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The Scottish Parliament (Regional Returning Officers) (Revocation) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*17th March 2015*
Coming into force - -	*30th June 2015*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12(6) and 113(4) of the Scotland Act 1998(**a**).

In accordance with section 7 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**b**) he has consulted the Electoral Commission.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Scottish Parliament (Regional Returning Officers) (Revocation) Order 2015 and comes into force on 30th June 2015.

Revocation and saving provision

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Scottish Parliament (Regional Returning Officers) Order 2011(**c**) is revoked.

(2) This Order has no effect for the purposes of any election for which the date of poll is on or before 4th April 2016.

Dover House
London
17th March 2015

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(**a**) 1998 c.46; sections 12 and 113 will be amended by the Scotland Act 2012 (c.11), sections 1 and 3, but these sections are not yet in force.
(**b**) 2000 c.41.
(**c**) S.I. 2011/576.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order revokes the Scottish Parliament (Regional Returning Officers) Order 2011 ("the 2011 Order"). The 2011 Order designates, for the purposes of the Scotland Act 1998, the person who is the regional returning officer for each of the eight Scottish Parliament regions. Regional returning officers perform functions, conferred by or under the 1998 Act, in relation to the election and return of regional members of the Scottish Parliament.

Article 2 provides for the revocation of the 2011 Order not to apply to elections which have a date of poll on or before 4th April 2016 (5th April 2016 being the earliest possible date of the next ordinary general election to the Scottish Parliament after the making of this Order). The designation of regional returning officers for elections with polls before then will continue to be governed by the 2011 Order.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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