Draft Order laid before Parliament in accordance with section 96(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998(c. 47), for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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2003 No.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2003

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Whereas the Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(h) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**1**) about this Order;

And 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 34(4) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998(**2**), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2003 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

2.—(1) Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001(**3**) (application with modifications of statutory provisions relating to elections) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In relation to the entry in the left-hand column in respect of rule 32 (admission to polling station) of Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) to the Representation of the People Act 1983(**4**), there shall be inserted in the right-hand column "In paragraph (1) after sub-paragraph (c) insert "(ca) Electoral Commissioners, members of staff of the Electoral Commission and persons appointed by the Electoral Commission for the purpose of attending at polling stations on behalf of the Commission;"".

(**1**) 2000 c. 41.
(**2**) 1998 c. 47.
(**3**) S.I.2001/2599.
(**4**) 1983 c. 2.