Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 15(11)(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(c.2), for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Service Voters' Registration Period (Northern Ireland) Order 2008

Made - - - -	*2008*
Coming into force - -	*1st July 2008*

In accordance with section 15(11)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 ("the 1983 Act")(**1**), the Electoral Commission has been consulted prior to making this order.

A draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament under section 15(11)(b) and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 15(9) of the 1983 Act makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Service Voters' Registration Period (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and shall come into force on 1st July 2008.

(2) This Order extends to Northern Ireland only.

Persons registered in a register of electors pursuant to a service declaration

2. Section 15(2)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 shall have effect in relation to the persons mentioned in section 14(1)(a) and (d) of that Act (members of the forces and their spouses or civil partners who have made a service declaration and are registered or entitled to be registered as electors in pursuance of it)(**2**), as if for "the period of 12 months" there were substituted "the period of 3 years".

(**1**) 1983 c.2. Section 15 was amended by paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2) and by paragraph 4(b) of Schedule 2 to S.I.1995/1948. Subsections (9) to (12) of section 15 were inserted by section 13(1) of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22).

(**2**) Section 14 was amended by paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2) and paragraph 80 of Schedule 27 to the Civil Partnerships Act 2004 (c.33).