STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 331

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Made - - - - 6th March 2018

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2)

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 9B(1A)(**1**) and 53(1)(b)(i) and (3)(**2**) of, and paragraph 5(1B) of Schedule 2(**3**) to, the Representation of the People Act 1983(**4**), makes the following Regulations.

In accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(e) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**5**) the Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission before making these Regulations.

In accordance with section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**6**), a draft of these Regulations has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.

(2) They come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(**1**) Section 9B was inserted by section 10(1) of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22) and sub-section (1A) was substituted by paragraphs 1 and 7(1) and (2) of Schedule 4 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6). "Prescribed" is defined in section 202(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

(**2**) Section 53(1)(b) was substituted by paragraph 13(b) of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2), and section 53(3) was amended by section 24 of, and paragraph 13(b) of Schedule 4 to, the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50).

(**3**) Paragraph 5(1B) of Schedule 2 was inserted by paragraphs 2 and 15(1) and (5) of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

(**4**) 1983 c. 2.

(**5**) 2000 c. 41. There are amendments to section 7 but none is relevant.

(**6**) Section 201(2) was substituted by paragraph 69 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 and amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, section 13(2) of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (c. 13) and article 5(b) of S.I. 1991/1728.