STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1264 (N.I. 13)

Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972

- - - - - - [14th August 1972]

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 … *Commencement …*

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(2) In this Order "the principal Act" means the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 and this Order shall be construed as one with that Act.

Para. (3) rep. by SLR 1976

Art. 3(1) substitutes ss. 11, 12 of 1962 c. 14 (NI); Para (2) rep. by SI 1985/454

Special provisions as to the local general elections to be held in 1973

Paras. (1)#(7) rep. by SLR 1980

Para. (8) rep. in pt. by SLR 1980, residue spent

Paras. (9)#(12) rep. by SLR 1980

(13) The Ministry[F1] may whether by notices in newspapers and periodicals or otherwise give information and guidance regarding elections conducted according to the principle of proportional representation.

F1 SI 1973/2163

Art. 5 rep. by SLR 1976

Art. 6(1) substitutes ss. 14, 14A, 14B in 1962 c. 14 (NI); Para.(2) spent

Registration of electors

Paras. (1)#(6) rep. by 1989 c.3

(7) [F2]. . . there shall be paid into the [[F3] Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom] by each district council such proportion (if any) of**[**[F2] all expenses properly incurred in connection with the registration of local electors**]** as the Ministry[F4] with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance[F5] may, by regulations subject to affirmative resolution, prescribe.

F2 1989 c.3
F3 SI 1973/2163
F4 SI 1973/2163
F5 SI 1973/2163

Art. 8 amends schs. 4, 5, 10 of 1962 c. 14 (NI)

Conduct of elections

9.—(1) The Chief Electoral Officer shall be the returning officer for all elections to district councils and for all elections held on or after 1st April 1973 to the [F6 Assembly].

(2) The clerk of a district council shall be the deputy returning officer for elections to that council held on or after [F7 1st October 1973] and shall perform, on behalf of the Chief Electoral Officer, such functions in relation to those elections as shall be delegated to him by the Chief Electoral Officer.
Para. (3) spent

F6 SI 1973/2163
F7 1972 NI 21

Modifications etc. (not altering text)
C1 Art. 9 applied (with modifications) (12.12.2013) by The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/3156), arts. 1(1), **5(3)**

Art. 10 rep. by SI 1985/454

Period for delivery of nomination papers

11. The period during which nomination papers for candidates at parliamentary[F8]. . . elections may be delivered to the returning officer shall be between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and accordingly … *residue amends sch.4 to 1962 c.14 (NI)*

F8 SI 1985/454

Art. 12 spent

Limitation of election expenses of candidates at local elections

13.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), sections 39 to 52 of the principal Act (which relate to the expenses of a candidate at a parliamentary election and to the limitation of those expenses) shall apply in relation to an election to a district council in like manner as they apply in relation to a parliamentary election and accordingly … *residue amends ss.39#52 of 1962 c.14 (NI)*
Para. (2) amends ss. 40, 42, 48 and repeals s. 41(4) of 1962 c. 14 (NI)

Hours of polling

14. [F9]The hours of polling at a parliamentary[F10]. . . election shall be between 7 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock in the evening and accordingly … *residue amends schs.4, 5 to 1962 c.14 (NI)*

F9 SI 1977/428
F10 SI 1985/454

Art. 15 rep. by SLR 1976