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**ELECTORAL LAW****Casual Vacancies in District Councils**

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH JULY 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 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) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

*Interpretation*

2. In these Regulations—

“casual vacancy” has the meaning assigned to it by section 11(4) of the principal Act as substituted by Article 3(1) of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

“district electoral area” means an area prescribed under Article 4(6) of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

“the principal Act” means the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(b);

“the 1973 Regulations” means the Electoral Law (Local General Election 1973) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c).

*Filling of casual vacancy by council*

3.—(1) Where a casual vacancy occurs in a district council after the day of election in the year 1973 and before the 31st March 1974, a meeting of the council to choose a person to fill the vacancy shall be held not less than fourteen days nor more than 42 days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

(2) The clerk to the council shall give every member of the council not less than seven days written notice of the meeting which notice shall state as the first business of the meeting the choice of a person to fill the vacancy.

(3) Where a person chosen by the council is qualified to be a member of the council and is not objected to by any member of the council present at the meeting, that person shall be deemed for all purposes to have been duly elected a member of the council but otherwise the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Regulation 4.

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1264 (N.I. 13).  
(b) 1962, c. 14.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 122.