SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 Amendment and Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*16th September 2025*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*18th September 2025*
Coming into force - -	*30th September 2025*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 73 of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025(**a**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 Amendment and Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025 and come into force on 30 September 2025.

(2) In these Regulations "the Act" means the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025.

Amendment of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations

2. In the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025(**b**), in columns 1 and 2 of the table in Part 3 of the schedule, omit the entries for sections 47 to 57 and 59.

Appointed day

3.—(1) The day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act specified in—

(a) column 1 of the table in Part 1 of the schedule is 17 November 2025, and

(b) column 1 of the table in Part 2 of the schedule is 1 April 2026.

(**a**) 2025 asp 4.
(**b**) S.S.I. 2025/106.

(2) The subject matter of those provisions is specified in column 2 of those tables.

JAMIE HEPBURN
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House
Edinburgh
16th September 2025

SCHEDULE

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 so that provisions in Part 8 (information to be included with certain electronic material at Scottish elections) of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 ("the Act") will not come into force on 1 October 2025. Instead those provisions, which are listed in Part 1 of the schedule, will come into force on 17 November 2025.

These Regulations also bring into force sections 69 (Constitution of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland), 70 (application of public bodies legislation to the Electoral Management Board for Scotland) and 71 (transitional provision: membership of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland) of the Act on 1 April 2026.

The Bill for the Act received Royal Assent on 29 January 2025. Sections 72, 73 and 74 of the Act were brought into force on 30 January 2025 by section 73(1) of the Act.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 have been brought into force by commencement Regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.S.I. No.*
Sections 1 and 2	1 August 2025	S.S.I. 2025/106
Sections 3, 4 and 5	14 April 2025	S.S.I. 2025/106
Sections 6 and 7	1 August 2025	S.S.I. 2025/106
Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and the schedule	1 August 2025	S.S.I. 2025/106
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Sections 32 and 33	1 October 2025	S.S.I. 2025/106
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Sections 36, 37 and 38	1 October 2025	S.S.I. 2025/106
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