1986 No. 194

ELECTORAL LAW

Electoral Law (Registration Rules) (Variation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1986

Made	*26th June 1986*
Coming into operation . . .	*11th July 1986*
To be laid before Parliament	

The Secretary of State in pursuance of section 28(5) of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(**a**) hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Electoral Law (Registration Rules) (Variation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1986.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 11th July 1986.

2. The Registration Rules in Schedule 3 to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in the Schedule to this Order.

3. The Electoral Law (Registration Rules) (Variation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980(**b**) and the Electoral Law (Registration Rules) (Variation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983(**c**) are hereby revoked.

Tom King
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office.
26th June 1986.

(a) 1962 c. 14 (N.I.), as modified by paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36) and S.I. 1973/2163, Article 8
(b) S.R. 1980 No. 16
(c) S.R. 1983 No. 319

SCHEDULE

Amendments to Schedule 3 to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962

1. For the words "electoral officer" wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words "Chief Electoral Officer".

2.—(1) In Rule 1 (timetable)(**a**), in paragraph (1) proceedings 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 shall be omitted.

(2) Paragraph (2) of that Rule shall be omitted.

3. For Rule 2 (postponement of publication of register in certain circumstances) there shall be substituted the following:—

"*Late publication of register*

2. If any part of the register (being a part relating to one or more than one polling district) is not published within the time required by Rule 1, the publication of that part of the register is postponed.".

4. In Rule 3 (public notice of impending preparation of register)(**b**), paragraphs (1) and (3) shall be omitted.

5. After Rule 3, the following Rule shall be inserted:—

"*Combination of register and electors lists*

3A.—(1) The register of local electors and electors lists for that register shall, so far as practicable, be combined with the register of electors to the Parliament of the United Kingdom prepared under the Representation of the People Act 1983(**c**) ("the Act of 1983") and the electors lists for that register.

(2) Subject to the provisions of these Rules, the register of local electors and the electors lists for that register shall be prepared and published at the same time and in the same place and manner as the register and electors lists referred to in paragraph (1) and in accordance with regulations made under the Act of 1983.

(3) To indicate that a person is registered only as—

(*a*) a local elector, the letter "N" shall be placed against his name in the electors lists and the register; or

(*b*) an elector at elections to the Parliament of the United Kingdom, the letter "I" shall be placed against his name in the electors lists and the register.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5) and Rule 17, all claims for registration as a local elector, including claims to which Rule 24A(2)(**d**) applies, and all objections to any person's registration shall be made within the time and in the manner prescribed by regulations made under the Act of 1983 and shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of those regulations and, in the case of a claim to which Rule 24A(2) applies, as if it was a claim to which section 11(2) of the Act of 1983(**e**) applies.

The reference in section 32(4) to Rules 13 to 18 shall be construed accordingly.

(5) A claim to be registered as a local elector, including a claim to which Rule 24A(2) applies, shall, in addition to the particulars required by regulations made under the Act of 1983, set out such particulars as may be necessary to establish such a claim having regard to the provisions of Part I of this Act, the First Schedule and section 121.".

6. In Rule 8 (compilation of electors lists by electoral officer) paragraph (1) and in paragraph (2)(**f**) the words "For the purposes of this Rule" and "named in a list" shall be omitted.

(**a**) Proceeding 2 in Rule 1 was repealed by Part VII of the Schedule to the Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland) Act 1980 c. 59 and proceeding 4 was repealed by Schedule 3 to S.I. 1972/1264 (N.I. 13)
(**b**) Rule 3(2) was repealed in part by Schedule 3 to S.I. 1972/1264 (N.I. 13)
(**c**) 1983 c. 2
(**d**) Rule 24A was inserted by S.R. 1980 No. 354, Article 3(2)
(**e**) Section 11(2) was substituted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50)
(**f**) Paragraph (2) of Rule 8 was repealed in part by S.I. 1972/1264 (N.I. 13), Schedule 3