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.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No.

POLITICAL PARTIES

The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Disapplication of Part IV for Northern Ireland Parties, etc.) Order 2005

Made - - - -

Coming into force - - 16th February 2005

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 70(1)(b) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**1**) hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Disapplication of Part IV for Northern Ireland Parties, etc.) Order 2005.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 16th February 2005 and (without prejudice to any power to revoke it) shall remain in force for the period of two years beginning with that date.

(3) In this Order—

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

"Northern Ireland party" has the same meaning as in section 70(6) of the 2000 Act.

Disapplication of Part IV of the 2000 Act in relation to Northern Ireland parties

2. Chapters I to III of Part IV (control of donations to registered parties) of the 2000 Act (sections 50 to 69, together with Schedule 6) are hereby disapplied for the period of two years beginning with the date on which this Order comes into force in relation to every Northern Ireland party.

(**1**) 2000 c. 41; the powers in section 70(1) are extended by paragraph 16 of Schedule 7 and are referred to in section 70(5) and paragraph 1(10) of Schedule 7.