Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Representation of the People (Ballot Paper) Regulations 2013

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Lord President of the Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 19(4) of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983(**1**), makes the following Regulations.

The Lord President has consulted the Electoral Commission as required by section 7(2)(e) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**2**).

In accordance with section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**3**), a draft of this instrument has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Ballot Paper) Regulations 2013 and come into force on the day on which section 14 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013(**4**) comes into force.

(2) In these Regulations "the Appendix" means the Appendix to the parliamentary elections rules in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983.

(**1**) 1983 c.2. Rule 19(4) of Schedule 1 was inserted by the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22), s.30(1) and (2)(b). The power conferred on the Secretary of State by the rule was made exercisable concurrently by the Lord President of the Council and the Secretary of State by the Lord President of the Council Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1837).

(**2**) 2000 c.41.

(**3**) In section 201, subsection (2) was substituted by section 24 of and paragraph 69 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50). Subsection (2) was amended by article 5(b) of the Transfer of Functions (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/1728) and by section 158(1) of and paragraph 6(1) and (7)(b) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

(**4**) 2013 c.6.

Form of ballot paper

2. For the form of front of ballot paper in the Appendix substitute the form of front of ballot paper in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

3. For the form of back of ballot paper in the Appendix substitute the form of back of ballot paper in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

Directions as to printing the ballot paper

4. For the directions as to printing the ballot paper in the Appendix substitute the directions in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Signed by the authority of the Lord President of the Council

Name
Minister for Political and Constitutional Reform
Cabinet Office

Date

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 2 and 3

FORMS

Form of Ballot Paper

Form of front of ballot paper