STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 473

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, NORTHERN IRELAND

The Northern Ireland Assembly Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) Order 2016

Made - - - - 22nd March 2016

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29(3)(**1**) and (4C)(**2**) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as applied to Assembly elections by article 3(1) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Order 2001(**3**) makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) Order 2016.

(2) It comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Overall maximum recoverable amount

2. For the purposes of section 29(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as applied to Assembly elections by article 3(1) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001, the amount specified as the overall maximum recoverable amount at—

(a) an uncontested Assembly election in a constituency is £1,750.00; and

(**1**) 1983 c. 2; section 29(3) was substituted by section 1(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1991 (c. 11) and amended by section 18 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6). It was prospectively substituted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41) ("the 2000 Act") and, if the substitution made by the 2000 Act was not in force, paragraph 107 of Part 7 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22), but neither of those substitutions are in force. Section 29(3) was most recently amended by section 18(1) of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6).

(**2**) 1983 c. 2; section 29(4C) was inserted by section 1(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1991 (c. 11) and amended by paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). It was prospectively substituted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41) ("the 2000 Act") and, if the substitution made by the 2000 Act was not in force, paragraph 107 of Part 7 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22), but neither of those substitutions are in force.

(**3**) S.I. 2001/2599, amended by S.I. 2009/256 and S.I. 2015/1939; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant to this Order.

(b) a contested Assembly election in a constituency is the amount specified in respect of that constituency in the table in the Schedule to this Order.

Revocation

3. The Northern Ireland Assembly Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) Order 2011(**4**) is revoked.

Northern Ireland Office
22nd March 2016

Ben Wallace
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

(**4**) S.I. 2011/473.