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

2010 No. (S.)

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, SCOTLAND

The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2010

Made - - - - 2010

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(1)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 201(3) of, and rules 55(1)(f) and 57 in Schedule 1 to, the Representation of the People Act 1983(**1**) and by section 15(5) of the Representation of the People Act 1985(**2**).

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

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

Accordingly, the Secretary of State makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement, savings, interpretation and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 and shall come into force two days after the day on which they are made.

(2) These Regulations shall not have effect in relation to any election for which the date of the poll specified in the notice of election issued in relation to that election is before the date on which these Regulations come into force.

(3) These Regulations shall extend to Scotland only.

(**1**) 1983 c. 2; section 201(3) was added by the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2), Schedule 1, paragraphs 1 and 21 and amended by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41), Schedule 21, paragraph 6; rule 55(1)(f) was added by the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22) ("the 2006 Act"), section 45(3)(b); rule 57 was amended by the 2006 Act, sections 31(8), 41(5) and 70(2). "Prescribed" is defined in section 202(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

(**2**) 1985 c.50.

(**3**) Section 201(2) was substituted by the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), Schedule 4, paragraph 69 and amended by S.I. 2001/222, article 5(b) and the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, Schedule 21, paragraph 6.