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SCHEDULES

^{F1}SCHEDULE 5

LOCAL ELECTIONS RULES

F1 SI 1985/454

PART I

PROVISIONS AS TO TIME AND INTERPRETATION

Timetable

- 1 (1) The proceedings at an election shall be conducted in accordance with whichever of the timetables in paragraph (2) or (3) applies for that election.
- (2) The proceedings at an election in a local election year (within the meaning of section 11(1), not being an election to fill a casual vacancy, shall be conducted in accordance with the following timetable—

TIMETABLE

<i>Proceeding</i>	<i>Time</i>
Publication of notice of election.	Not later than the 25th day before election day.
Delivery of nomination papers.	Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the 17th and 16th days before election day.
Delivery of notices of withdrawal of candidature.	Within the time for the delivery of nomination papers at the election.
The making of objections to nomination papers.	During the hours allowed for delivery of nomination papers and on the 16th day before election day during the hour following.
Publication of statement of persons nominated.	At the close of the time for making objections to nomination papers or as soon afterwards as any objections are disposed of.
Polling.	Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. on election day.

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- (3) The proceedings at an election to fill a casual vacancy shall be conducted in accordance with the following timetable—

TIMETABLE

<i>Proceeding</i>	<i>Time</i>
Publication of notice of election.	Within 21 days from the date on which a casual vacancy is deemed to have occurred under section 11(5).
Delivery of nomination papers.	Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on two consecutive days, the second of which shall not be earlier than the 4th day, nor later than the 7th day after the day of publication of the notice of election.
Delivery of notices of withdrawal of candidature.	Within the time for the delivery of nomination papers at the election.
The making of objections to nomination papers.	During the hours allowed for delivery of nomination papers and on the 2nd day for such delivery during the hour following.
Publication of statement of persons nominated.	At the close of the time for making objections to nomination papers or as soon afterwards as any objections are disposed of.
Polling.	Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. on the day fixed by the returning officer, which shall not be earlier than the 18th nor later than the 21st day after the last day for delivery of nomination papers.

Computation of time

- 2 In computing any period of time for the purpose of the appropriate Timetable a Saturday, Sunday^{F1}, Christmas Eve, ^{F2} . . .] or public holiday shall be disregarded and any such day shall not be treated as a day for the purpose of any proceedings up to the completion of the poll nor shall the returning officer be obliged to proceed with the counting of the votes on such a day.

F1 SI 1987/168

F2 Words in [Sch. 5 rule 2](#) repealed (1.7.2008) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. 20, 74(2), 77(2), [Sch. 1 para. 48](#), [Sch. 2](#); S.I. 2008/1316, [art. 2\(3\)](#), 5(f)(ii)(g)(i)

Returning officer

- 3 In these rules returning officer means the Chief Electoral Officer provided that, in respect of any function which that Officer has delegated to a deputy returning officer

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(within the meaning of Article 9(2) of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972), it means the deputy returning officer acting under the supervision of the Chief Electoral Officer.

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