STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 243

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies) Order 1974

Made - - - -	*15th February* 1974
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1974

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 40(1)(*c*) and (*e*) of the Local Government Act 1972**(a)** and section 18(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1949**(b)**, as substituted by section 40(3) of the said Act of 1972, I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

2. In the case of a county constituency in England or Wales specified in the first column of Part I or, as the case may be, Part II of Schedule I to this Order, being a constituency wholly outside Greater London and not coterminous with or wholly contained in a county, the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be the sheriff of the county specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite the specification in the said first column of the constituency in question.

3. In the case of a borough constituency in England specified in the first column of Schedule 2 to this Order, being a constituency wholly outside Greater London and not coterminous with or wholly contained in a district, the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be the chairman of the council of the district specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite the specification in the said first column of the constituency in question and the duties of the returning officer for parliamentary elections shall be discharged as acting returning officer by the officer appointed to be electoral registration officer by the council of the said district.

4. In the case of a borough constituency in Greater London specified in the first column of Schedule 3 to this Order, being a constituency situated partly in one London borough and partly in another London borough, the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be the mayor of the London borough specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite the specification in the said first column of the constituency in question, and the duties of the returning officer for parliamentary elections shall be discharged, as acting returning officer, by the officer appointed to be electoral registration officer by the council of the said London borough.

5. In the case of each county constituency in England or Wales wholly outside Greater London and specified in the first column of Part I or, as the case may be,

(a) 1972 c. 70. **(b)** 1949 c. 68.

Part II of Schedule 4 to this Order, the duties of the returning officer for parliamentary elections shall be discharged, as acting returning officer, by the officer appointed to be electoral registration officer by the council of the district specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite the specification in the said first column of the constituency in question.

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

Home Office,
Whitehall.
15th February 1974.

SCHEDULE 1

PART I

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 County of which sheriff is returning officer
Abingdon	Oxfordshire
Barkston Ash	West Yorkshire
Bassetlaw	Nottinghamshire
Beaconsfield	Buckinghamshire
Bridlington	Humberside
Chester-le-Street	Durham
Cleveland and Whitby	Cleveland
Colne Valley	West Yorkshire
Darwen	Lancashire
Dorking	Surrey
Easington	Durham
East Grinstead	East Sussex
Gainsborough	Lincolnshire
Goole	South Yorkshire
Hemsworth	West Yorkshire
Hexham	Northumberland
Heywood and Royton	Greater Manchester
Houghton-le-Spring	Tyne and Wear
Howden	Humberside
Knutsford	Greater Manchester
Louth	Humberside
Lowestoft	Suffolk
Meriden	West Midlands
Morecambe and Lonsdale	Lancashire
New Forest	Hampshire
Newton	Cheshire
North Somerset	Avon
Ormskirk	Lancashire
Richmond (Yorks)	North Yorkshire
Ripon	North Yorkshire
Rutland and Stamford	Lincolnshire
Skipton	North Yorkshire
South Gloucestershire	Avon
Stalybridge and Hyde	Greater Manchester
Stratford-on-Avon	Warwickshire
Westhoughton	Greater Manchester
Weston-Super-Mare	Avon
Widnes	Cheshire
Wirral	Merseyside

PART II

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 County of which sheriff is returning officer
Aberavon	West Glamorgan
Barry	South Glamorgan
Bedwellty	Gwent
Brecon and Radnor	Powys
Denbigh	Clwyd
Ebbw Vale	Gwent
Merioneth	Gwynedd
Monmouth	Gwent
Neath	West Glamorgan
Pontypridd	Mid Glamorgan

SCHEDULE 2

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR BOROUGH CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of Borough Constituency	Column 2 District of which chairman is returning officer
Batley and Morley	Leeds
Bebington and Ellesmere Port	Wirral
Blyth	Blyth Valley
Bradford South	Bradford
Brighouse and Spenborough	Kirklees
Cheadle	Stockport
Chertsey and Walton	Elmbridge
Christchurch and Lymington	New Forest
Crosby	Sefton
Dewsbury	Kirklees
Epsom and Ewell	Epsom and Ewell
Eton and Slough	Slough
Farnworth	Salford
Ince	Wigan
Keighley	Bradford
Manchester, Gorton	Tameside
Manchester, Openshaw	Manchester
Middleton and Prestwich	Bury
Preston South	Preston
Rossendale	Rossendale
Teesside, Thornaby	Middlesbrough
Thurrock	Thurrock
Tynemouth	North Tyneside
Wakefield	Wakefield
Wallsend	North Tyneside
Worcester	Worcester

SCHEDULE 3

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR BOROUGH CONSTITUENCIES IN GREATER LONDON

Column 1 Name of Borough Constituency	Column 2 London borough of which mayor is returning officer
The City of London and Westminster South	City of Westminster
Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington	Hillingdon
Hounslow, Feltham and Heston	Hounslow

SCHEDULE 4

PART I

ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Abingdon	Vale of White Horse
Aldershot	Rushmoor
Arundel	Arun
Ashfield	Ashfield
Ashford	Ashford
Aylesbury	Aylesbury Vale
Banbury	Cherwell
Barkston Ash	Leeds
Basingstoke	Basingstoke
Bassetlaw	Bassetlaw
Beaconsfield	Beaconsfield
Bedford	Bedford
Beeston	Broxtowe
Bolper	South Derbyshire
Berwick-upon-Tweed	Alnwick
Bishop Auckland	Wear Valley
Blaby	Blaby
Bodmin	Caradon
Bolsover	Bolsover
Bosworth	Hinckley and Bosworth
Braintree	Braintree
Brentwood and Ongar	Brentwood
Bridgwater	Sedgemoor
Bridlington	Holderness
Brigg and Scunthorpe	Scunthorpe
Bromsgrove and Redditch	Bromsgrove
Buckingham	Milton Keynes
Burton	East Staffordshire
Bury St. Edmunds	St. Edmundsbury
Cambridgeshire	South Cambridgeshire
Cannock	Cannock Chase
Canterbury	Canterbury
Carlton	Cedling
Chelmsford	Chelmsford
Chesham and Amersham	Chiltern
Chester-le-Street	Chester-le-Street
Chichester	Chichester

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Chippenham	North Wiltshire
Chorley	Chorley
Cirencester and Tewkesbury	Cotswold
City of Chester	Chester
Cleveland and Whitby	Langbaurgh
Clitheroe	Ribble Valley
Colchester	Colchester
Colne Valley	Kirklees
Consett	Derwentside
Crewe	Crewe and Nantwich
Dartford	Dartford
Darwen	Blackburn
Daventry	South Northamptonshire
Dearne Valley	Doncaster
Devizes	Kennet
Don Valley	Doncaster
Dorking	Mole Valley
Dover and Deal	Dover
urham	Durham
asington	Easington
stbourne	Eastbourne
st Grinstead	Wealden
st Hertfordshire	Broxbourne
stleigh	Eastleigh
st Surrey	Tandridge
ping Forest	Epping Forest
	Mid Suffolk
mouth and Cambourne	Kerrier
nham	Waverley
ersham	Swale
estone and Hythe	Shepway
sborough	West Lindsey
le	Doncaster
itham	North Kesteven
esend	Gravesham
lford	Guildford
mprice	Berverley
orough	Oadby and Wigston
w	Harlow
gate	Harrogate
ch	Tendring
Hempstead	Dacorum
vorth	Wakefield
	South Oxfordshire
rd	Hereford
d and Stevenage	Stevenage
n	Tynedale
d and Royton	Rochdale
ak	High Peak
	North Hertfordshire
with Boston	South Holland
	East Devon
tle	East Lindsey
and Crawley	Crawley
n-le-Spring	Sunderland
	North Wolds

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Huntingdonshire	Huntingdon
Huyton	Knowsley
Ilkeston	Amber Valley
Isle of Ely	Fenland
Isle of Wight	Medina
Kettering	Kettering
Kidderminster	Wyre Forest
Kingswood	Kingswood
Knutsford	Trafford
Lancaster	Lancaster
Leek	Staffordshire Moorlands
Leominster	Leominster
Lewes	Lewes
Lichfield and Tamworth	Lichfield
Loughborough	Charnwood
Louth	Cleethorpes
Lowestoft	Waveney
Ludlow	South Shropshire
Macclesfield	Macclesfield
Maidstone	Maidstone
Maldon	Maldon
Mansfield	Mansfield
Melton	Charnwood
Meriden	Solihull
Mid-Bedfordshire	Mid-Bedfordshire
Mid-Oxon	West Oxfordshire
Mid-Sussex	Mid Sussex
Morecambe and Lonsdale	Lancaster
Morpeth	Wansbeck
Nantwich	Crewe and Nantwich
Newark	Newark
Newbury	Newbury
New Forest	New Forest
Newton	Warrington
Normanton	Wakefield
North Cornwall	North Cornwall
North Devon	North Devon
North Dorset	Wimborne
North East Derbyshire	North East Derbyshire
North Fylde	Wyre
North Norfolk	Broadland
North Somerset	Wansdyke
North West Durham	Wear Valley
North West Norfolk	West Norfolk
North West Surrey	Surrey Heath
Northwich	Vale Royal
Ormskirk	West Lancashire
Oswestry	North Shropshire
Penistone	Sheffield
Penrith and the Border	Carlisle
Petersfield	East Hampshire
Reading South	Wokingham
Richmond (Yorks)	Richmondshire
Ripon	Harrogate
Rother Valley	Rotherham
Royal Tunbridge Wells	Tunbridge Wells

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Rugby	Rugby
Runcorn	Warrington
Rushcliffe	Rushcliffe
Rutland and Stamford	South Kesteven
Rye	Rother
St. Albans	St. Albans
St. Ives	Penwith
Saffron Walden	Uttlesford
Salisbury	Salisbury
Scarborough	Scarborough
Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks
Shipley	Bradford
Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury
Shoreham	Adur
Skipton	Craven
South Bedfordshire	South Bedfordshire
South Dorset	Weymouth and Portland
South East Derbyshire	Erewash
South East Essex	Castle Point
South Fylde	Fylde
South Gloucestershire	Northavon
South Hertfordshire	Hertsmere
South Norfolk	South Norfolk
South West Hertfordshire	Three Rivers
South West Norfolk	West Norfolk
South West Staffordshire	South Staffordshire
South Worcestershire	Wychavon
Sowerby	Calderdale
Stafford and Stone	Stafford
Stalybridge and Hyde	Tameside
Stratford-on-Avon	Stratford-on-Avon
Stroud	Stroud
Sudbury and Woodbridge	Babergh
Taunton	Taunton Deane
The Wrekin	Wrekin
Thirsk and Malton	Ryedale
Tiverton	Tiverton
Tonbridge and Malling	Tonbridge and Malling
Totnes	Teignbridge
Truro	Restormel
Warwick and Leamington	Warwick
Wellingborough	East Northamptonshire
Wells	Mendip
Welwyn and Hatfield	Welwyn Hatfield
Westbury	West Wiltshire
West Derbyshire	West Derbyshire
West Devon	West Devon
West Dorset	West Dorset
West Gloucestershire	Forest of Dean
Westhoughton	Wigan
Westmorland	South Lakeland
Weston-super-Mare	Woodspring
Whitehaven	Copeland
Widnes	Halton
Winchester	Winchester
Windsor and Maidenhead	Windsor and Maidenhead

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Wirral	Wirral
Woking	Woking
Wokingham	Bracknell
Workington	Allerdale
Wycombe	Wycombe
Yarmouth	Great Yarmouth
Yeovil	Yeovil

PART II

ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Aberavon	Afan
Abertillery	Blaenau Gwent
Anglesey	Ynys Mon-Isle of Anglesey
Barry	Vale of Glamorgan
Bedwellty	Islwyn
Brecon and Radnor	Brecknock
Caernarvon	Arfon
Caerphilly	Rhymney Valley
Cardigan	Ceredigion
Carmarthen	Carmarthen
Conway	Aberconwy
Denbigh	Colwyn
East Flint	Alyn and Deeside
Ebbw Vale	Blaenau Gwent
Gower	Lliw Valley
Llanelli	Llanelli
Merioneth	Meirionnydd
Monmouth	Monmouth
Montgomery	Montgomery
Neath	Neath
Ogmore	Ogwr
Pembroke	Preseli
Pontypool	Torfaen
Pontypridd	Taff-Ely
West Flint	Rhuddlan
Wrexham	Wrexham Maelor

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order is made under those provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and of the Representation of the People Act 1949, as amended by the 1972 Act, which relate to returning officers and acting returning officers at parliamentary elections. By virtue of those provisions, on 1st April 1974, certain persons will automatically become returning officers and acting returning officers for constituencies which are coterminous with or wholly contained in certain of the new local government areas established under the 1972 Act or London boroughs, as the case may be. In the case of any other constituency the Secretary of State has power, by Order, to designate certain persons as returning officers and acting returning officers and this Order makes such designation accordingly.

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