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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by Section 19 of the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act (Northern Ireland), 1944, I hereby make the following regulations :—

PART I.

REGISTRATION

Form of Register

Separate section of register for each registration unit.

1.—(1) The civilian residence register, the business premises register and the service register shall each be framed in separate sections for each registration unit in the constituency.

Order of names in register.

2.—(1) The Council of the County Borough or County in which the registration unit is situated may determine the order to be adopted for

the names in any section of the register, but subject to any such determination the names in each section shall be arranged either in street order, or in alphabetical order, or alphabetically in townland order, according to the order adopted for the corresponding parts of the 1939 register :

Provided that (subject to any such determination) the names in any section or part of a section of the service register may, if the registration officer sees fit, be arranged in alphabetical order though not so arranged in the corresponding part of the 1939 register.

(2) This regulation, so far as it relates to the civilian residence and business premises registers, is subject to the provision made later in these regulations for compiling the said registers from the electors lists.

Numbering of names in register, etc.

3.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, the names in the register shall be numbered consecutively with a separate series of numbers (beginning with the number one) in each of the three registers for each polling district.

(2) For the purpose of distinguishing one series from another there shall be assigned to each of the three registers and to each polling district a separate letter or letters, and the letters respectively indicating the register and the polling district shall (without being repeated in the register against every number) be treated as incorporated with the series relating to that polling district in that register and as forming part of each number of the series.

(3) The names in the electors lists for the civilian residence and business premises registers shall be numbered in the same way as names in those registers, and the numbering of the names in the electors list shall be retained in the register—

(*a*) the number of any name omitted in the register (either altogether or from the place where it appeared in the electors list) being left with a blank opposite it to show the omission is intentional ; and

(*b*) (except at the end of a series) any name inserted in the register or at a different place in the register, whether as the result of a claim or objection or to correct a mistake, being given such interpolated number (for instance 463/1 for a name inserted between the names numbered 463 and 464) as the registration officer thinks fit to indicate its place in the register.

(4) If any correction has to be made in any draft or proof of any register or of any electors list after the names have been numbered, then in making the correction the registration officer may, to save renumbering, leave a blank opposite a number or interpolate a number as indicated in sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*), as the case may be, of the last foregoing paragraph.

4. For the purpose of indicating the way in which any elector is entitled to vote at an election, letters shall be placed against the names in the register, as follows :— Marking of names in register.

(*a*) in the service register, against the name of any elector other than a member of the forces who is registered—

(i) as a seaman, the letter " S " ;

(ii) as a war worker, the letter " W " ;

(*b*) in each register, against the name of any elector if he is entitled to vote by proxy, the letter " P " ;

(*c*) in each register, against the name of any elector if he, or, in the case of the service register, if he or some person as his proxy, is entitled to vote by post, the letter " A " .

5. The registers for the registration units making up any constituency shall together form the register of parliamentary electors for that constituency. Combined register.

Electors Lists

6.—(1) On the initiation of an election in a constituency, it shall be the duty of the registration officer, within the time allowed by these regulations, to prepare and publish a civilian residence electors list and a business premises electors list, which shall respectively be in the form to be adopted, in pursuance of regulations one and two of these regulations, for the corresponding parts of the register for the constituency. Duty to publish electors lists.

(2) The civilian residence electors list shall contain the names and qualifying addresses of all persons who appear to the registration officer, from information furnished to him in accordance with national registration regulations or otherwise acquired by him, to be qualified to be registered in the civilian residence register for the election.

(3) The business premises electors list shall contain the names and qualifying addresses of all persons who appear to the registration officer from information acquired by him by sufficient enquiry, to be qualified to be registered in the business premises register for the election :

Provided that the registration officer shall omit from the said list the name of any person who appears to him, from such examination as it is practicable for him to make of the information at his disposal, to be qualified to be registered in the civilian residence or service register for the election.

Claims and Objections

7. The registration officer shall, within the time allowed by these regulations, publish a notice specifying the mode in which and the times within which claims and objections to the electors lists may be made under these regulations. Notice as to making of claims and objections.

Making and recording of claims and objections.

8.—(1) At any time after the publication of any of the electors lists for an election in a constituency and within the time allowed by these regulations, any person may send to the registration officer—

(*a*) a claim to have his name entered in that list, or, if it is already entered therein, to have it entered in a different place or manner ;

(*b*) if his name is entered in that or any other of those lists, an objection to the inclusion in that list of the name of any person, or to the place or manner in which the name of any person is entered therein.

(2) Every such claim shall give particulars of the qualification claimed and shall state the claimant's national registration number.

(3) A claim for inclusion in the business premises register shall not be entertained if the name of the person making the claim is already entered in the civilian residence electors list for the election by virtue of a residence qualification in the constituency, provided that if successful objection is made to the inclusion of the said person's name in the civilian residence electors list the registration officer shall thereupon take into consideration his claim to be included in the business premises register and if he is satisfied that the claimant is qualified to be so registered he shall enter his name in the said register.

(4) Every objection shall give particulars of the grounds of the objection and shall state the electors list in which the objector's name is entered and his qualifying address and in relation to such objections the provisions of Rule 44 (10) of the First Schedule to the Act of 1918 shall apply, that is to say, an objection shall not be entertained unless, within the time limited for sending the notice of objection, a copy of the notice of objection sent to the registration officer is sent by the person objecting to the person in respect of whose registration the notice of objection is given. A copy of the notice may be sent by prepaid and registered post to the address of the person objected to as appearing on the lists or to his last known place of abode.

(5) A separate notice of objection shall be given in respect of each entry in the list to which objection is made and if a single notice is given in respect of objections to two or more entries none of the objections to which the said notice purports to relate shall be entertained.

(6) If the registration officer is of opinion that a claim or objection cannot succeed either—

(*a*) because the particulars given do not support the claim or objection ; or

(*b*) because the claim or objection is a repetition of a claim or objection made on some previous occasion and overruled ; or

(*c*) because the matter is concluded against the claim or objection by some provision of the Act of 1944 as to evidence ; or