STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 467

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Made - - - - 2nd March 2015

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Lord President of the Council makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 9D(3) and (4), 10ZC(3), 10ZD(3) and 53(1) and (3) of, and paragraphs 1, 1A, 1B and 3ZA of Schedule 2 to, the Representation of the People Act 1983(**1**) and, having regard to the meaning of "prescribed" in section 202(1), by sections 13A(2), 13AB(2) and 13B(3), (3B) and (3D) of that Act(**2**).

The Lord President of the Council has consulted the Electoral Commission, the Information Commissioner and such other persons as he considered appropriate in accordance with section 53(5) of that Act(**3**) and (in the case of the Electoral Commission) with section 7(1) and (2)(e) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**4**).

In accordance with section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**5**), a draft of these Regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

(**1**) 1983 c.2. Sections 9D, 10ZC and 10ZD were inserted by, respectively, sections 4 and 1 of and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c.6). Section 53(1) and (3) was amended by paragraphs 1 and 13 of Schedule 1, and Schedule 7, to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2) and paragraph 13 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50). Relevant amendments were made to paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the 1983 Act by section 2 of, and paragraphs 1 and 20 of Schedule 4 to, the 2013 Act. Paragraph 1A was inserted by paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 2 to the 2013 Act. Paragraph 1B was inserted by paragraphs 1 and 20 of Schedule 4 to the 2013 Act. Paragraph 3ZA was inserted by section 2 of the 2013 Act. Under article 3 of the Lord President of the Council Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1837) these powers are exercisable concurrently by the Secretary of State and the Lord President of the Council.

(**2**) Sections 13A and 13B were substituted by paragraphs 1 and 6 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000. Section 13A(2) was amended by paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (c.33). Section 13AB was inserted by section 16 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013. Section 13B(3B) and (3D) was inserted by section 11 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). Section 202 has been amended but the amendments are not relevant to this instrument.

(**3**) Section 53(5) was inserted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

(**4**) 2000 c.41. There are amendments to section 7 but none is relevant to this instrument.

(**5**) 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 and article 5(b) of S.I. 1991/1728.