Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 13(7) of the Government of Wales Act 2006, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Fresh Signatures for Absent Voters) Order 2013

Made - - - - 2013

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(1)

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 13(1) and (4) of the Government of Wales Act 2006(**1**).

The Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission about this Order in accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(f) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**2**).

A draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 13(7) of the Government of Wales Act 2006, and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Fresh Signatures for Absent Voters) Order 2013 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Modification of the requirement to provide fresh signatures at five yearly intervals

2.—(1) In the period beginning on 31st July 2013 and ending on the 31st December 2014, the National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007(**3**) shall have effect with the following modification.

(2) Paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 (requirement to provide fresh signatures at five yearly intervals) shall have effect as if sub-paragraph (1) were replaced with—

> "(1) Every person who remains an absent voter and whose signature held on the personal identifiers record would be more than five years old on 31st January 2014 must be sent a

(**1**) 2006 c.32.
(**2**) 2000 c.41. In section 7, subsection (2)(f) was amended by article 3 of, and Schedule 1 to, S.I. 2007/1388.
(**3**) S.I. 2007/236.