Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 11(2) of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Electoral Registration (Postponement of 2013 Annual Canvass) Order 2013

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Coming into force in accordance with Article 1

The Lord President of the Council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 11(3), (4) and (5) and 25(1) of, and paragraph 9(1) of Schedule 5 to, the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013(**1**).

In accordance with section 11(2) of that Act a draft of this Order has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Electoral Registration (Postponement of 2013 Annual Canvass) Order 2013 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(2) In this Order—

"the Act" means the Representation of the People Act 1983(**2**);

"the annual canvass for 2013" means the annual canvass which, but for this Order, each registration officer would be required under section 10(2) of the Act to conduct by reference to residence on 15th October 2013; and

"registration officer" has the same meaning as in section 8(1) of the Act.

(3) This Order does not extend to Northern Ireland.

Postponement of 2013 annual canvass

2.—(1) The annual canvass for 2013 to be conducted under section 10(1) of the Act shall be postponed.

(2) A registration officer must not conduct any part of that canvass before 1st October 2013.

(**1**) 2013 c.6; section 25(1) defines "the Minister" as the Lord President of the Council or the Secretary of State.
(**2**) 1983 c.2.

(3) That canvass must be conducted within the period starting on 1st October 2013 and ending on 17th February 2014 in relation to England and on 10th March 2014 in relation to Scotland and Wales.

(4) Section 10A(2A)(**3**) of the Act shall apply to that canvass as if the reference to 15th October were a reference to the date the canvass form was received by the registration officer and the reference in section 4(6) of the Act to section 10A(2)(**4**) shall be treated as a reference to section 10A(2) as subject to the modification in this paragraph.

(5) Section 10A(5)(a)(**5**) of the Act shall apply to that canvass as if the reference to 15th October were omitted.

Publication of revised version of register following postponed 2013 canvass

3.—(1) Each registration officer in England must publish a revised version of their registers by 17th February 2014.

(2) Each registration officer in Scotland and Wales must publish a revised version of their registers by 10th March 2014.

Consequential provisions

4.—(1) In consequence of article 2—

(a) section 10(2) of the Act does not apply in respect of the annual canvass for 2013 in any area in Great Britain;

(b) section 13(1)(**6**)and (1A)(**7**) of the Act does not apply to registration officers in Great Britain for 2013;

(c) any other provision of the Act which refers to a register published under section 13(1)(a) of the Act applies in the same way to a register published in Great Britain under article 3;

(d) section 13BB(**8**) of the Act applies in connection with the annual canvass for 2013 as if, in subsections (1)(b)(ii) and (5)(b)(ii), for "1st July in the year of the canvass and ending with 1st December in that year" there were substituted —

(i) in relation to England, "1st October 2013 and ending with 17th February 2014", and

(ii) in relation to Scotland and Wales, "1st October 2013 and ending with 10th March 2014".

(2) In consequence of article 2, the Schedule to the Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006(**9**) applies to the annual canvass for 2013 as if—

(a) for "living at your address on 15 October [year]" there were substituted "currently living at your address";

(b) for "If you will be 70 or over on 15 October [year]" there were substituted "If you will be 70 or over on 17 February 2014 (England)/10 March 2014 (Wales)";

(c) for "Property empty on 15 October" there were substituted "Property currently empty";

(**3**) 1983 c. 2; section 10A (2A) was inserted by section 39 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 to, the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 c.12

(**4**) Section 10A(2) was amended by section 39 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 and Schedule 7, to the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009.

(**5**) Section 10A(5)(a) was amended by section 33(2) and (5)(f) of the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009, but the amendment is not in force.

(**6**) Section 13(1) was amended by section 8 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Representation of the People Act 2000 c. 2.

(**7**) Section 13(1A) was amended by section 23(2) of the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009.

(**8**) Section 13BB was inserted by section 23(1) of the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009.

(**9**) S.I. 2006/1694.