Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 52ZQ(7) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No.

COUNCIL TAX, ENGLAND

The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Council Tax Increases) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 52ZQ and 113(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992(**1**).

The Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission about these Regulations in accordance with section 52ZQ(6) of that Act.

In accordance with section 52ZQ(7) of that Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Council Tax Increases) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(2) In these Regulations a reference to "the Conduct of Referendums Regulations" is to the Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Council Tax Increases) (England) Regulations 2012(**2**).

Amendments to question to be asked in a referendum

2. For Schedule 1 to the Conduct of Referendums Regulations (question to be asked in a referendum), substitute Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(**1**) 1992 c.14. Section 52ZQ was inserted into the Local Government Finance Act 1992 by Schedule 5 to the Localism Act 2011 (c.20). Section 113(2) was amended by paragraph 52 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2003 (c.26) and section 80 of the Localism Act 2011.

(**2**) S.I. 2012/444

Amendments to form of ballot papers

3. In the Appendix of Forms in Part 8 of Schedule 3 (the Local Government Finance Act Referendums Rules) and Part 8 of Schedule 5 (the Local Government Finance Act Referendums (Combination of Polls) Rules) to the Conduct of Referendums Regulations, for the Form of Ballot Paper substitute the Form of Ballot Paper set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Name
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Communities and Local Government

Date