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ELECTORAL LAW

Electoral Law (Local General Election 1973 Postal Voting) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH APRIL 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE ELECTORAL LAW (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1973.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 3 of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1973(a) and all other powers thereunto enabling me I hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral Law (Local General Election 1973 Postal Voting) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

Interpretation

2. "the 1973 election" means the local general election to be held in the year 1973 to the district councils;

"the principal Act" means the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(b).

Applications for postal votes

3.—(1) To apply for a postal vote in the 1973 election an elector shall—

(*a*) indicate his wish to vote by post by signing his polling information card in the space provided therefor and sending it to the appropriate Deputy Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 10th May 1973, and

(*b*) complete and cause to be duly certified, and send to the appropriate Deputy Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 17th May 1973 an application on the form set out in Schedule 1, which form shall be sent to him by the Deputy Returning Officer on receipt of the elector's signed polling information card.

(2) Paragraph 1(*a*) shall not apply to an elector otherwise qualified to vote by post if not later than 12th May 1973 he satisfies the Deputy Returning Officer that he did not receive his polling information card in time for him to comply with that requirement, and indicates in writing his wish to vote by post.

(3) Paragraph 1(*b*) shall not apply to an elector who was granted a postal vote in the Border Poll held under the Northern Ireland Border Poll Act 1972.

(4) The preceding paragraphs shall apply to persons appointed to cast a proxy vote for a registered elector, the form in Schedule 1 being amended as appropriate.

Form

4. The form set out in Schedule 1 may be used with such variations as the circumstances may require.

(a) S.I. 1973, No. 740 (N.I. 11). (b) 1962. c. 14.

Adaptation of Parliamentary Election Rules

5. Rules 22 to 27 of the Parliamentary Election Rules contained in Schedule 4 and Form 10 contained in Schedule 10 to the principal Act shall apply to the issue and return of postal ballot papers in the 1973 election, with the modifications set out in Schedule 2.

Dated this 18th day of April 1973.

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

SCHEDULE 1

NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTIONS Form PVL 1

This Form, completed and certified, must be posted to reach the appropriate Deputy Returning Officer not later than 17th May 1973

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 30th May 1973.

(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)

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*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 .....