(*c*) That a person registered as possessing qualifications in two or more Rural Districts within the same County may vote at the election of Councillors for each such Rural District.

(*d*) That a person registered as the nominee of one or more Limited Companies possessing Company qualifications may vote on behalf of any or all of such Companies in any local government electoral area in addition to voting on his own behalf once in each area in which he is registered by virtue of a qualification possessed by himself."

PART III — ADAPTATION OF BALLOT ACT, 1872 (THIRD SCHEDULE TO ORIGINAL ORDER).

The Third Schedule to the original Order (which adapts and alters the provisions of the Ballot Act, 1872, in their application to the election of County and Rural District Councillors) shall have effect as if in the Form of Directions for the Guidance of the Voter in Voting prescribed by the Second Schedule to the Ballot Act, 1872, the following additional direction were included therein :—

" The voter, at the time of applying for a ballot paper, must produce for the inspection of the Presiding Officer a document of identity which may be any one of the following :—

(*a*) a National Registration Identity Card ; or

(*b*) a valid British Passport ; or

(*c*) a Travel Permit Card ; or

(*d*) a Document of Identity issued by the Head or other Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in charge of a Station,

which bears the same name and address as are shown on the entry in the Register in respect of which the person is applying to vote.

Unless such a document of identity is produced a ballot paper will not be issued."

Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH AUGUST, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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WHEREAS the Ministry of Home Affairs (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1922, made an Order entitled the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1922, applying the provisions of the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Ireland) Election Order, 1898 (hereinafter referred to as " the original Order ") as subsequently amended for the purpose of the election of Urban District Councillors and of Town Commissioners in towns not being Urban Districts in Northern Ireland, subject to the additions and amendments therein contained ;

AND WHEREAS the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1922, has been amended

from time to time by the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Election Orders of 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1936;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by Sub-Section (2) of Section Fifty-one of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1946") that any rules relating to the conduct of such elections in force at the passing of the Act of 1946 in so far as they are not repugnant to the provisions of the Act of 1946 shall continue in force until amended or revoked by regulations made under the Act of 1946;

AND WHEREAS certain of the provisions of the original Order as amended and applied are repugnant to the provisions of the Act of 1946;

AND WHEREAS for the purposes of the election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners in the year 1946 it is expedient that the original Order as amended and applied should be further amended in the manner hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section Fifty-one of the Act of 1946 and of all other powers in that behalf thereunto enabling the Ministry, hereby makes the following regulations amending the original Order as amended and applied, that is to say :—

1. All references to Aldermen and to Boroughs in the original Order (as amended and applied) shall be omitted.

2. Paragraph (3) of Article 1 of the original Order shall cease to have effect.

3. The following shall be substituted for Article 2 of the original Order :—

"2. The day of election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners in the year 1946 shall be that prescribed in paragraph (*b*) of Sub-Section (2) of Section Forty-five of the Act of 1946 and mentioned in Table (*a*) of the Schedule to this Order."

4.—(1) Paragraph (2) of Article 4 of the original Order as amended by the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1922, shall be read and have effect as if for the last sentence thereof there were substituted the following words "It shall be in the Form No.1A in the Second Schedule to this Order, or in a form to the like effect."

(2) Paragraph (6) of Article 4 of the original Order as amended by the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1922, shall be read and have effect as if the words "and his intention to take his seat if elected" were added at the end of the first sentence thereof and as if after the word "consent" on its second occurrence there were added the words "and declaration of intention", and as if a reference to Form No. 1B were substituted for

the reference to Form No. 1A. The following proviso shall be substituted for the proviso to the said paragraph :—

"Provided that where a candidate is prevented by reason of illness or other sufficient cause from signifying his consent to nomination and his intention to take his seat if elected in writing, such consent and intention may be signified on his behalf in the Form No. 1 (C) as set out in the Second Schedule to this Order or in a form to the like effect by a Local Government elector of the Urban District duly authorised to signify such consent and intention."

5. Article 8 of the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1922, shall cease to have effect and the conditions affecting Deposits shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections Thirty and Thirty-one of the Act of 1946.

6. Paragraphs (4), (6) and (7) of Article 10 of the original Order shall cease to have effect.

7. The following shall be substituted for Article 11 of the original Order :—

"11. (1) At the election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners in the year 1946 the poll, if any, shall, in accordance wth the provisions of the Act of 1946, be held on the 18th day of September, 1946.

(2) The hours during which the poll shall be open shall be from 8.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m."

8. The following shall be substituted for Article 13 of the original Order :—

"13. (1) The number and situation of the polling stations shall be such as may be determined by the returning officer with the approval of the Ministry.

(2) No premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be used for a polling station.

(3) The number of polling stations to be provided shall be such as to ensure that the number of electors entitled to vote at any station shall, unless in such exceptional cases as the returning officer with the special sanction of the Ministry may determine, be not less than 300 nor more than 500."

9. The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (1) of Article 18 of the original Order :—

"(1) A person shall not vote in an Urban District by virtue of more than one qualification ; provided that this shall not prevent a person registered as a Local Government elector in respect of several Company qualifications possessed by different Companies from voting in the Urban District by

virtue of each Company qualification in respect of which he is registered or from voting by virtue of one qualification other than a Company qualification in respect of which he is registered."

10. In the proviso to paragraph (1) of Article 19 of the original Order the word " may " shall be substituted for the word " shall " and the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (3) of the said Article :—

" (3) The votes shall be counted at some place in the district as soon as practicable after the close of the poll."

11. The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (6) of Article 25 of the original Order :—

" (6) In Section 34 of the Act " Burgess Roll " shall mean the Register of Electors published in the year 1946 pursuant to the Act of 1946."

12. Articles 27 ,28 and 29 of the original Order shall cease to have effect.

13. The following shall be substituted for Article 30 of the original Order :—

" 30. Casual vacancies in the office of Councillor of an Urban District and in that of Commissioner in a town not being an Urban District shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Section (4) of Section Fifty of the Act of 1946."

14. The following shall be substituted for Article 33 of the original Order :—

" 33. Subject to any specific provision to the contrary contained in these Rules any public notice required by this Order shall be given either by advertisement in one or more newspapers circulating in the area to which the notice relates or by the exhibition of posters in suitable positions throughout the area ;

Provided that the Returning Officer may, if he thinks fit, give any public notice as aforesaid by both such methods and may also publish any notice in any other manner which is in his opinion desirable for the purpose of bringing the contents of the document to the notice of the persons interested."

15. The First, Second and Third Schedules to the original Order as amended by the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1922, and by the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1936, shall have effect subject to the amendments set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

16. These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral (Election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946, and shall be construed as one with the original Order as amended and applied.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs this 6th day of August, 1946, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

PART I — TIME TABLE (FIRST SCHEDULE TO ORIGINAL ORDER)

The following shall be substituted for the First Schedule to the original Order :—

a. Times for the proceedings at the election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners not being Urban Districts in the year 1946.

Proceeding	Time
1. Notice of Election	Not later than 29th August, 1946.
2. Receipt of Nomination Papers	Not later than 1 o'clock p.m. on 4th September, 1946.
3. Withdrawal of Candidates	Not later than 1 o'clock p.m. on 5th September, 1946.
4. Sending Notice of decision as to validity of Nomination Papers	Not later than 5th September, 1946.
5. Making out Statement as to persons validly nominated	
6. Notice of Poll	Not later than 9th September, 1946.
7. Day of Election	18th September, 1946.

PART II — FORMS (SECOND SCHEDULE TO ORIGINAL ORDER)

The following amendments shall be made in the Second Schedule to the original Order as amended and applied.

1. The following form shall be substituted for Form No. 1 :—

Form No. 1.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Urban District of

Election of Urban District Councillors.
* (for the several wards in the above-named district)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT :—

1. The day of election of Urban District Councillors for the said District (or wards, as the case may be) will be the day of

* If the urban district is not divided into wards, omit these words.