Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 115 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2007

Made - - - - 2007

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12(1)(a) of the Scotland Act 1998(**1**).

The Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission as required by section 7 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**2**).

A draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 115 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998 and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2007 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Amendment of the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007

2. In rule 70 of Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007(**3**) (orders for production of documents and records) after paragraph (7) insert–

> "(7A) The Electoral Commission may require the production and opening of any sealed packet of ballot papers and of any sealed packet containing an electronic copy of information made pursuant to rule 68(1)(a), but only–

(**1**) 1998 c. 46. Section 12 was amended by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41) ("the 2000 Political Parties Act"), Schedule 21, paragraph 13 and by the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (c. 24), Schedule 3, paragraph 7.
(**2**) 2000 c. 41.
(**3**) S.I.2007/937.