Register of Electors

THE ELECTORAL (REGISTER OF ELECTORS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946, DATED 17TH APRIL, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Elections and Franchise Act (N.I.), 1946, and of all other powers it thereunto enabling, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland hereby makes the following regulations :—

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Preparation of Lists by Assistant Electoral Officers.

1.—(1) On or before the qualifying date for any Register, every Assistant Electoral Officer shall initiate such enquiries as may be necessary to enable him to furnish, within the period prescribed therefor in the First Schedule hereto —

(*a*) in the case of an area situate within a Borough or Urban District : or

(*b*) in the case of an area situate in a County Borough or a Rural District, to the Electoral Officer for the County Borough or County,

a list, in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto, of the names of those persons within his area who appear to be qualified to be registered as Parliamentary or Local Government Electors.

(2) In the execution of the duties imposed on him by paragraph (1) of this Regulation an Assistant Electoral Officer may, as he deems it necessary, and subject to any special instruction given to him by the Electoral or Deputy Electoral Officer or by the said Ministry conduct his enquiries by securing the due completion of the appropriate form prescribed by these Regulations, or in such other manner as seems to him adequate and appropriate, and, subject to the provisions of the Act of 1946, and of these Regulations in relation to Claims and Objections, it shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Electoral Officer to ensure that the information furnished by him under this Regulation is complete and accurate.

(3) During the period intervening between the publication of one Register and the qualifying date for the next succeeding Register, an Assistant Electoral Officer may, and if required to do so by the Electoral or Deputy Electoral Officer shall, keep and maintain such records as shall facilitate the determination of the qualification of persons within his area to be entered in the Electors Lists for the next Register and the preparation of such lists as quickly as possible after the qualifying date for such Register, and the maintenance of such records shall be part of the duties of the Assistant Electoral Officer.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Assistant Electoral Officer to indicate on the list the nature of the qualification and where the name of any person is included by reason of a qualification other than a Residence qualification or a Resident Occupier's qualification, to enter on the list, opposite the name of the person, the address, if any, in respect of which the person possesses a Residence or Resident Occupier's qualification.

Preparation of Lists by Deputy Electoral Officers.

2.—(1) On receiving the lists of persons qualified to be Electors within his District from the Assistant Electoral Officers, the Deputy Electoral Officer for a Borough or Urban District shall prepare from them a list of Electors for the Borough or Urban District in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto, and shall transmit the said list, within the time set out in the First Schedule hereto, to the Electoral Officer for the County in which the Borough or Urban District is situate.

(2) The list so transmitted shall show the names of all persons who appear to be qualified, by any qualification, to be Parliamentary Electors or Electors at Elections to the Borough or Urban District Council.

Mutual inquiry and assistance between Officers.

3. It shall be the duty of every Electoral Officer, Deputy Electoral Officer, and Assistant Electoral Officer, to give all possible assistance to any other Electoral Officer, Deputy Electoral Officer or Assistant Electoral Officer, and, in particular, to furnish any information properly required by him in the performance of his electoral duties.

Company Nominees.

4.—(1) A Company may claim to be entitled to have a person (or persons) registered as a Local Government Elector (or Electors) in respect of land or premises occupied by it by sending to the Electoral Officer within the time specified in the First Schedule hereto a claim in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

The first claim made under this Regulation shall be accompanied by a Delegation of Authority to claim in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto and duly executed in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1946. Such authority shall be retained by the Electoral Officer and shall remain in force until the revocation of such authority under the seal of the Company is lodged with the Electoral Officer.

(2) If a Company in a claim made under this Regulation specifies more persons than it is entitled to specify in respect of the Company qualification claimed by the Company, the Electoral Officer shall delete the names of so many persons commencing with the last name on the list as may be necessary in order that the number of names specified may be that which the Company is entitled to specify, and shall enter the names of those persons who are qualified to be Electors in the appropriate position in the Electors Lists.

Services list for 1946 Register.

5.—(1) (*a*) As soon as may be after the 31st January, 1946, and in any case not later than 1st April, 1946, the Clerk of the Crown and Peace for each County and County Borough shall supply to the Electoral Officer a list of those persons who on the 31st January, 1946, were, according to his records, qualified to be Service electors at a Parliamentary election held under the Wartime Registration Acts, 1943-44, by virtue of declarations made by such persons under the said Acts and in force on the said 31st January.

(*b*) The particulars to be supplied by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto and shall include particulars of any proxy appointed by any of the Service voters.

Preparation of Electors Lists by Electoral Officers.

6.—(1) When the Electoral Officer receives from the Assistant and Deputy Electoral Officers the lists of persons who appear to be qualified to be registered as Electors and the list of service voters from the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, he shall examine the lists and, having taken account of the information thereon furnished, together, where necessary, with additional information available to, or obtained by, himself, prepare therefrom the Electors Lists for the County or County Borough, and shall publish such lists as hereinafter provided.

(2) The Electors Lists for each County or County Borough shall be published in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

(3) The names in the lists need not be numbered.

(4) The names in the lists for each polling district shall be arranged wherever possible in street order and in all other cases in alphabetical order. The address shown opposite each name shall be the correct postal address to which communications can be sent by post but the list for any polling district may, at the discretion of the electoral officer, be subdivided to show the names of the persons registered in each townland in the polling district and in such case the names shall be arranged alphabetically in each Townland and the Townlands in each polling district shall be arranged in alphabetical order.

Where more than one polling place has been appointed for any polling district and an alphabetical arrangement of names or Townlands has been adopted under this paragraph, the names or Townlands in each portion of the polling district allocated to each polling place shall be arranged alphabetically.

(5) Where the name of any person is included in the lists by virtue of a Business Premises qualification or a General Occupier's qualification, the address, if any, in respect of which that person possesses a Residence qualification or a Resident Occupier's qualification shall be shown.

(6) The names of persons qualified to be Local Government Electors as nominees of Companies possessing a Company qualification

by virtue of occupation of premises situate in any polling district shall be entered at the end of the list of electors for that polling district.

(7) The Electors Lists shall show, in the manner specified in Article 14 (5) of these Regulations, the names and qualifications of those persons who appear to be entitled to vote as Parliamentary Electors and Local Government Electors.

Publication of Electors Lists.

7.—(1) The Electors Lists for a County or County Borough may be published by the Electoral Officer on any date between the qualifying date for the Register and the date specified in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, as the latest date for the publication of Electors Lists, but shall be published not later than 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the said latest date. Failure to publish the Electors Lists for a County or County Borough, or any part thereof, within the said period shall constitute default by the Electoral Officer for the County or County Borough but shall not invalidate the list when published.

(2) If any Electoral Officer, not later than fourteen days before the latest date for the publication of Electors Lists reports to the Ministry that in his opinion it will not be possible to publish lists for the County or County Borough, or any part of them, on the latest date, the Ministry may, if it is satisfied that adequate grounds exist and without prejudice to any question of the default of the Electoral Officer, by Order authorise the postponement of publication to a later date.

(3) For the purposes of compliance with the foregoing paragraph publication of Electors Lists shall be deemed to be completed by the exhibition in or outside the office of the Electoral Officer, in a position accessible to the public during normal office hours, of the complete Electors Lists for the County or County Borough.

(4) As soon as may be, and in any case not more than three days after formal publication the Electoral Officer shall make the lists available to the public by exhibiting, in such number of Post Offices, Police Barracks, public buildings, or other places within or near each polling district, as he deems appropriate, copies of the Electors Lists for the County or County Borough or relevant sections thereof and it shall be the responsibility and within the discretion of the Electoral Officer to ensure that such supplementary publication is appropriate and adequate.

(5) On the day on which the Electors Lists are published the Electoral Officer shall give public notice, by advertisement in newspapers circulating in the County or County Borough and by the exhibition of notices in Post Offices, Police Barracks, or public places and in such other manner as he considers necessary, of the publication of the lists.

(6) Such public notices shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto and shall state the places at which Electors Lists are, or will be available for inspection, the places at which and the