Postponement of Publication of Register

ORDER, DATED 14TH FEBRUARY, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION FOURTEEN OF THE ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946 (REPRINT TO 1948).

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WHEREAS it is provided by section thirteen of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (Reprint to 1948), (hereinafter referred to as " the Act "), that the register of electors in respect of each administrative county and of the county borough of Belfast shall be published and come into force on the first day of April in any publication year :

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Ministry of Home Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the " Ministry ") that by reason of the number of claims and objections in respect of the Electors' Lists published on the 25th day of January, 1949, the time allowed for the publication of the register of electors in the year 1949 is insufficient :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section fourteen of the Act, hereby makes the following Order :—

1. In the year 1949, section thirteen of the Act (which provides for the publication of the register of electors on the first day of April in a publication year) shall have effect as if for the reference therein to the first day of April there were substituted a reference to the fourteenth day of April.

2. In the year 1949, paragraph (7) of regulation nineteen of the Electoral (Local Government Elections) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949, (which provides for the determination of the number and situation of polling stations) shall have effect as if—

(i) in sub-paragraph (*a*) the words " 7 days after " were omitted,

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for the reference therein to the eighth day of April, there were substituted a reference to the fourteenth day of April, and

(iii) in sub-paragraph (*e*) for the reference therein to the 22nd April, there were substituted a reference to the 28th April.

3. In the year 1949, Part I of the First Schedule to the Electoral (Register of Electors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946, as amended by the Electoral (Register of Electors) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, shall have effect as if for the references in the second column therein to the 18th February, 24th