STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 427

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Representation of the People Regulations 1973

Made - - - -	*9th February* 1973
Laid before Parliament	*14th February* 1973
Coming into Operation	*19th March* 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 42 and 171(5) of the Representation of the People Act 1949(**a**) and by Schedule 4 to that Act as amended by section 26 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972(**b**), I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People Regulations 1973.

(2) These Regulations shall not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

2. These Regulations shall come into operation fourteen days after they have been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

3. After Regulation 21(*a*) of the Representation of the People Regulations 1969(**c**) there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

"(*aa*) one copy of the register for the constituency to the Member of Parliament for that constituency;".

4. At the end of Regulation 25 of the said Regulations there shall be inserted the following words:—

"or for the purpose of his duty under section 26 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972".

5.—(1) At the end of Regulation 39(3)(*a*) of the said Regulations there shall be inserted the following words:—

"and the rules in Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) Rules 1973(**d**)".

(2) In Regulation 39(3)(*b*)(ii) for the words "and fourth" there shall be substituted the words "fourth and fifth".

6.—For Form A in Schedule 1 to the said Regulations there shall be substituted the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(**a**) 1949 c. 68.
(**b**) 1972 c. 71.
(**c**) S.I. 1969/904 (1969 II, p. 2602).
(**d**) S.I. 1973/79 (1973 I, p. 422).

7. In Schedule 2 to the said Regulations the undermentioned column shall be added after the fourth column headed " Parliamentary elections rules ":—

" Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) Rules 1973
Rule 20
„ 41
„ 49 ".

Robert Carr,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
9th February 1973.

SCHEDULE

FORM A: RETURN BY OCCUPIER AS TO RESIDENTS

Regulation 70

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

REGISTER OF ELECTORS 19

Qualifying date: 10th October 19 . Register in force for twelve months from 16th February 19 .

I have to compile and publish an up-to-date Register of Electors for 19 . To do so, I need information which you, as occupier, are obliged by law to supply.

Registers of Electors are needed so that everyone who is entitled to vote at parliamentary or local elections may do so. A person whose name does not appear in the Register cannot vote.

The notes within tell you how to fill up the form, but if you need further help, I shall be glad to give it.

You should complete the form even if you intend to move house after the qualifying date.

Please complete and sign this form, and return it to me now—there is no need to wait until the qualifying date.

The Electoral Registration Officer.

Address

No. of flat, room or floor (where applicable)	No. of house (or name if not numbered)	Name of street or road	Parish or town and postal district or postcode (if any)

Residents eligible to be included (*see* notes 1 and 2)

If none, please write "None"

Surname and title (Mr., Mrs., etc.) (BLOCK LETTERS)	Full Christian names or forenames (BLOCK LETTERS)	If 18 or over by 16th February 19 enter a ✓ in this column	If under 18 on 16th February 19 but 18 by 15th February 19 , give date of birth (see note 1)	If a merchant seaman enter "M" (see notes 1 and 2)	Jury Service (see note 5) If over 65 by 16th February 19 enter a ✓ in this column

Other residents

Is any part of your house/flat *separately* occupied by persons not entered above?

Please answer Yes or No

Declaration

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

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

NOTES

1. *You are required to enter* all British subjects (Commonwealth citizens are British subjects) and citizens of the Irish Republic who will be resident at your address on *10th October 19* and who will be 18 or over by 15th February 19 (*this means all those born before 16th February 19 : they may be only 16 or 17 now, but they can vote at elections as soon as they are 18*).

Including

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

(*b*) Resident guests (but not short-stay visitors);

(*c*) Lodgers and resident domestics;

(*d*) Anyone who is away working, unless his absence will be for more than six months;

(*e*) Merchant seamen who, but for their job, would live at your address (which may be a hostel or club). Mark their names with an " M " and they will be invited to vote by post or proxy.

2. *Do not enter—*

(*a*) Aliens;

(*b*) Members of H.M. Forces;

(*c*) Crown servants employed outside the U.K.;

(*d*) British Council staff employed outside the U.K.;

(*e*) Wives or husbands of members of H.M. Forces, of Crown servants or of British Council staff employed outside the U.K. *if living abroad* to be with their husbands or wives.

Their names will be included in the register if they have made the necessary service declaration; to do this they should apply to their Service or Department or to the British Council.

3. *Electors Lists*

These lists can be checked at council offices etc. from 28th November. Claims in respect of names not included in the lists must be received by 16th December.

4. *Postal voting*

If you think you may be entitled to vote by post, e.g. because of physical disability or because of absence on business (but not on holiday) or because you are leaving the area, ask the Electoral Registration Officer for an application form. *Do not wait* for an election before applying.

5. *Jury service*

Electors who are over 65 are ineligible on age grounds for jury service. Those who are ineligible on other grounds, or who are exempt, will be able to indicate this if they receive a jury summons from the Crown Court.

HOW TO RETURN THE FORM

(*a*) Use the addressed envelope if one was supplied; or if you received the form in an envelope marked " Use this envelope for your reply ", fold the form so that the Electoral Registration Officer's address shows through the window *and seal the envelope.*

(*b*) If there was no envelope with it the form will be collected from you.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Representation of the People Regulations 1969. Regulation 3 requires the registration officer on being requested to supply without fee one copy of the register of electors for the constituency to the Member of Parliament for that constituency. Regulations 4 and 6 enable the registration officer to require persons to give information required for the purpose of his duty under section 26 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972 (duty to supply the Crown Court with copies of the register of electors marked with the names of those electors who on grounds of age are not qualified for jury service). Regulations 5 and 7 make provision for Part IV of the Representation of the People Regulations 1969 (issue and receipt of postal ballot papers) to apply to elections of councillors for principal areas (as defined in section 270 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)).

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