STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 329 (L. 2)

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE
SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Election Judges Rota Rules 2015

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The Civil Procedure Rule Committee, being the authority for the time being having power to make rules of court in relation to the Senior Courts, makes the following Rules in exercise of the power conferred by section 142(1) of the Senior Courts Act 1981(**1**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Election Judges Rota Rules 2015 and come into force on 20th March 2015.

Placing of judges on rota for trial of election petitions

2.—(1) Every year on 1st January, or as soon thereafter as practicable, at least four judges from among the judges of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court who meet the requirements of section 142 of the Senior Courts Act 1981 (referred to in these Rules as "election judges") shall be placed on the rota for the trial of parliamentary election petitions in England and Wales under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**2**).

(2) An election judge—

(a) shall remain on the rota until 31st December of the year in which that judge was placed on the rota, subject to paragraph (4); and

(b) is eligible to be placed on the rota again in the succeeding or any subsequent year (unless that judge otherwise ceases to be eligible for any reason).

(3) The judges to be placed on the rota shall be nominated by the President of the Queen's Bench Division.

(**1**) 1981 c.54. Section 142(1) was amended by the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2), section 206, Schedule 8, paragraph 26.
(**2**) 1983 c.2.