*Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.This Statutory Instrument has been made in consequence of defects in S.I.2001/400 and is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Statutory Instrument.*

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# 2001 No.

# REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

## Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001

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Whereas a draft of these Regulations has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament;

And whereas the Secretary of State has, in accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(e) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**1**), consulted the Electoral Commission about these Regulations;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 53(**2**), 201(1) and (3)(**3**) of, and paragraph 10B(1)(a) of Schedule 2 to, the Representation of the People Act 1983(**4**), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(2) These Regulations extend to Northern Ireland only.

**2.** The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001(**5**) shall be amended as follows.

**3.** In regulation 3(1) (interpretation), for the definition of "data" substitute—

> ""data" means information which is recorded with the intention that it should be processed by means of equipment operating automatically in response to instructions given for that purpose;".

(**1**) 2000 c. 41.
(**2**) Section 53 was amended by Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2) "the 2000 Act".
(**3**) Section 201(1) was amended by S.I. 1991/1728 and section 201(3) was inserted by Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act.
(**4**) 1983 c. 2; paragraph 10B was inserted by section 9 of the 2000 Act.
(**5**) S.I. 2001/400.