University Register and Elections

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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and every other power it thereunto enabling, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland hereby makes the following Regulations :—

PART I

Register of Electors

Form of Register and order of names therein.

1.—(1) The Register shall be prepared to show the surname and other names or initials, the last known address, and the nature and date of the qualifying degree, of each person qualified under the provisions of Section 6 of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, (hereinafter called " The Act of 1946 ") to be a parliamentary elector in the University constituency.

(2) The names shall be entered in alphabetical order and shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with the number " 1 ".

(3) If no information is in the possession of the Registration Officer of an elector's postal address, the name and particulars of the qualification of that elector shall nevertheless be entered in the Register, and the omission of the address shall not invalidate the right of the elector to vote at any election for which the Register is in force if, not later than the day before the day fixed for nominations at such election, particulars of an address to which a voting paper can be sent are furnished to, or are secured by, the Registration Officer.

Date of publication of Register.

2.—(1) The Register shall, in each year, be published in the first place on the first day of October and shall contain the names of all persons qualified to be electors, up to and including the thirty-first day of July in that year.

(2) On each first day of February there shall be published a supplementary list containing the names of those persons who have

become qualified to be electors since the thirty-first day of July in the preceding year.

(3) The Register published on the first day of October in any year shall be the Register to be in force for any election initiated before the publication of the supplementary list, but, on the publication of the supplementary list, that list and the Register published on the first day of October shall together constitute the Register to be in force for any election initiated thereafter and until the publication of the next Register as provided in the first paragraph of this Regulation.

(4) The supplementary list shall be prepared in the same form and contain the same particulars as the Register, and the names therein shall be entered in alphabetical order and be numbered consecutively beginning with the number " 1 ", but the prefix " S " shall be entered before each such number.

Publication of Register.

3.—(1) The Registration Officer shall publish the Register by making a copy thereof available for inspection at or outside his office, and formal publication of the Register shall thereby be completed.

(2) The Registration Officer shall arrange for the printing of a sufficient number of copies of the Register.

(3) As soon as may be, and in any event not later than five days after the formal publication of the Register, the Registration Officer shall give public notice that the Register has been published and is available for inspection by interested parties at his office. Public notice, for the purposes of this paragraph, shall be given by advertisement in newspapers circulating in the County Borough of Belfast and in such other newspapers as the Registration Officer considers appropriate.

Copies of Register.

4.—(1) The Registration Officer shall, if requested by a candidate at an election or by his election agent, supply him with additional copies of the Register at 10/- per copy.

(2) He shall also, if there are sufficient copies of the Register available, supply to any elector such copies as may be required at 20/- per copy.

Extracts from Register.

5. The Registration Officer shall on the application of any elector allow that elector at all reasonable times to take extracts from the Register.

Corrupt and Illegal Practices List.

6.—(1) The Registration Officer shall publish not later than the date of publication of the Register the Corrupt and Illegal Practices List (if any) made by him under Section 39 of the Corrupt and Illegal Practices (Prevention) Act, 1883, as amended by the Act of 1946.

(2) Claims and objections to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices List may be made in writing to the Registration Officer at his office and

such claims and objections shall be made within ten days from the date of publication of the list.

(3) The Registration Officer shall forthwith take any claim or objection into consideration and shall notify the parties thereto :—

(*a*) of his opinion or decision thereon ; and

(*b*) that if any of the said parties is dissatisfied with his decision and makes representation in writing to him to that effect within five days of the receipt of the said notification he will appoint a place and time for the hearing of the claim or objection at which any of the parties shall be entitled to appear and be heard either in person or by some other person other than counsel.

(4) If representation in writing is not made to the Registration Officer under sub-paragraph (*b*) of the immediately preceding paragraph of this regulation the decision of the Registration Officer shall be final, but if representation is so made, the Registration Officer shall notify each of the parties of the time and place appointed for the hearing of the claim or objection and shall at the place, and at or as soon as possible after the time, hear and determine the claim or objection. If after such hearing and determination any of the parties to the claim or objection is dissatisfied with the decision thereon of the Registration Officer an appeal shall lie from such decision to the County Court as provided in Section thirty-two of the Act of 1946.

(5) Any amendments of the Register which may become necessary by reason of the determination under this regulation of any claim or objection to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices List shall be effected by the addition to every copy of the Register of a list of determined claims and objections to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices List and such list shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form part of the Register.

PART II

Proxies

Proxy.

7. A proxy must be appointed by means of a proxy paper issued by the Registration Officer.

Proxy Application.

8. An application by an elector for the issue of a proxy paper must be in the following form or in a form to the like effect :—

ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (N.I.), 1946.

Queen's University Constituency — Parliament of Northern Ireland

PROXY APPLICATION FORM

To the Registration Officer for the University

The Elector *must* insert here his surname and other names in full.

I, ...

being or believing myself to be qualified for registration as a Parliamentary Elector at the said University hereby

state that there is a probability that I shall, at the time of a Parliamentary election, be at sea or out of the United Kingdom, and that I desire to appoint as proxy to vote for me at any such election the person nominated below as First Choice or (if he or she is not qualified or is unwilling to act) the person nominated below as Second Choice.

Person to be appointed Proxy (see Footnote).*

1. The Elector *must* fill this up
   - Names of First Choice .....
   - Postal Address of .....
   - First Choice .....
   - Relationship, if any, of First Choice to Elector .....

2. The Elector should fill this up as the First Choice may be unwilling or not qualified to act.
   - Names of Second Choice .....
   - Postal Address of .....
   - Second Choice .....
   - Relationship, if any, of Second Choice to Elector .....

3. The Elector should fill this up to the best of his ability
   - Reason for and expected length of absence from United Kingdom .....

I apply for the issue of a proxy paper appointing as my proxy the person or one of the persons, nominated above ; and in the event of any further information being required by the Registration Officer I hereby authorise :

4. The Elector should enter here the names and address of some person in the United Kingdom who can supply any further information required, in case the Elector is at sea or abroad. The person so authorised may be one of the persons nominated above as proxy.
   - Names .....
   - Postal Address .....
   - .....

to make an application giving such further information as may be necessary to enable a proxy paper to be issued to the person or one of the persons nominated.