Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 156(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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The National Assembly for Wales Referendum (Assembly Act Provisions) (Limit on Referendum Expenses Etc.) Order 2010

Made - - - - *****

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 109(6) and 156(5), paragraph 4(1) of Part 2 of Schedule 13 and paragraph 2(2) and (3) of Schedule 14 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**1**).

In accordance with paragraph 4(2)(b) of Schedule 13 to that Act, the Secretary of State for Wales has consulted the Electoral Commission in relation to the amendment of Part 1 of Schedule 13 to that Act.

In accordance with paragraph 2(4) of Schedule 14 to that Act, the Secretary of State for Wales has sought and had regard to the views of the Electoral Commission in relation to the limit on referendum expenses provided for in this Order.

In accordance with section 156(4) of that Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before, and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly the Secretary of State for Wales makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the National Assembly for Wales Referendum (Assembly Act Provisions)(Limit on Referendum Expenses Etc.) Order 2010.

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

(**1**) 2000 c. 41.

(3) This Order applies in relation to the Welsh referendum.

Interpretation

2. In this Order —

"the 2000 Act" means the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000;

"the Assembly" means the National Assembly for Wales as constituted by section 1 of the Government of Wales Act 2006;

"constituency vote" and "electoral region vote" have the same meaning as section 6 of the Government of Wales Act 2006;

"a designated organisation" is a permitted participant(**2**) designated in accordance with section 108(1) of the 2000 Act;

"the Welsh referendum" means the referendum held under section 103 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 in accordance with the National Assembly for Wales Referendum (Assembly Act Provisions) (Referendum Question, Date of Referendum Etc.) Order 2010(**3**).

Variation of registration periods for permitted participants

3. Section 109(2)(b) and (3) of the 2000 Act has effect in relation to the Welsh referendum as if for the period of "28 days" there were substituted in each place "35 days".

Limit on referendum expenses by permitted participants

4.—(1) The limit on referendum expenses incurred during the referendum period by or on behalf of a permitted participant described in column 1 of the Table below is the amount specified in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that Table.

(1) *Permitted participant*	*(2)* *Limit (£)*
A designated organisation	600,000
A registered political party, not being a designated organisation, whose relevant percentage exceeds 30%	600,000
A registered political party, not being a designated organisation, whose relevant percentage is more than 20% but not more than 30%	480,000
A registered political party, not being a designated organisation, whose relevant percentage is more than 10% but not more than 20%	360,000
A registered political party, not being a designated organisation, whose relevant percentage is more than 5% but not more than 10%	240,000

(**2**) The meaning of permitted participant is set out in section 105 of the 2000 Act.
(**3**) S.I. 2010/XXX.