**1972. No. 206** **[C]**

# ELECTIONS

## Polling Station Schemes Regulations

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH AUGUST 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 65 AND SECTION 127 OF THE ELECTORAL LAW ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1962.

The Ministry of Home Affairs on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (4) of section 65 and section 127 of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(a), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral Law (Polling Station Schemes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972.

*Preparation of polling station schemes*

**2.**—(1) In the preparation of polling station schemes under sections fifteen and sixty-five to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962, the Chief Electoral Officer shall conform to the requirements of this Regulation.

(2) No premises licensed or registered for the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be selected for use as a polling station.

(3) The polling station or stations for any polling district shall, so far as practicable, be situated within the polling district, but the Chief Electoral Officer may designate for any polling district one or more than one polling station situated in an adjoining polling district (whether or not any such station is also designated as a polling station for the polling district in which it is situate) if he is satisfied that by such designation better facilities for voting by the electors in the first-mentioned polling district will thereby be provided.

(4) Where more than one polling station is designated in any polling district the scheme shall indicate what portion of the polling district each station is intended to serve.

(5) The scheme shall indicate the approximate number of electors for whom each station is provided and where the same polling station is to be used by electors from more than one polling district the approximate number of electors from each district shall be shown.

(6) As soon as practicable after the publication of the rearranged local government register in the year 1972, the Chief Electoral Officer shall give public notice, in Form P1 in the First Schedule, that the draft scheme will be open for inspection at his office and at the office of the county or county borough council during ordinary office hours during the seven days succeeding the date of the public notice and, in the case of a county, that the relevant sections thereof will be open for inspection during the like hours and days at the offices of the councils of the boroughs, urban and rural districts contained within the county, and that objections or proposals may be lodged with him in writing in respect of any part of the scheme by any local government elector, or by any group of such electors, during a period of fourteen days from the date of the notice.

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(a) 1962. c. 14.

(7) Not later than ten days after the publication of the Register in the year 1976 and every fourth year thereafter the Chief Electoral Officer shall give notice in Form P1 in the First Schedule that the draft scheme will be available for inspection at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer during ordinary office hours during the seven days succeeding the date of the public notice and that the relevant sections thereof will be available for inspection during the like hours and days at the offices of the district councils and that objections or proposals may be lodged with him in writing in respect of any part of the scheme by any elector or any group of electors during a period of fourteen days from the date of the notice.

(8) The Chief Electoral Officer shall consider any objections or proposals made to him in relation to the draft schemes and may, at his discretion, amend the draft schemes accordingly.

(9) When a polling station scheme has been finally confirmed by the Chief Electoral Officer he shall give public notice thereof in Form P3 in the First Schedule. He shall at all times keep a copy of the approved scheme available for inspection at his office and shall permit any interested party to examine it and to copy extracts from it at any time during ordinary office hours and shall also cause a copy of the relevant sections thereof to be kept similarly available for inspection at the offices of each local authority.

*Forms*

**3.** The forms contained in the First Schedule shall be used for the purposes for which they are expressed to be applicable.

*Revocations*

**4.** The Regulations set out in the Second Schedule are hereby revoked to the extent specified in the second column of that Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 29th day of August 1972.

(L.S.)

*W. A. Willis,*
Assistant Secretary.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

*Note—The forms contained in this Schedule may be adapted so far as circumstances require.*

### FORM P1

ELECTORAL LAW ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1962, SECTIONS 15 AND 65

**Notice of Publication of Draft Polling Station Scheme**

NORTHERN IRELAND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL ELECTIONS

Notice is hereby given that a draft polling station scheme setting out the polling stations proposed to be used at all parliamentary/local elections initiated within each parliamentary constituency or local government area has been prepared by me and may be inspected at my office during office hours from ..... to ..... both days inclusive, and so much of the scheme as relates to any polling district in a local government area may be inspected during the like hours and period at the office of the clerk to the district council/local authority.

Any parliamentary or local elector or any group of such electors desiring to make objections or proposals in relation to the draft scheme should furnish such objections or proposals in writing to me at my office not later than ....., 19.....

Address .....

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Chief Electoral Officer

Dated this day of 19 .