Draft Order laid before Parliament under paragraph 15 of Schedule 4A to the Representation of the People Act 1983, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. [XXX]

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Representation of the People (Election Expenses Exclusion) Order 2013

Made - - - -	***
Coming into force - -	***

This Order is made by the Lord President of the Council in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 15(1) of Schedule 4A to the Representation of the People Act 1983(**1**).

The Lord President of the Council has consulted the Electoral Commission about this Order in accordance with paragraph 15(3)(b) of Schedule 4A to the Representation of the People Act 1983.

A draft of this instrument has been laid before Parliament in accordance with paragraph 15 of Schedule 4A to the Representation of the People Act 1983, for approval by a resolution of each House of Parliament

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Representation of the People (Election Expenses Exclusion) Order 2013.

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

New general exclusion from the definition of election expenses

2. In Part 2 of Schedule 4A to the Representation of the People Act 1983 (election expenses: general exclusions), after paragraph 7 insert—

> "**7A.**—(1) The provision of property, goods, services or facilities where the expenses are incurred for the purpose of removing, or mitigating the effect of, barriers to seeking elected office associated with the candidate's disability.

(**1**) 1983 c.2. Schedule 4A to the Representation of the People Act 1983 was inserted by section 27(5) of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). The power conferred on the Secretary of State by paragraph 15(1) of Schedule 4A 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).