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LOCAL ELECTIONS—CASUAL VACANCIES

ORDER IN COUNCIL, DATED 2ND OCTOBER 1969, MADE UNDER THE ELECTORAL LAW ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1962.

BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND,

GREY OF NAUNTON

Whereas by Section 13(5)(*a*) of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Act 1962(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1962") it is provided that a casual vacancy occurring in a Local Authority at any time after the election day in any local election year and before the first day of January in the next succeeding election year shall, if a vacancy for any member other than an alderman, be filled in accordance with the Local Elections Rules contained in Schedule 5 to the Act of 1962.

And whereas Rule 50 of the said Local Elections Rules provides in effect that where a casual vacancy exists among the councillors of a county borough or borough a bye-election shall be held if more than one candidate stands validly nominated.

And whereas under Section 57(3) of the Act of 1962 the provisions of the Local Elections Rules may be varied by an Order in Council.*

And whereas the Minister of Home Affairs, by reason of the unrest and tension at present existing among certain sections of the community, made an Order dated 25th September 1969, prohibiting the holding of all public processions and outdoor meetings (other than a procession or meeting held by the Salvation Army) in any public place in Northern Ireland for the period from 1st October 1969, to 31st December 1969.

And whereas by reason of the aforesaid Order it is expedient to postpone the holding of bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in any Local Authority, being a county borough during the aforesaid period.

(a) 1962, c. 14.

*Approved by the House of Commons and by the Senate on 2nd October 1969.