be numbered consecutively, so far as is reasonably practicable, with a separate series of numbers (beginning with the number one) for each registration unit.

Marking of names to indicate manner of voting or persons not of full age

4.—(1) To indicate the manner in which an elector is entitled to vote at an election there shall be placed—

(*a*) in the electors lists and the register against the name of any elector who is a service voter the letter "S";

(*b*) in any copy of the register or part thereof provided for a polling station—

(i) against the name of any elector who is, or whose proxy is, entitled to vote by post the letter "A",

(ii) against the name of any elector (other than a service voter) on behalf of whom a proxy is entitled to vote the letter "P".

(2) To indicate a person entitled to vote by virtue of subsection (2) of section two of the Electoral Registers Act, 1949 (which relates to persons coming of age during the currency of the register), the letter "Y" shall be placed against his name in the electors lists and the register.

The combined register

5. In every year in which a register is prepared under the provisions of section thirteen of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (Reprint to 1948), the register of that year shall be combined with the first

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 68. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 86.

mentioned register and Part I of these Regulations shall apply thereto subject to the following modifications, adaptations and exceptions, namely, Regulation 6, paragraph (2) of Regulation 7 and paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of Regulation 9 shall not apply, and the form and time of publication of the electors lists and the times for making claims and objections shall be the same as the form and times prescribed by regulations under the said Act for the first mentioned register.

The Electors Lists

Form of electors lists

6.—(1) The electors lists shall be framed in separate parts for each registration unit in the constituency.

(2) The electors lists for a registration unit shall consist of—

List A—a copy of the register in force for the unit,

List B—a list of newly qualified electors, that is to say, persons who are qualified for registration as parliamentary electors in respect of qualifying addresses for which they are not registered in the register in force or who, since the qualifying date of the register in force, have become entitled to be registered as residents instead of as service voters, or vice versa, in respect of those addresses, and

List C—a list of persons who have ceased to be qualified as electors or whose qualification has been altered, that is to say, persons who, being registered in respect of qualifying addresses in the register in force, have ceased to be qualified for registration as parliamentary electors in respect of those addresses or who, since the qualifying date for the register in force, have become entitled to be registered as residents instead of as service voters, or vice versa, in respect of those addresses :

Provided that where the area of a registration unit differs from the area of that unit as constituted for the purposes of the register in force, the registration unit may be treated as having the same area as it had for the purposes of the register in force.

(3) The names in List B need not be numbered.

(4) The names in List C shall have opposite them their numbers in the register in force.

Publication of the electors lists

7.—(1) The registration officer shall publish the electors lists by—

(*a*) making a copy thereof available for inspection at his office ;

(*b*) as soon as practicable making copies of the part of the electors lists relating to each registration unit available for inspection at a place in or near that registration unit to which the public have access ;

(*c*) publishing a notice to be combined with the notice of claims and objections referred to in Regulation 8 of these Regulations stating the places at which the lists are or will be available for inspection.

(2) The electors lists shall be published on or before the eighteenth day of of January and shall be kept published till the publication of the register prepared from those lists.

Claims and Objections

Notice of claims and objections

8.—(1) The registration officer shall at the time of publishing the electors lists publish a notice in Form C in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect, specifying the manner in which and the time within which claims and objections in respect of the electors lists may be made.

(2) The said notice shall be published in the way the registration officer thinks best calculated to bring the said notice to the attention of the electors.

Time for making claims and objections

9.—(1) A claim which is delivered to the registration officer after the fifth day of February shall be disregarded.

(2) An objection to a claim shall be made at the hearing of that claim.

(3) Any other objection which is delivered to the registration officer after the fifth day of February shall be disregarded.

(4) A service declaration in force on the qualifying date but received too late for inclusion of the declarant's name in the electors lists shall, if it is received by the registration officer—

(*a*) not later than the last day for making claims, be treated as a claim;

(*b*) after the said last day, be disregarded for the purposes of the register prepared from those electors lists.

(5) The registration officer shall transmit to the revising officer any claim for registration or objection to the inclusion of a person's name in the electors lists and any claim or objection that a letter should, or should not, be placed against a person's name in accordance with Regulation 5 of these Regulations.

Form of claims and objections

10.—(1) A claim shall be made to the registration officer in Form O in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect, and may be made by a person either on his own behalf or on behalf of another person.

(2) An objection to a claim shall be made orally to the revising officer.

(3) Any other objection shall be made to the registration officer in Form P in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

(4) Claims and objections transmitted by the registration officer to the revising officer shall be made available for inspection in the revising officer's office till completion of the hearing of claims and objections.

Lists of claims and objections

11.—(1) The registration officer shall keep separate lists of claims and objections and shall, on receipt of a claim or objection within the prescribed time, forthwith enter in the appropriate list the name and qualifying address of the claimant or the person in respect of whom the objection is made.

(2) The registration officer shall make available for inspection at his office till completion of the hearing of claims and objections the lists of claims and objections.

(3) The registration officer shall transmit to the revising officer a copy of the lists of claims and objections.

(4) The revising officer shall make available for inspection at his office till completion of the hearing of claims and objections the lists of claims and objections together with the time and place at which he proposes to hear each claim or objection.

(5) When fixing a time and place at which he will consider any case the revising officer shall have regard to the convenience of the parties to the case, and shall arrange his sittings for the purpose of considering cases at such number of places and at such hours as will provide full and sufficient opportunity for the appearance of the parties.

Hearing of claims and objections

12.—(1) All claims and objections shall be heard by the revising officer.

(2) The revising officer shall send a notice in the case of a claim to the person making the claim and in the case of an objection to the inclusion of a person's name in the electors lists to the objector and the person objected to, stating the time and place at which he proposes to hear the claim or objection; and the notice sent to a person objected to shall also state the name and address of the objector and the grounds of the objection.

(3) On the hearing of a claim the person making the claim and any person objecting thereto, if entitled to object, and on the hearing of an objection the objector, if entitled to object, and the person objected to, and on the hearing of either any other person who appears to the revising officer to be interested shall be entitled to appear and be heard.

(4) The right to appear and be heard includes the right to make written representations.

(5) Any person entitled to appear and be heard may do so either in person or by any other person (other than counsel) on his behalf.

(6) The revising officer may, at the request of any person entitled to appear and be heard or, if he thinks fit, without such a request, require that the evidence tendered by any person shall be given on oath and may administer an oath for the purpose.

Completion of consideration of claims and objections

13. The revising officer shall inform the registration officer of his decisions on all claims and objections and shall complete consideration of all claims and objections within such time as will permit the due and proper publication of the register.

Corrections to the electors lists

14. Any alteration to the electors lists which is required—

(*a*) to carry out the decision of the revising officer with respect to any claim or objection;

(*b*) to correct any clerical error;

(*c*) to correct any misnomer or inaccurate description;

(*d*) to delete the name of any person who the registration officer is satisfied is dead,

shall be made by the registration officer.

Other corrections to the electors lists

15.—(1) Where it appears to the registration officer that it is necessary to make any alteration (other than an alteration under Regulation 14 of these Regulations) to the electors lists in order to ensure that no person shall be registered when not entitled, or incorrectly registered, he shall send to the person affected by the alteration a notice stating the proposed alteration and shall give him an opportunity of objecting to the alteration and, if necessary, of appearing and being heard by the revising officer in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 12 of these Regulations.

(2) The registration officer shall make such alteration (if any) as is required to carry out the revising officer's decision or, if no such decision is given, as seems to him to be necessary.

Publication and Sale of the Register

Publication of register

16.—(1) The registration officer shall publish the register by making a copy available for inspection at his office and by making copies of the part of the register relating to each registration unit available for inspection as soon as practicable at the place at which copies of the part of the electors lists relating to that registration unit have been made available for inspection.

(2) The register shall be kept published until the coming into force of the next register.

Registration officer to furnish copies of register

17.—(1) A copy of the register shall, on publication, be furnished by the registration officer to the Secretary of State, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland and the British Museum.

(2) An abstract of the contents of the register shall be furnished by the registration officer to the Secretary of State at such times and in such form and giving such particulars as the Secretary of State may require.

Free copies of register

18. The registration officer shall on request supply without fee—

(*a*) four copies of the register for the constituency (of which not more than two copies may be printed on one side only) and four copies of Lists B and C of the electors lists therefor so long as the lists are kept published to any person who satisfies the registration officer that he requires them for use in connection with his own or some other person's prospective candidature at a parliamentary election for that constituency :

Provided that not more than one person in respect of the same candidature shall be so supplied ;

(*b*) two copies of the register for the constituency to each candidate at a parliamentary election for that constituency or his election agent.

Sale of register

19. The registration officer shall supply to any person copies of any part or parts of a register or of any electors lists so long as there are sufficient copies available after allowing for the number which may be required for the purposes of any election (including the purposes of Regulation 18 of these Regulations) on payment—

(*a*) for a copy of any part or parts of the register in force or of the electors lists therefor of a fee of one shilling together with an additional one penny for each hundred (or part of a hundred) names in such copy ;

(*b*) for a copy of any part or parts of a register which has ceased to be in force or of the electors lists therefor of a fee of one shilling together with an additional one penny for each four hundred (or part of four hundred) names in such copy ;

(*c*) in addition to the payments under the foregoing sub-paragraphs, for any such copy which is printed on one side only of a further one penny for each thousand (or part of a thousand) names in such copy.

Supplementary

Declaration as to age and nationality

20.—(1) The registration officer before registering any person (other than a service voter) may, if he thinks it necessary—

(*a*) require that person either to produce a birth certificate or to make a statutory declaration as to the date of his birth,

(*b*) require that person either to produce a certificate of naturalisation or a document showing that he has become a British subject by virtue of registration, or to make a statutory declaration that he was a British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland on the qualifying date.

(2) Where a declaration is so made, any fee payable in connection therewith shall be paid by the registration officer as part of his registration expenses.

(3) Any such declaration shall be made available for inspection in the registration officer's office till completion of the hearing of claims and objections.

Power of registration officer to delegate his duties

21. The registration officer may require the clerk of the authority of any county borough or county district wholly or partly within the area for which he acts (or an officer designated for the purpose by the council of any such borough or district) to perform on his behalf all or any of his registration duties so far as they relate to the preparation and publication of the electors lists for any registration unit within the area of that borough or district and to give information required for the purposes of his registration duties.

Information from householders

22. The registration officer may require any householder or person owning or occupying any land or premises within the area for which he acts or the agent or factor of any such person to give information required for the purposes of his registration duties.

Adaptation of electors lists and register in consequence of altered polling districts

23. Where an alteration of parliamentary polling districts is made, the registration officer may—

(*a*) adapt the register to the alteration,

(*b*) if the alteration is made between the publication of any electors lists and the coming into force of the register prepared from those lists, frame the form of that register in accordance with the altered polling districts,

but except in cases where he does so an alteration of polling districts shall not be effective until the coming into force of the first register prepared from the electors lists published after the alteration is made.

Corrupt and Illegal Practices List

Corrupt and illegal practices list

24.—(1) The registration officer shall, at the same time as he publishes the electors lists, prepare and publish the corrupt and illegal practices list (if any) required by subsection (1) of section forty of the Act by making a copy thereof available for inspection at the same places as he makes available copies of the electors lists or any part thereof.

(2) A person named in the corrupt and illegal practices list may claim to be omitted therefrom and any person, including a registration officer, may object to the omission of any person from such list, and paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (5) of Regulation 9, paragraphs (2) and (4) of Regulation 10 and Regulations 11, 12 and 13 of these Regulations shall apply to any such claim and objection as they apply to a claim or objection in respect of the electors lists.

(3) A claim may be made by a person either on his own behalf or on behalf of another person and shall give particulars of the grounds on which the person concerned should be omitted, and an objection to the omission of any person shall give the name and address of the objector and the person in respect of whom the objection is made and the grounds on which such person should be entered in the corrupt and illegal practices list including particulars of the alleged conviction by a court or of the alleged report of any election court or election commissioners.

(4) The registration officer shall make such alterations as are required to carry out the revising officer's decisions on any claims or objections or to correct any clerical error, misnomer or inaccurate description.

(5) The registration officer shall publish the corrected corrupt and illegal practices list (if any) at the same time as he publishes the register and in the same manner as he publishes each part of the register.

(6) A copy of the corrected corrupt and illegal practices list shall, on publication, be furnished by the registration officer to the Secretary of State, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland and the British Museum.

(7) The corrupt and illegal practices list as first published and as corrected shall be kept published for the same length of time as the electors lists and the register.

PART II

ABSENT VOTERS, PROXIES AND POSTAL PROXIES

Application to be treated as an absent voter

25.—(1) An application to be treated as an absent voter shall—

(*a*) be in Form S in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect, in any case where the application is made for a particular election only,

(*b*) be in Form R in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect, in any case where the application is based on the ground that the applicant no longer resides at his qualifying address,

(*c*) be in Form N in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect, in any case where the applicant is a service voter,

(*d*) be in Form T in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect, in any case where the application is based on the ground that the applicant is unable or likely to be unable to go in person from his qualifying address to the polling station without making a journey by air or sea,

(*e*) be in Form Q in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect, in any other case.

(2) An application to be so treated shall be disregarded for the purposes of an election if it is received by the registration officer after the last day for the delivery of nomination papers at that election:

Provided that an application on the grounds of the applicant's employment on the day of the poll by a returning officer or as a constable may be allowed after the said day.

(3) An application to be no longer so treated may, if it is received by the registration officer after the last day for the delivery of nomination papers at an election, be disregarded for the purposes of that election.

(4) The registration officer on disallowing a person's application to be so treated shall notify the applicant of the fact.

(5) Where under paragraph (*c*) of subsection (3) of section thirteen of the Act the registration officer gives notice to an absent voter that he has reason to believe there has been a material change of circumstances, that person shall cease to be treated as an absent voter seven days after the date on which the registration officer sends such notice.

Record and list of absent voters

26.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the record and list of absent voters shall be in such a form as appears to the registration officer to be convenient.

(2) The address to which a ballot paper is to be sent shall be placed opposite the name and number in the register of each absent voter in the absent voters list unless a proxy (other than a service voter's proxy) has been appointed to vote on his behalf, in which case the letter "P" shall be placed opposite his name.

(3) As soon as the absent voters list has been prepared the registration officer shall publish it by making a copy thereof available for inspection at his office.

(4) The registration officer shall make a copy of the record of absent voters available for inspection at his office.

Application to vote by proxy

27.—(1) An application by an absent voter for the appointment of a proxy to vote on his behalf shall be in Form U in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

(2) An application by a service voter for the appointment of a proxy to vote on his behalf shall be in the form of Part 2 of Form J, K, L or M, as the case may be, in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

Appointment of proxy

28.—(1) For the purpose of ascertaining in pursuance of subsection (4) of section fourteen of the Act that a proxy is capable of being and willing to be appointed, the registration officer shall, unless he is satisfied that the person nominated in the application as first choice is not capable of being and willing to be appointed, notify him that a proxy paper will be issued to him unless within five days from the date of such notice the registration officer receives notice from him that he is not capable of being and willing to be appointed.

(2) If the person nominated as first choice is not capable of being and willing to be appointed, the registration officer shall, if another person is nominated as second choice, deal in like manner with such person:

Provided that if the application is received by the registration officer after publication of notice of an election, the registration officer need not do so until after the day of the poll for that election.

(3) If for any reason the registration officer does not issue a proxy paper in pursuance of an application made to him, he shall notify the person making the application why he has not done so.

Proxy paper

29.—(1) The proxy paper to be issued by the registration officer shall be in Form D in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

(2) As soon as may be after issue of the proxy paper the registration officer shall send a notice of the fact to the elector stating the name of the person to whom the paper has been issued.

Cancellation and disregard of proxy appointment

30.—(1) Where the appointment of a proxy is cancelled by notice given to the registration officer or ceases to be in force under subsection (5) of section fourteen of the Act, the registration officer shall forthwith notify the person whose appointment as proxy has been cancelled or has ceased to be in force of the fact and remove his name from the record of proxies.

(2) Where a service voter is entitled to vote by post at an election, the registration officer shall forthwith notify his proxy (if any) of the fact and that his appointment will not have effect for that election.

(3) An application for the issue of a proxy paper shall be disregarded for the purposes of an election if it is received by the registration officer after the last day for the delivery of nomination papers at that election.

(4) A notice cancelling the appointment of a proxy may, if it is received by the registration officer after the last day for the delivery of nomination papers at an election, be disregarded for the purposes of that election.

Record and list of proxies

31.—(1) The record and list of proxies shall be in such a form as appears to the registration officer to be convenient.

(2) As soon as the list of proxies has been prepared the registration officer shall publish it by making a copy thereof available for inspection at his office.

(3) The registration officer shall make a copy of the record of proxies available for inspection at his office.

Application by proxy to vote by post

32.—(1) An application by a service voter's proxy to vote by post shall be in Form V in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

(2) Such an application shall be disregarded for the purposes of an election if it is received by the registration officer after the last day for the delivery of nomination papers at that election:

Provided that if under the proviso to paragraph (2) of Regulation 25 of these Regulations the applicant becomes entitled to vote by post as an absent voter at that election after the said day, such an application may be allowed after the said day.

(3) The registration officer on disallowing such an application shall notify the applicant of the fact.

(4) An application under paragraph (*a*) of subsection (7) of section fifteen of the Act whereby a service voter's proxy ceases to be entitled to vote by

post may, if it is received by the registration officer after the last day for the delivery of nomination papers at an election, be disregarded for the purposes of that election.

Record and list of postal proxies

33.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the record and list of postal proxies shall be in such a form as appears to the registration officer to be convenient.

(2) The list of postal proxies shall give the name and number in the register of the elector and opposite them the name of the proxy and the address to which the ballot paper is to be sent.

(3) As soon as the postal proxies list has been prepared the registration officer shall publish it by making a copy thereof available for inspection at his office.

(4) The registration officer shall make a copy of the record of postal proxies available for inspection at his office.

Certificate of employment

34. The certificate as to the employment of constables and persons employed by the returning officer on the day of the poll (to enable such a person or constable to vote elsewhere than at his own polling station) shall be in Form G in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect, and signed, in the case of constables, by an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary of or above the rank of District Inspector.

PART III

ISSUE AND RECEIPT OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS

Interpretation

Interpretation of Part III

35. For the purpose of this Part of these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

the expression " agent " includes the election agent and a person appointed to attend in the election agent's place ;

the expression " issue " includes the original and any subsequent issue ;

the expression " postal ballot paper " means a ballot paper issued to a postal voter ;

the expression " postal voter " means a person entitled to vote by post at an election as an absent voter or as a proxy.

Issue of Postal Ballot Papers

Form of postal ballot paper

36. The ballot papers to be sent to postal voters shall be in the same form as, and indistinguishable from, the ballot papers delivered to other voters.

Form of declaration of identity

37. The declaration of identity sent with the ballot paper to a postal voter shall be in Form H in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

Persons entitled to be present at issue and receipt of postal ballot papers

38.—(1) No person other than—

(*a*) the returning officer and his clerks,

(*b*) a candidate,

(*c*) an election agent or any person appointed by a candidate to attend in his election agent's place,

(*d*) any agents appointed under paragraph (2) of this Regulation,

may be present at the proceedings on the issue or receipt of postal ballot papers.

(2) Where postal ballot papers are to be issued, or the envelopes contained in the postal voters' ballot boxes are to be opened, simultaneously in two or more batches, each candidate may appoint one or more agents up to the number he may be authorised by the returning officer to appoint not exceeding the number of such batches so, however, that the number authorised shall be the same in the case of each candidate.

(3) Notice of the appointment stating the names and addresses of the persons appointed shall be given by the candidate to the returning officer before the time fixed for the issue of the postal ballot papers or the opening of the said postal voters' ballot boxes, as the case may be.

(4) If an agent dies or becomes incapable of acting, the candidate may appoint another agent in his place and shall forthwith give to the returning officer notice in writing of the name and address of the agent appointed.

(5) Agents may be appointed and notice of appointment given to the returning officer by the candidate's election agent instead of by the candidate.

(6) In this Part of these Regulations references to agents shall be taken as references to agents whose appointments have been duly made and notified and, in the case of agents appointed under paragraph (2) of this Regulation, who are within the number authorised by the returning officer.

(7) A candidate may himself do any act or thing which any agent of his, if appointed, would have been authorised to do, or may assist his agent in doing any such act or thing.

(8) Where in this Part of these Regulations any act or thing is required or authorised to be done in the presence of the candidates or their agents, the non-attendance of any such persons or person at the time and place appointed for the purpose shall not, if the act or thing is otherwise duly done, invalidate the act or thing done.

Declaration of secrecy

39.—(1) Every person attending the proceedings on the issue or receipt of postal ballot papers shall make a declaration of secrecy in the form in paragraph (3) of this Regulation, or in a form as near thereto as circumstances admit, before the issue of postal ballot papers;

Provided that if any person only attends the proceedings on the receipt of postal ballot papers, he need not make the declaration before the issue but shall make it before he is permitted to attend the proceedings on the receipt of postal ballot papers.

(2) The returning officer shall make the declaration in the presence of a justice of the peace, and any other person shall make the declaration in the presence either of a justice of the peace or of the returning officer, and subsections (4) and (6) of section fifty-three of the Act shall be read to the declarant by the person taking the declaration.

(3) The declaration shall be as follows:—

"I solemnly promise and declare that I will not do anything forbidden by subsections (4) and (6) of section fifty-three of the Representation of the People Act, 1949, which have been read to me."

(4) Any person before whom a declaration is authorised to be made under this Regulation may take the declaration.

Notice of issue of postal ballot papers

40.—(1) The returning officer shall give each candidate not less than two days' notice in writing of the time and place at which he will issue postal ballot papers and of the number of agents he may appoint under paragraph (2) of Regulation 38 of these Regulations to attend the said issue.

(2) Where any subsequent issue of postal ballot papers is made, the returning officer shall notify each candidate as soon as practicable of the time and place at which he will make such subsequent issue and of the number of agents he may appoint under paragraph (2) of Regulation 38 of these Regulations to attend such issue.

Marking of postal ballot paper

41.—(1) Each postal ballot paper issued shall be stamped with the official mark either embossed or perforated and the name and number in the register of the elector shall be called out and such number shall be marked on the counterfoil, and a mark shall be placed in the absent voters list or the list of postal proxies against the number of the elector to denote that a ballot paper has been issued to the elector or his proxy but without showing the particular ballot paper issued.

(2) The number of a postal ballot paper shall be marked on the declaration of identity sent with that paper.

Refusal to issue postal ballot paper

42. Where a returning officer is satisfied that two or more entries in either the absent voters list or the list of postal proxies relate to the same elector or that a postal proxy has been appointed for a person entered in the absent voters list, he shall not issue more than one ballot paper in respect of the same elector.

Ballot paper envelope

43. The returning officer shall, in addition to the ballot paper, declaration of identity and envelope for their return (hereinafter referred to as a "covering envelope") which he is required by rule 25 of the parliamentary elections rules to send to a postal voter, send a smaller envelope marked "ballot paper envelope" bearing the number of the ballot paper.

Delivery of postal ballot papers to post office

44. All envelopes addressed to postal voters shall be counted and forthwith delivered by the returning officer to the nearest head post office, or such other office as may be arranged with the head postmaster, and the postmaster shall stamp with the post office date stamp a form of receipt to be presented by the returning officer stating the number of envelopes so delivered, and shall immediately forward such envelopes for delivery to the persons to whom they are addressed.

Provision of postal voters' ballot box

45.—(1) The returning officer shall, at the proceedings on the original issue of postal ballot papers, provide a ballot box or ballot boxes for the reception of the covering envelopes when returned by the postal voters.

(2) Every such ballot box shall be shown open and empty to the agents present and shall then be locked by the returning officer and sealed with the seal of the returning officer and the seals of such of the agents as desire to affix their seals in such manner as to prevent its being opened without breaking the seal.

(3) Every such ballot box shall be marked "postal voters' ballot box" and with the name of the constituency for which the election is held.

(4) The returning officer shall make provision for the safe custody of every such ballot box.

Sealing up of special lists and counterfoils

46.—(1) The returning officer, as soon as practicable after the completion of the issue of the postal ballot papers, and in the presence of the agents, shall make up in separate packets—

(*a*) the marked copies of the absent voters list and of the list of postal proxies, and

(*b*) the counterfoils of those ballot papers which were issued,

and shall seal such packets.

(2) The sealed packet containing the marked copies of the absent voters list and of the list of postal proxies may be opened by the returning officer for the purposes of a subsequent issue, and on completion of that issue the copies shall be again made up and sealed in accordance with the last foregoing paragraph.

Receipt of Postal Ballot Papers

Receipt of covering envelope

47. The returning officer shall, immediately on receipt of a covering envelope before the close of the poll, place it unopened in a postal voters' ballot box locked and sealed in accordance with Regulation 45 of these Regulations.

Opening of postal voters' ballot box

48.—(1) Each postal voters' ballot box shall be opened by the returning officer in the presence of the agents.

(2) So long as the returning officer secures that there is at least one postal voters' ballot box for the reception of covering envelopes up to the time of the close of the poll the other postal voters' ballot boxes may previously be opened by him.

(3) The returning officer shall give each candidate at least twenty-four hours' notice in writing of the time and place of his opening of each postal voters' ballot box and the envelopes contained therein and of the number of agents the candidate may appoint under paragraph (2) of Regulation 38 of these Regulations to be present at each opening.

Opening of covering envelopes

49.—(1) When a postal voters' ballot box has been opened, the returning officer shall count and note the number of covering envelopes, and shall then open each covering envelope separately.

(2) Where a covering envelope does not contain both a declaration of identity and a ballot paper envelope or, there being no ballot paper envelope, a ballot paper, he shall mark the covering envelope "rejected", attach thereto the contents (if any) of the covering envelope and place it in a separate receptacle (hereinafter referred to as "the receptacle for votes rejected"); if the covering envelope does not contain the declaration separately, the returning officer shall open the ballot paper envelope to ascertain if the declaration is inside that envelope.

(3) On opening a covering envelope, other than one to which paragraph (2) of this Regulation applies, he shall first satisfy himself that the declaration of identity has been duly signed and authenticated and, if he is not so satisfied, he shall mark the declaration "declaration rejected", attach thereto the ballot paper envelope or, if there is no such envelope, the ballot paper, and place it in the receptacle for votes rejected:

Provided that before so doing he shall show the declaration to the agents and, if any objection is made by any agent to his decision, he shall add the words "rejection objected to".

(4) Where the number on the declaration of identity duly signed and authenticated agrees with the number on the ballot paper envelope, he shall place the declaration in a separate receptacle (hereinafter referred to as "the receptacle for declarations of identity") and the ballot paper envelope in another separate receptacle (hereinafter referred to as "the receptacle for ballot paper envelopes").

(5) Where there is no ballot paper envelope or the ballot paper envelope has been opened under paragraph (2) of this Regulation, he shall—

(*a*) where the number on the declaration of identity duly signed and authenticated agrees with the number on the ballot paper, place the declaration in the receptacle for declarations of identity and the ballot paper in a ballot box previously shown open and empty to the agents present and locked by the returning officer and sealed with the seal of the returning officer and the seals of such of the agents as desire to affix their seals in such manner as to prevent its being opened without breaking the seal which shall be subsequently treated as a ballot box for the purpose of rule 46 of the parliamentary elections rules, and

(*b*) where the number on the said declaration does not agree with the number on the ballot paper, mark the declaration "vote rejected", attach thereto the ballot paper and place it in the receptacle for votes rejected.

(6) Where the number on the declaration of identity duly signed and authenticated does not agree with the number on the ballot paper envelope or that envelope has no number on it, he shall open the envelope and shall—

(*a*) where the number on the declaration agrees with the number on the ballot paper, place the declaration in the receptacle for declarations of identity and the ballot paper in the ballot box referred to in paragraph (5) of this Regulation, and

(*b*) where the number on the declaration does not agree with the number on the ballot paper or there is no ballet paper, mark the declaration "vote rejected", attach thereto the ballot paper (if any) and place it in the receptacle for votes rejected.

(7) Except for the purposes of ascertaining under paragraph (2) of this Regulation whether a ballot paper envelope contains a declaration of identity or under paragraph (6) of this Regulation whether the number on the declaration agrees with the number on the ballot paper, the returning officer shall not open the ballot paper envelopes before they are opened under Regulation 51 of these Regulations.

Sealing up rejected votes and declarations of identity

50. On the conclusion of the proceedings under Regulation 49 of these Regulations the returning officer shall put the contents of the receptacle for votes rejected and the contents of the receptacle for declarations of identity into two separate packets and shall seal up such packets.

Opening of ballot paper envelopes

51.—(1) After sealing up the said packets the returning officer shall open separately each ballot paper envelope placed in the receptacle for ballot paper envelopes.

(2) Where a ballot paper envelope does not contain a ballot paper, he shall mark the envelope " empty ".

(3) Where the number on a ballot paper envelope agrees with the number on the ballot paper contained therein, he shall place the ballot paper in the ballot box referred to in paragraph (5) of Regulation 49 of these Regulations.

(4) Where the number on the ballot paper envelope does not agree with the number on the ballot paper contained therein, he shall mark the ballot paper " rejected " and attach the ballot paper envelope thereto.

(5) He shall put into a separate packet the envelopes marked " empty " and the ballot papers marked " rejected " under the provisions of this Regulation and shall seal up such packet.

Forwarding of documents

52.—(1) The returning officer shall forward to the Clerk of the Crown for Northern Ireland at the same time as he forwards the documents mentioned in rule 56 of the parliamentary elections rules—

(*a*) any packets referred to in Regulation 46, 50 or 51 of these Regulations endorsing on each packet a description of its contents, the date of the election to which it relates and the name of the constituency, and

(*b*) a statement of the number of postal ballot papers issued in such form and giving such other particulars with respect to such papers as the Secretary of State may require.

(2) Where any covering envelopes are received by the returning officer after the close of the poll or any envelopes addressed to postal voters are returned as undelivered too late to be readdressed, he shall put them unopened into a separate packet, seal up such packet and forward it at a subsequent date in the manner described in paragraph (1) of this Regulation.

(3) Any packet or statement forwarded under this Regulation shall be deemed to have been forwarded in pursuance of the parliamentary elections rules.

(4) A copy of the statement referred to in paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall be furnished by the returning officer to the Secretary of State and the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

PART IV

SERVICE VOTERS

Service declaration by member of the forces or his wife

53.—(1) A service declaration made by a member of the forces shall be in Form J in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

(2) A service declaration made by the wife of a member of the forces shall be in Form K in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

(3) A service declaration made by either a member of the forces or his wife shall be attested by a commissioned officer who is a member of the forces or by an officer of a department of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or of His Majesty's Government in Northern Ireland and shall be transmitted by or on behalf of the declarant to the appropriate registration officer.

Qualification for Crown servant

54. A person employed in the service of the Crown in a post outside the United Kingdom the occupant of which is required to devote his whole time to the duties of that post and the remuneration of which is paid wholly out of moneys provided by Parliament (hereinafter referred to as " a Crown servant ") shall have a service qualification.

Service declaration by Crown servant or his wife

55.—(1) A service declaration made by a Crown servant shall be in Form L in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

(2) A service declaration made by the wife of a Crown servant shall be in Form M in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

(3) A service declaration made by a person who is or will be a Crown servant or his wife shall be attested by an officer of or designated by the Government department under which he or her husband is or will be employed or by another person himself having a service qualification through being employed in the service of the Crown in a post outside the United Kingdom.

Transmission of service declaration by Crown servant or his wife

56. A service declaration made by a person who is or will be a Crown servant or his wife shall be transmitted by the declarant to the Government department under which he or her husband is or will be employed or to an officer designated by that department and transmitted by that department or officer to the appropriate registration officer.

Service declaration by person about to leave the United Kingdom

57. A service declaration made by a person about to leave the United Kingdom in such circumstances as to acquire a service qualification shall be made not more than six weeks before the date on which he expects to leave the United Kingdom.

Proceedings by registration officer on receipt of service declaration

58.—(1) Subject to Regulation 59 of these Regulations, the registration officer on receipt of a service declaration shall notify to the declarant that his declaration has been received and—

(*a*) in any case where he will not be by the next qualifying date sufficiently old to be entitled to be registered, that he will be entered in the electors lists as soon as he is entitled to be so entered.

(*b*) in any other case, the approximate date on which he will be registered in pursuance of his declaration if no valid objection is made thereto.

(2) In the case of a declarant to whom sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation applies, the registration officer shall notify him as soon as he has been entered in the register.

Invalid service declaration

59.—(1) Where a service declaration does not appear—

(*a*) to be properly made out and attested, or

(*b*) to have been transmitted in the proper manner to the registration officer,

the registration officer shall return the declaration to the declarant and explain his reasons for so doing.

(2) Where the registration officer has been notified by the appropriate Government department or by an officer designated by that department that a person is not entitled to make a service declaration, he shall not enter that person's name in the electors lists and shall notify that person that he has not done so but that that person may make a claim to be so entered.

Service declaration ceasing to be in force

60. Where a service voter transfers from employment under one Government department to employment under another or from being a member of the forces to being a Crown servant, or vice versa, his service declaration and that of his wife (if any), being a declaration under paragraph (*c*) of subsection (1) of section ten of the Act, shall cease to be in force.

Evidence as to service declaration

61.—(1) The registration officer shall treat a notice from the appropriate Government department or from an officer designated by that department that a person is not entitled to make a service declaration or a notice from the said department or officer or from the central national registration officer that a person's service declaration has ceased to be in force as conclusive evidence thereof.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation the expression "central national registration officer" means an officer appointed under Regulation 16 of the National Registration Regulations, 1939(**a**).

PART V

SUPPLEMENTARY

Appeals

62.—(1) A person desiring to appeal against the decision of a registration officer must give notice of appeal to the registration officer and to the opposite party (if any) when the decision is given, or within fourteen days thereafter, specifying the grounds of appeal.

(2) The registration officer shall forward any such notice to the county court in the manner directed by rules of court together in each case with a statement of the material facts which in his opinion have been established in the case and of his decision upon the whole case and on any point which may be specified as a ground of appeal, and shall also furnish to the court any further information which the court may require and which he is able to furnish.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1939 (No. 1248) II, p. 2306.

(3) Where it appears to the registration officer that any notices of appeal given to him are based on similar grounds, he shall inform the county court of the fact for the purpose of enabling the court (if it thinks fit) to consolidate the appeals or select a case as a test case.

(4) In relation to the determination of claims and objections with respect to registration any reference in this Regulation to the registration officer shall be construed as a reference to the revising officer.

Registration of motor vehicles

63.—(1) For the purpose of registering a motor vehicle for conveying electors to the poll with the returning officer under section eighty-eight of the Act the candidate or his election agent shall send to the returning officer so as to be received by him before the day of the poll a notice stating the index mark and registration number of the vehicle and that the candidate desires it to be registered.

(2) The returning officer shall register the vehicle by entering its index mark and registration number in a register (hereinafter referred to as the " register of vehicles ") under the name of the candidate.

(3) There shall be a separate part of the said register for each candidate.

(4) The returning officer shall, so long as he retains the said register, make available for inspection at his office a copy thereof—

(*a*) on any day except the day of the poll, during ordinary business hours, and

(*b*) on the day of the poll, during the hours of poll.

(5) The returning officer shall retain the said register for one year from the day of the poll and shall then destroy it.

Official poll card

64.—(1) The official poll card issued to an elector shall be in Form E in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

(2) The official poll card issued to the proxy of an elector shall be in Form F in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect.

Forms

65.—(1) Form A in the Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect, shall be used for the purpose for which it is expressed to be applicable.

(2) The registration officer shall without fee supply a reasonable number of copies of Forms N to V in the Schedule to these Regulations to any person.

(3) The return and declaration of expenses required by section sixty-three of the Act to be authorised by an election agent shall be in forms W and X in the Schedule to these Regulations, or forms to the like effect.

Sending of notices, etc.

66.—(1) Any application, notice, claim or objection which is required by these Regulations to be made to the registration officer, revising officer or returning officer shall be in writing and sent by post or delivered to his office or to the address specified by him for the purpose.

(2) Where the registration officer, revising officer or returning officer is required by these Regulations to notify any person, such notification shall be in writing and may be sent by post—

(*a*) in the case of a person other than a service voter, to the address furnished by that person for the purpose of such notification or of any record or, if there is no such address, to the last known place of abode of that person;

(*b*) in the case of a service voter, to the address provided by him for the purpose of such notification or of any record or to the address provided for the purpose by the appropriate Government department.

Publication of documents

67.—(1) Any failure to publish a document in accordance with these Regulations shall not invalidate the document, but this provision shall not relieve the registration officer from any penalty for such a failure.

(2) A document which is made available for inspection shall be made available, except where these Regulations expressly provide otherwise, during ordinary business hours.

(3) Where a document is made available for inspection, any person may make a copy of, or take extracts from, such document.

Misnomers

68. No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person or place in any electors list, list of claims or objections, corrupt and illegal practices list, special list, register, register of vehicles or in any notice shall prejudice the operation of that document with respect to that person or place in any case where the description of the person or place is such as to be commonly understood.

Time

69. Where the last day of the time allowed by these Regulations for any matter falls on a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, bank holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning, that time shall be extended until the end of the next following day which is not one of the days before mentioned.

Penalties

70.—(1) If any person fails to comply with or gives false information in pursuance of any such requisition of the registration officer as is mentioned in Regulation 22 of these Regulations, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

(2) If any person without lawful authority destroys, mutilates, defaces or removes any notice published by the registration officer in connection with his registration duties or any copies of a document which have been made available for inspection in pursuance of those duties, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Interpretation

71.—(1) For the purpose of these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

the expression "the Act" means the Representation of the People Act, 1949(**a**);

(**a**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 68.

the expression " postal proxy " means a person entitled to vote by post as proxy at an election ;

the expression " registration officer " means an electoral registration officer.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires a claim or objection includes a claim or objection that a letter should or should not be placed against a person's name in the electors lists and the register in accordance with Regulation 4 of these Regulations.

(3) References in these Regulations to any enactment or statutory instrument shall be taken as referring to that enactment or statutory instrument as amended or replaced by any other enactment or statutory instrument.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Revocations and savings

72.—(1) The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1949(b), and the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949(c), are hereby revoked.

(2) Section thirty-eight of the Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply as if these Regulations were an Act of Parliament and as if any Regulations revoked by these Regulations were Acts of Parliament repealed by an Act of Parliament.

(3) Without prejudice to the said section thirty-eight any register, list or record prepared, any application, appointment or declaration made, any proceedings initiated or other thing done under any Regulations revoked by these Regulations shall not be invalid by the revocation effected by paragraph (1) of this Regulation and shall, in so far as it could have been prepared, made, initiated or done under any provision of these Regulations, have effect as if it had been prepared, made, initiated or done under that provision.

Commencement, citation and extent

73.—(1) These Regulations shall come into force five days after they have been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

(2) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1950.

(3) These Regulations shall only apply to Northern Ireland.

J. Chuter Ede,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
6th July, 1950.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) S.I. 1949 (No. 689) I, p. 3796.
(c) S.I. 1949 (No. 1421) I, p. 3837.

SCHEDULE

Forms for use by registration officers

Regulation 65.

FORM A: RETURN BY OCCUPIER AS TO RESIDENTS

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

REGISTER OF ELECTORS, 19

(In force for twelve months from 2nd April, 19)

(Qualifying date: 31st October, 19 ; qualifying period: the three months ending on 31st October, 19)

To the occupier,

For the purposes of the preparation of the 19 register of parliamentary electors, you are asked to complete this return, and return it to me *without delay*. The return relates to persons resident on 31st October, 19 , but *please complete it on receipt of this form.* If this is done before 31st October, remember to include anyone who is expected to become resident by that date, and to leave out anyone who will cease to be resident by then.

This return is required by law

Date..... .....
Electoral Registration Officer

Please read the notes overleaf carefully before filling up the form

PART 1. PARTICULARS OF PREMISES

No. of flat (if any)	No. of house (or name, if it is not numbered)	Name of Street or Road	Town, townland or postal district

Are there any persons with separate accommodation in your house or flat and not included in this return?

(Yes *or* No) .....

PART 2. PARTICULARS AS TO RESIDENTS

Enter below particulars of every British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland (man or woman) normally resident at the above premises on 31st October, 19 , even though temporarily absent on that date, and who will be *AGED* 21 or over on 30th April, 19 . If none, say so. Do *NOT* enter any person who has a service qualification. (*See* Notes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.)

Surname and Style or Title (Mr., Mrs., etc.) BLOCK LETTERS: Enter occupier's name first	Christian names or other forenames (BLOCK LETTERS)	Enter "Over 21", or *if 21st birthday is after 1st Nov.*, 19 , *and on or before 1st May*, 19 , *give date*. (*See* Note 5.)	If resident at above premises during the whole of the qualifying period enter "R". If not, give all residences (or where applicable, nature of service qualification), during that period, with dates. (*See* Note 4.)	If a merchant seamen, enter "M.S." (*See* Note 7.)

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief—

(*a*) the particulars given in Parts 1 and 2 of this return are true and accurate,

(*b*) all the persons whose names are entered in Part 2 are British subjects or citizens of the Republic of Ireland and will be *aged* 21 or over on 30th April, 19 .

Date ..... Signed .....

NOTES

1. On application being made to the electoral registration officer you will be given any help needed in filling up the form.

2. When deciding whom you should include in this return, do not think only of those present on the qualifying date; there may be others who are resident though absent. Generally speaking a person is resident in a house if he normally lives there, so such a person should be included even though he is away temporarily, e.g., as a student, or on a visit or in hospital. On the other hand, some of those present may not be residents; for instance, a guest or a visitor who ordinarily lives somewhere else should not be included.

Bearing this in mind you should include all residents, whether they are members of your family, resident domestics, or boarders or lodgers.

A person (including the occupier) who is ordinarily resident but has been sent away on a job should be included if he will not be away for more than six months from start to finish.

3. A person with residences in more than one constituency may be registered for each, but it is a criminal offence to vote more than once at an election.

4. A person is not entitled to be registered unless he was resident in Northern Ireland (allowing for absences of the kind mentioned in Note 2) during the whole of the qualifying period; but a person ceasing to have a service qualification (*see* Note 6) is to be treated as if he had been resident in Northern Ireland while he had it.

5. A person whose 21st birthday is after 1st November, 19 , and on or before 1st May, 19 , will be entitled to vote at elections held after 1st October, 19 . (A person is of full age on the day before his 21st birthday.)

6. Particulars of persons with service qualifications should not be entered on this form; their names will be included in the register of electors if they fill up a service declaration (supplied by the appropriate service or department) and send it to the electoral registration officer.

A person has a service qualification if he or she is serving as a member of His Majesty's forces, *other than the reserve or auxiliary forces,* or is employed in the service of the Crown outside the United Kingdom, or is the wife of such a person and is residing outside the United Kingdom to be with her husband.

7. A merchant seaman who is likely to be at sea at the time of an election is entitled to have a proxy appointed to vote for him. A form for this purpose will be sent to any person against whose name you put "M.S." unless a proxy has already been appointed for him.

8. If for some other reason a person is likely to be unable to go in person to the polling station at an election, he may be entitled to vote by post. On being informed of the circumstances, the electoral registration officer will supply a form of application. Do not wait until an election before applying or you may be too late.

Regulation 8.

FORM C: NOTICE AS TO PUBLICATION OF THE ELECTORS LISTS AND MAKING OF CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

ELECTORS LISTS

Lists of persons whose names are proposed for inclusion in the next register of electors are now available for inspection during normal office hours at my office at ..... and at post offices, police barracks and other public buildings in the constituency.

A claim to be included, or an objection to the entry of any other person's name, must be made on the proper form (or a form to the like effect) and reach me at my office (where the forms can be obtained) *not later than 5th February.* Requests for alterations or the correction of any errors should also be addressed to me.

Lists of claims and objections will be available for inspection in my office until 5th February. Any person who wishes to object to another person's claim may do so when the claim is heard, provided he himself appears in the electors lists as entitled to be registered. Information as to the time and place for hearing claims and objections may be obtained on application to the office of the revising officer at .....

.....
Electoral Registration Officer

Date.....

FORM D: PROXY PAPER

Regulation 29.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Constituency .....

Polling district .....

(Name of proxy) .....

(Address) .....

is hereby appointed as proxy for

(Name of elector) .....

who is qualified to be registered as a *service voter / resident for

(Qualifying address) .....

* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

to vote for him/her at *the parliamentary election for the above constituency on .....
*any parliamentary election for the above constituency (*see Note* 1).

This proxy appointment is not valid until.....

.....
Electoral Registration Officer

Address .....

.....

Date .....

NOTES

1. If your appointment as proxy is for a particular parliamentary election, it will only be valid for that election. In other cases your appointment will continue in force until the registration officer informs you to the contrary (e.g. because the elector cancels it).

If the elector is shown on this form as a resident, your appointment will be valid from the date stated above for all elections for the constituency named above.

If the elector is shown on this form as a service voter, your appointment will be valid from the date stated above for all such elections unless the elector applies to vote by post at a particular election. If he does this your appointment will be suspended for that election only and you will be so informed.

2. To vote as proxy you must go in person to the polling station for the elector's qualifying address, except that you may apply to vote by post as proxy if the elector is a service voter, AND either—

(*a*) you are entitled to vote by post in respect of your own vote at elections in the constituency named above, or

(*b*) your address is not in the same area as the service voter's qualifying address, i.e. within the same borough or urban or rural district.

Any application to vote by post as proxy should be made on Form R.P.F.11 (N.I.) which may be obtained from the electoral registration officer.

Forms for use by returning officers

Regulation 64.

FORM E: ELECTOR'S OFFICIAL POLL CARD

Front of card

Constituency .....

Polling day .....

Your polling station will be.....

.....

Number in Register.....

Name .....

Form of back of card

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

The poll will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The address of your polling station is shown on the front of this card.

When you go to the polling station tell the clerk your name and address, as shown on the front of this card. The presiding officer will give you a ballot paper; see that he stamps the official mark on it before he gives it to you.

Mark your vote on the ballot paper secretly in one of the voting compartments. Put one X in the space to the right opposite the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote. You may only vote for one candidate. If you put any other mark on the ballot paper, your vote may not be counted.

Then fold the ballot paper in two to conceal your vote, show the official mark on the back to the presiding officer and put the paper into the ballot box.

If you spoil the ballot paper by mistake do not destroy it; give it back to the presiding officer and ask for another.

Issued by the returning officer.

Regulation 64.

FORM F: PROXY'S OFFICIAL POLL CARD

Front of card

The front of the card shall state the proxy's name and address.

Form of back of card

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

..... CONSTITUENCY

Polling day .....

The poll will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The elector named below whose proxy you are is entitled to vote at the polling station—

.....

.....

To vote as proxy you must go to that polling station. Tell the clerk that you wish to vote as proxy; give the name and qualifying address of the elector, as follows*:—

.....

.....

The presiding officer will give you the elector's ballot paper. The method of voting as proxy is the same as for casting your own vote.

Issued by the returning officer.

* Insert the elector's name as given in the register, and his qualifying address and number in the register.

FORM G: CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYMENT

Regulation 34.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Election in the .....constituency.

I certify that (name).....
who is numbered.....in the register of electors for the constituency named above, is likely to be unable to go in person to the polling station allotted to him at the election on (date of poll).....by reason of the particular circumstances of his employment on that date—

*(*a*) as a constable,

*(*b*) by me for a purpose connected with the election.

Signature .....

*Police rank

(District Inspector or above)

.....

* Returning officer.

Date.....

*Delete whichever is inapplicable.

Note.—The person named above is entitled to vote at any polling station of the above constituency on production and surrender of this certificate to the presiding officer.

FORM H: DECLARATION OF IDENTITY

Regulation 37.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Front of form

Ballot Paper No.....

I hereby declare that I am the person to whom the ballot paper numbered as above and the envelope in which it was enclosed (both of which I now produce) were sent.

Voter's signature.....
or name and mark

The above named, who is personally known to me, has produced the ballot paper and the envelope above referred to and has signed the above declaration in my presence.

Witness's signature.....

[*See Instructions on the back of this Form.*]

Back of form

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

1. *Before marking* the accompanying ballot paper you must produce:—

(i) the ballot paper showing the number thereon,

(ii) this declaration, and

(iii) the envelope in which you received this declaration and the ballot paper,

to some person to whom you are known, who will witness the declaration of identity (*see other side*).

2. You must sign the declaration of identity *in the presence of the witness.*

3. You may vote for only one candidate.

4. You vote by marking the ballot paper on the right-hand side with a cross opposite the name of the candidate for whom you vote, thus X.

You should mark the ballot paper secretly; if you cannot vote without the assistance of some other person, that person must not disclose how you have voted.

5. Immediately after voting you must place the marked ballot paper in the enclosed small envelope marked "A" and fasten it up. You must then place the envelope marked "A", *together with this declaration of identity,* in the larger envelope marked "B" addressed to the returning officer and despatch it by post without delay. *The ballot paper, in order to be counted, must be received by the returning officer not later than the close of the poll.*

6. If you receive more than one ballot paper, remember that it is illegal to vote more than once (otherwise than as proxy) at the same parliamentary general election or bye-election.

7. As an absent voter at this election you cannot vote at the polling station but only by post.

Forms for use by service voters

Regulation 53.

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

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Part 1.

Surname .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Other names .....

Service .....Corps or Regiment.....

Rank or rating .....Service No.....

Present Service address .....

.....

National Registration No. before joining, if known.....

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland

* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

*over 21 years of age / *under 21 years of age (if under 21) born on

Day	Month	Year
:	:	

and reside or but for my service would reside in the United Kingdom at:—

(Full postal address) .....

.....

I hereby cancel any previous declaration made by me.

Signed..... Date.....

Signature of attesting officer.....

Rank.....

Part 2. Regulation 27.

PROXY APPOINTMENT

(If you want a proxy appointed to vote for you in your absence, fill in and sign this part of the form, as well as Part 1.)

I HEREBY CANCEL ANY PREVIOUS PROXY APPOINTMENT AND APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT AS MY PROXY OF:—

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

Postal address .....

.....

Relationship, if any, of first choice to elector.....

OR IF HE OR SHE CANNOT ACT

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

Postal address .....

.....

Relationship, if any, of second choice to elector.....

Signed ..... Date .....

FORM K: SERVICE DECLARATION AND APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROXY BY THE WIFE OF A MEMBER OF THE FORCES. Regulation 53.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Part 1.

Surname .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Other names.....

National Registration No.....

Full names of husband.....

His Service ..... Service No.....

Rank or rating.....

I HEREBY DECLARE that:—

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

over 21 years of age
*under 21 years of age (if under 21) born on | Day : Month : Year |

* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

(2) I am residing, or expect to go abroad within six weeks (*see* Note 1) to reside, outside the United Kingdom to be with my husband, who is a member of the forces.

(3) But for my husband's service I would be residing in the United Kingdom at:—

(Full postal address).....

.....

I hereby cancel any previous declaration made by me.

Signed.....Date.....

Signature of attending officer .....

Rank or official position (*see* Note 2).....

NOTES

1. A service declaration made by the wife of a member of the forces about to leave the United Kingdom must not be made more than six weeks before the date on which she expects to leave.

2. This declaration must be attested by a commissioned officer or by an officer of a Government department.

Regulation 27. Part 2.

Part 2 of this form shall be the same as Part 2 of Form J in this Schedule

Regulation 55. FORM L: SERVICE DECLARATION AND APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROXY BY A CROWN SERVANT

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Part 1.

Surname .....

(BLOCK LETTERS)

Other names.....

National Registration No.....

I HEREBY DECLARE that:—

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

* Delete whichever is inapplicable. over 21 years of age / *under 21 years of age (if under 21) born on

Day	Month	Year
:	:	

(2) I am employed, or leaving the United Kingdom to take up employment (*see* Note 1), in the service of the Crown in a post outside the United Kingdom under†.....

† Insert name of Government department.

Description of post.....

(3) I would be, but for my service abroad, residing in the United Kingdom at:—

(Full postal address).....

.....

I hereby cancel any previous declaration made by me.

Signed.....Date.....

Signature of person attesting .....

Rank or official position (*see* Note 2).....

NOTES

1. A service declaration made by a person about to leave the United Kingdom must not be made more than six weeks before the date on which he or she expects to leave.

2. This declaration must be attested by an officer of or designated by the Government department under which the declarant is employed or by another person who has a service qualification through being employed in the service of the Crown in a post outside the United Kingdom.

Regulation 27. Part 2.

Part 2 of this form shall be the same as Part 2 of Form J in this Schedule

FORM M: SERVICE DECLARATION AND APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROXY BY THE WIFE OF A CROWN SERVANT

Regulation 55

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Part 1.

Surname .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)
Other names.....
National Registration No.....
Full names of husband.....

I HEREBY DECLARE that:—

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

*over 21 years of age / *under 21 years of age (if under 21) born on

Day	Month	Year
:	:	

* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

(2) I am residing, or expect to go abroad within six weeks (*see* Note 1) to reside, outside the United Kingdom to be with my husband, who is employed, or is leaving the United Kingdom to take up employment, in the service of the Crown in a post outside the United Kingdom under†.....

† Insert name of Government department.

Description of post.....

(3) But for my husband's service I would be residing in the United Kingdom at:—

(Full postal address).....
.....

I hereby cancel any previous declaration made by me.

Signed.....Date.....

Signature of person attesting .....
Rank or official position (*see* Note 2).....

NOTES

1. A service declaration made by a person about to leave the United Kingdom must not be made more than six weeks before the date on which she expects to leave.

2. This declaration must be attested by an officer of or designated by the Government department under which the declarant's husband is employed or by another person who has a service qualification through being employed in the service of the Crown in a post outside the United Kingdom.

Part 2.

Regulation 27.

Part 2 of this form shall be the same as Part 2 of Form J in this Schedule

FORM N: APPLICATION BY A SERVICE VOTER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO VOTE BY POST

Regulation 25.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

I, (Surname) .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)
(Other names) .....
(Rank) .....
am registered as a service voter for
(Give qualifying home address.....
which you gave on your service
declaration) .....

and I apply for a ballot paper for the coming parliamentary election to be sent to me at

(Give full postal address) .....

.....

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

NOTES

1. If you have changed your name since completing your service declaration, put your old name in brackets after your present name.

2. You should send this application to the electoral registration officer at the address stated on his acknowledgement of your service declaration.

Forms for use by other persons

Regulation 10.

FORM O: FORM OF CLAIM

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

(If this form is sent to the registration officer by post, postage must be prepaid.)

Constituency of.....

To the registration officer—

ALL CLAIMS	1. Claimant's names in full	Surname and style or title (Mr., Mrs. or Miss, etc.) ..... Other names.....
	2. Full postal address for which claimant claims to be qualified to be registered.	No. (if any) ..... Name (if no number)..... ..... Street or road ..... Town, townland or postal district.....
	3. (*a*) Was claimant aged 21 or over on the qualifying date?* (*b*) If not, give date of birth.	(*a*) Yes or No ..... (*b*) .....
Claim to be registered as resident†	4. (*a*) Was claimant resident at the said address during the whole of the qualifying period?* (*b*) If not, give all residences (or where applicable, nature of service qualification) during the qualifying period, with dates.	(*a*) (Yes or No) ..... (*b*) ....
Claim to be registered as service voter‡	5. Had claimant made a Service declaration by the qualifying date?*	(Yes or No) .....

DECLARATION

The above particulars are true and correct in all respects. The claimant is a British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland; and he claims the parliamentary franchise to which such particulars entitle him.

Signature of claimant or person making claim on behalf of claimant

.....

Address of person making claim (if not the claimant)

.....

.....

Dated.....

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* The qualifying date was 31st October. The qualifying period is the three months ending on the qualifying date.

† The qualification for registration as a resident is residence at an address in Northern Ireland on the qualifying date and residence either there or elsewhere in Northern Ireland during the whole of the qualifying period. A person ceasing to have a service qualification (as a member of His Majesty's forces, or as a Crown servant employed outside the United Kingdom, or as the wife of such a person residing outside the United Kingdom to be with her husband) is to be treated as if he had been resident in Northern Ireland while he had a service qualification.

‡ A service voter must have made a service declaration on or before the qualifying date.

FORM P: FORM OF OBJECTION

Regulation 10.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

(If this form is sent to the registration officer by post, postage must be prepaid.)

Form of objection

To the registration officer for the constituency of.....

.....

I hereby give you notice that I object to the entry of*.....

.....

.....

.....

as a parliamentary elector.

* Here insert extract from printed electors lists, stating registration unit.

The grounds of my objection are.....

.....

.....

.....

I am entered in the electors lists as a parliamentary elector for the above constituency as follows*:—

.....

.....

Signed .....

Address.....

Date.....

* Here insert extract from printed electors lists stating registration unit.

Regulation 25.

FORM Q: APPLICATION TO BE TREATED AS AN ABSENT VOTER FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OWING TO OCCUPATION OR PHYSICAL INCAPACITY

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

I, (Surname)..... .....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

(Other names).....

am qualified to be registered as an elector for

(Full postal address).....

.....

and I apply to be treated as an absent voter at parliamentary elections because I am likely to be unable to go in person to the polling station (or, where (*b*) or (*c*) below applies, to vote unaided):—

* (*a*) owing to the general nature of my { occupation / service / employment } as:—

.....

* (*b*) by reason of blindness † (in respect of which I have been registered as a blind person by the..... Welfare Authority).

* (*c*) by reason of physical incapacity (*see* Note 2).

Signed..... Date.....

Address in the United Kingdom to which ballot paper is to be sent (if different from address given above).

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.....

* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

† If the applicant is not so registered, delete the words in brackets and ask a medical practitioner to complete the certificate opposite.

CERTIFICATE

To be completed by a registered medical practitioner where (*b*) or (*c*) opposite applies, unless the applicant is registered as a blind person.

I certify that (1) the statement opposite is correct; (2) the applicant's inability is likely to continue for months/indefinitely.*

* It is important to indicate which alternative applies.

Signature.....

Address.....

Date.....

NOTES

1. This application, if allowed, will continue in force until you cancel it or cease to be registered for your present qualifying address or become registered in a different capacity or until the electoral registration officer gives you notice to the contrary.

2. Where the ground of the application is blindness or other physical incapacity, the certificate overleaf must be completed by a doctor, unless the applicant is registered as a blind person.

3. If the ground of the application is the nature of your occupation, service or employment and you are likely to be at sea or out of the United Kingdom at the time of an election, you may apply on Form R.P.F. 10 (N.I.) to have a proxy appointed to vote for you.

4. If you have been appointed proxy for a service voter in the same parliamentary constituency, you may apply on Form R.P.F. 11 (N.I.) to vote as such by post, but not if you yourself have a proxy appointed for you.

The forms referred to may be obtained from the electoral registration officer.

5. Any change of the address to which ballot papers are to be sent should be notified promptly to the electoral registration officer; if you wait until an election occurs, you may be too late.

FORM R: APPLICATION TO BE TREATED AS AN ABSENT VOTER OWING TO CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Regulation 25.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

I, (Surname).....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

(Other names).....

am qualified to be registered as an elector for

(Full postal address).....

.....

and I apply to be treated as an absent voter at parliamentary elections because I no longer reside there but at

(New address).....

.....

Signed..... Date.....

NOTES

1. Temporary absence, e.g., on holiday, does NOT constitute a change of residence.

2. This application, if allowed, will continue in force for all parliamentary elections as long as you remain registered for your old address.

3. This application cannot be allowed if the address at which you now reside is in the same area as the address for which you are registered, i.e., within the same borough, or urban or rural district.

4. If you have been appointed proxy for a service voter, you may apply on Form R.P.F. 11 (N.I.) to vote as such by post.

5. Your ballot paper will be sent to the new address. If you wish to notify another change of address, you should complete a fresh application on a similar form. A ballot paper can be sent only to an address in the United Kingdom.

Regulation 25.

FORM S: APPLICATION TO BE TREATED AS AN ABSENT VOTER FOR A PARTICULAR ELECTION

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

I, (Surname).....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

(Other names).....

am qualified to be registered as an elector for

(Full postal address).....

.....

and I apply to be treated as an absent voter at the coming parliamentary election (*see* Note 1) in.....constituency because I am likely to be unable to go in person to the polling station allotted to me, owing to—

* Delete whichever are inapplicable.

*(*a*) my service in one of His Majesty's reserve or auxiliary forces, namely .....;

*(*b*) my employment on polling day as a constable;

*(*c*) my employment on polling day by the returning officer in connection with the election in constituency;

*(*d*) my acting as returning officer for constituency;

*(*e*) my/my husband's/my wife's candidature in constituency.

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

Address to which ballot paper is to be sent (if different from address given above).

.....

.....

NOTES

1. Where (*a*), (*b*) or (*c*) above applies, the application may be made for any parliamentary election. Where (*d*) or (*e*) applies, the application may be made only for a parliamentary general election.

2. If the ground of the application is service in His Majesty's reserve or auxiliary forces and you are likely to be at sea or out of the United Kingdom on polling day, you may apply on Form R.P.F. 10 (N.I.) to have a proxy appointed to vote for you.

3. If you have been appointed proxy for a service voter in the same constituency, you may apply on Form R.P.F. 11 (N.I.) to vote as such by post, but not if you yourself have a proxy appointed for you.

The forms referred to may be obtained from the electoral registration officer.

FORM T: APPLICATION TO BE TREATED AS AN ABSENT VOTER FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OWING TO AIR OR SEA JOURNEY Regulation 25.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

I, (Surname).....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

(Other names).....
am qualified to be registered as an elector for

(Full postal address).....

.....

and I apply to be treated as an absent voter at parliamentary elections (*see* Note 1) because I am likely to be unable to go in person from the above address to the polling station without making a journey by air or sea.

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

Address in the United Kingdom to which ballot paper is to be sent (if different from address given above).

.....

.....

NOTES

1. The journey in question is the journey necessary to the polling station from your qualifying address, not from where you may happen to be at the time of an election.

2. This application, if allowed, will continue in force until you cancel it or cease to be registered for your present qualifying address or become registered in a different capacity or until the electoral registration officer gives you notice to the contrary.

3. If you have been appointed proxy for a service voter in the same parliamentary constituency, you may apply on Form R.P.F. 11 (N.I.) to vote as such by post.

The form may be obtained from the electoral registration officer.

4. Any change of the address to which ballot papers are to be sent should be notified promptly to the electoral registration officer; if you wait until an election occurs, you may be too late.

Regulation 27.

FORM U: APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

I, (Surname).....
(BLOCK LETTERS)
(Other names).....
am qualified to be registered as an elector for
(Full postal address).....
.....

I have applied to be treated as an absent voter—

* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

*(*a*) at parliamentary elections owing to the general nature of my occupation, service or employment;

*(*b*) at the coming parliamentary election in constituency owing to my service in His Majesty's reserve or auxiliary forces,

and I declare that I am likely to be at sea or outside the United Kingdom on polling day.

I therefore apply for the person named below as first choice (or if he or she cannot act, the person named as second choice) to be appointed as proxy to vote for me.

PERSON TO BE APPOINTED PROXY (*See* Note 2)

1. The elector must fill this up.
   First choice:
   Full names.....
   Postal address .....
   .....
   Relationship, if any, to elector .....

2. The elector should fill this up as the first choice may not be able to act.
   Second choice:
   Full names.....
   Postal address .....
   .....
   Relationship, if any, to elector .....

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

NOTES

1. Where (*a*) above applies, unless you give notice to the electoral registration officer cancelling the appointment, a proxy appointed in consequence of this application will be entitled to vote for you at all parliamentary elections so long as your application to be treated as an absent voter continues in force. Where (*b*) applies, the proxy's appointment will only be for a particular parliamentary election.

2. A person to be proxy must be a British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland, of full age and not subject to any legal incapacity to vote.

A person cannot vote as proxy at a parliamentary election in any constituency for more than two electors of whom he or she is not the husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.

FORM V: APPLICATION BY A SERVICE VOTER'S PROXY TO VOTE BY POST

Regulation 32.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

I, (Surname).....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

(Other names).....

have been appointed proxy for

(†Name).....

who is registered as a service voter for

(†Qualifying address).....

.....

(† As shown on proxy paper.)

and I apply to vote by post as proxy for the above-named service voter because

*(*a*) I am entitled to vote by post as an absent voter: the address for which I am registered as an elector is— * Delete whichever is inapplicable.

.....

.....;

*(*b*) the address entered below is in a different area from the address for which the above-named service voter is registered (*see* Note 2).

A ballot paper should be sent to me at the following address in the United Kingdom:—

.....

.....

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

NOTES

1. Where (*a*) above applies, this application, if allowed, will be valid for any parliamentary election for which your application to be treated as an absent voter is valid so long as your appointment as proxy continues.

Where (*b*) applies, the application will remain in force until you cancel it or cease to be proxy for the service voter.

2. Where (*b*) above applies, the application cannot be allowed if your address is in the same area as the address for which the service voter is registered, i.e. within the same borough or urban or rural district.

Regulation 65. FORM W: RETURN OF EXPENSES REQUIRED BY SECTION 63 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1949, TO BE AUTHORISED BY AN ELECTION AGENT

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Election in the.....constituency.

Date of publication of notice of election.....

The expenses incurred at the above election in support of..... ....., a candidate thereat, by..... ..... (*insert name of person or association or body of persons incurring the expenses*) being expenses required by section 63 of the Representation of the People Act, 1949, to be authorised by the election agent, amounted to £.....

The written authority of the election agent is annexed hereto.

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

Regulation 65. FORM X: DECLARATION AS TO EXPENSES REQUIRED BY SECTION 63 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1949, TO BE AUTHORISED BY AN ELECTION AGENT

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

Election in the.....constituency.

Date of publication of notice of election.....

I hereby declare that—

1. I am the person *or* a director, general manager, secretary or similar officer of the association or body of persons named as incurring expenses in the accompanying return, marked....., of expenses required by section 63 of the Representation of the People Act, 1949, to be authorised by an election agent.

2. To the best of my knowledge and belief the said return is complete and correct.

3. The matters for which the expenses referred to in the said return were incurred were as follows..... ....

Signature of declarant.....

Office held by declarant.....
(In the case of an association or body of persons)

Date .....

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations revoke and replace the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1949, as amended. Amendments have been made in consequence of the passing of the Representation of the People Act, 1949, the Ireland Act, 1949, and the Electoral Registers Act, 1949. Regulations 9 to 12 alter the procedure for dealing with claims and objections. The last day for applications to vote by post as an absent voter or postal proxy or for the issue of a proxy paper has been altered (Regulations 25 (2), 30 (3) and 32 (2)).

Regulation 62 (1) extends from five to fourteen days the time within which a person may appeal from the decision of the revising officer.

RETURNING OFFICERS' EXPENSES

The Returning Officers' Expenses (England and Wales) Regulations, 1950

1950 No. 769

Made - - - - 5*th May*, 1950
Coming into Operation 6*th May*, 1950

The Treasury, in pursuance of subsection (2) of section twenty of the Representation of the People Act, 1949(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. A returning officer at a parliamentary election in England or Wales shall be entitled to his reasonable charges, not exceeding the sums specified in the subjoined Scale, in respect of services and expenses of the several kinds mentioned in the said Scale which have been properly rendered or incurred by him for the purposes of or in connection with that parliamentary election:

Provided that no charge for a disbursement shall exceed the sum actually and necessarily paid or payable by the returning officer.

Scale of maximum charges in respect of services rendered and expenses incurred by a Returning Officer at a Parliamentary election

A.—For Services of Returning Officers

	£ s. d.
I.—In a Contested Election.	
(i) Fee for conducting the election and generally performing all the duties which a returning officer is required to perform under any enactments relating to Parliamentary elections (other than any duties in connection with voting by persons entitled to vote by post and the preparation and issue of the official poll cards, for which separate fees are prescribed by this scale):—	
(*a*) For each County constituency:—	
If the number of registered Parliamentary electors does not exceed 50,000	90 0 0

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 68.