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[NC]

ELECTORAL LAW**Casual Vacancies in District Councils (Amendment)**

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH AUGUST 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE ELECTORAL LAW (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 4(12) of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of every other power thereunto enabling me I hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Electoral Law (Casual Vacancies in District Councils) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

District council bye-elections

2.—(1) In regulation 4(2) of the Electoral Law (Casual Vacancies in District Councils) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(b) (in these regulations referred to as “the principal regulations”) after the words “Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972” there shall be inserted the words “the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1973”(c).

(2) An elector or proxy for an elector who wishes to vote by post at a bye-election to a district council to which the principal regulations apply shall—

- (a) if he was granted a postal vote in the border poll held under the Northern Ireland (Border Poll) Act 1972(d) or in the local general election held on 30th May 1973 sign his polling information card in the appropriate space and return it to the deputy returning officer to reach him not later than the twelfth day before the day of the poll; or
- (b) if he was not so granted a postal vote, obtain from the deputy returning officer and complete and have duly certified and returned to the deputy returning officer to reach him not later than the twelfth day before the day of the poll an application in the form set out in Schedule 1.

(3) The poll at a bye-election to which the principal regulations apply shall be held on the twentieth day after nomination day and accordingly in the Schedule to those regulations, in the entry in the second column opposite proceeding 8 for the word “fourteenth” there shall be substituted the word “twentieth”.

(4) Rules 22 to 27 of the Parliamentary Election Rules contained in Schedule 4 and Form 10 contained in Schedule 10 to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(e) shall apply to the issue and return of postal ballot papers at a bye-election to a district council to which the principal regulations apply with the modifications set out in Schedule 2.

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1264 (N.I. 13).
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 235.
(c) S.I. 1973, No. 740 (N.I. 11).

(d) 1972. c. 77.
(e) 1962. c. 14.

(5) In the computation of any period of time for the purposes of the principal regulations or these regulations a Sunday or a public holiday shall be disregarded and not treated as a day.

Dated this 27th day of August 1973.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Form PVL 1

DISTRICT COUNCIL BYE-ELECTION

This Form, completed and certified, must be posted to reach the appropriate Deputy Returning Officer not later than

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY POST

I,
Surname (Block letters)

.....
Other Names (Block letters)

am registered as an elector at the following address:

.....
(Block letters in full)

Where the address is in a rural area state the townland.....

Please state Ward and number on register (if known)

*I apply to vote by post at the Election to be held on

(If an applicant has moved from his address as stated above he must indicate below his full postal address in the United Kingdom to which the Ballot Paper is to be sent.)

Address
(Block letters)

*I apply to vote by post as proxy for the elector named overleaf.

.....
(Block letters)

Signature (or mark)..... Date.....

*Delete whichever is inapplicable.

CERTIFICATION I certify that the above applicant, who has satisfied me as to his identity, has signed (or marked) the application in my presence.

Signature