



# Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 41

### PART X

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

#### *Supplementary*

#### 156 Orders and regulations.

- (1) Any power of the Secretary of State to make any order or regulations under this Act shall be exercised by statutory instrument.
- (2) Subject to <sup>F1</sup>subsections (3) to (4A)], a statutory instrument containing any order or regulations made under this Act by the Secretary of State shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to—
  - <sup>F2</sup>(za) an order under section 100B(8);
  - (a) any order under <sup>F3</sup>... 163(2) or paragraph 14(7) of Schedule 1; <sup>F4</sup>...
  - <sup>F5</sup>(aa) any order under paragraph 3(7) of Schedule 8, other than an order of the Welsh Ministers;
  - (b) any order made in pursuance of section 155(2)(a).
- (4) Subsection (2) also does not apply to any order under—
  - <sup>F6</sup>(a) .....
  - (b) section 51(4),
  - (c) section 67(1),
  - <sup>F7</sup>(ca) any provision of Chapter 6 of Part 4;
  - <sup>F8</sup>(d) .....
  - <sup>F9</sup>(da) section 71F(13),

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- (db) section 71H(4),
- (dc) section 71U(1),]
- [<sup>F10</sup>(dd) any provision of Chapter 2 of Part 4A,]
- [<sup>F11</sup>(de) section 88(9),]
- (e) section 101(4),
- (f) section 108(3),
- (g) section 109(6),
- (h) section 129,
- [<sup>F12</sup>(ha) paragraph 9 of Schedule 6A,]
- (i) paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 7,
- [<sup>F13</sup>(ia) paragraph 2(9) or 4(4) of Schedule 7A,]
- (j) paragraph 4 of Schedule 8,
- [<sup>F14</sup>(ja) paragraph 4 of Schedule 8A,]
- (k) paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 11,
- (l) paragraph 4 of Schedule 13,
- (m) paragraph 2 of Schedule 14, or
- (n) paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 15;

and no such order shall be made (whether alone or with other provisions) unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing the order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

- [<sup>F15</sup>(4A) An order under paragraph 16 of Schedule 19C that contains—
- (a) provision made by virtue of paragraph 1(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5), paragraph 5(1), (2), (3) or (4), paragraph 10(2)(b) or (3)(b) or paragraph 15(1)(a) of that Schedule, or
  - (b) provision amending an Act,
- shall not be made unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing the order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament; and subsection (2) does not apply to such an order.]
- [<sup>F16</sup>(4B) Subject to subsections (4C) and (4D), any order or regulations made under this Act by the Scottish Ministers shall be subject to the negative procedure (see section 28 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010).
- (4C) Subsection (4B) does not apply to an order falling within subsection [<sup>F17</sup>(3)(a) or (b)].
- (4D) Subsection (4B) does not apply to an order falling within subsection (4), and any such order made by the Scottish Ministers shall be subject to the affirmative procedure (see section 29 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010).]
- (5) Any order or regulations made by the Secretary of State [<sup>F18</sup>or the Scottish Ministers] under this Act may—
- (a) contain such consequential, incidental, supplementary or transitional provisions or savings (including provisions amending, repealing or revoking enactments) as the Secretary of State [<sup>F18</sup>or the Scottish Ministers] considers appropriate; and
  - (b) make different provision for different cases.
- (6) Nothing in this Act shall be read as affecting the generality of subsection (5) (including that subsection as applied by section 19(9)).

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(7) Paragraphs 21 to 23 of Schedule 1 contain provisions relating to regulations made by the Commission.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 156(2) substituted (1.12.2010) by [Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 43(1), [Sch. 6 para. 25](#); S.I. 2010/2866, art. 3(d)(g)
- F2** S. 156(3)(za) inserted (24.11.2022) by [Elections Act 2022 \(c. 37\)](#), [ss. 29\(2\)](#), 67(1); S.I. 2022/1226, reg. 2(c)
- F3** Words in s. 156(3)(a) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 146\(3\)](#), 148(3), [Sch. 7 Pt. 3](#); S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(hh)
- F4** Word in s. 156(3) omitted (24.11.2022) by virtue of [Elections Act 2022 \(c. 37\)](#), [ss. 21\(2\)\(a\)](#), 67(1); S.I. 2022/1226, reg. 2(c)
- F5** S. 156(3)(aa) inserted (24.11.2022) by [Elections Act 2022 \(c. 37\)](#), [ss. 21\(2\)\(b\)](#), 67(1); S.I. 2022/1226, reg. 2(c)
- F6** S. 156(4)(a) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 146\(3\)](#), 148(3), [Sch. 7 Pt. 3](#); S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(hh)
- F7** S. 156(4)(ca) inserted (1.11.2007) by [Northern Ireland \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#), [13\(1\)](#), 31(2)
- F8** S. 156(4)(d) repealed (25.9.2006) by [Northern Ireland \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 10\(2\)\(a\)](#), 11(8)(a)(iii), 30(2), 31(2)(4), [Sch. 5](#)
- F9** S. 156(4)(da)-(dc) inserted (11.9.2006 for E.W.S. for certain purposes, 1.7.2008 for N.I. and otherwise prosp.) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 61\(4\)\(a\)](#), 77(2); S.I. 2006/1972, [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1 para. 20\(a\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#)) (as substituted by S.I. 2006/2268, art. 3); S.I. 2008/1656, [art. 2](#) (subject to [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1](#))
- F10** S. 156(4)(dd) inserted (1.7.2008) by [The Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(Regulation of Loans etc: Northern Ireland\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1319\)](#), [arts. 1\(2\)](#), [4\(1\)](#)
- F11** S. 156(4)(de) inserted (24.11.2022) by [Elections Act 2022 \(c. 37\)](#), [ss. 27\(2\)](#), 67(1); S.I. 2022/1226, reg. 2(c)
- F12** S. 156(4)(ha) inserted (11.9.2006 for E.W.S. for certain purposes, 1.7.2008 for N.I. and otherwise prosp.) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 61\(4\)\(b\)](#), 77(2); S.I. 2006/1972, [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1 para. 20\(a\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#)) (as substituted by S.I. 2006/2268, art. 3); S.I. 2008/1656, [art. 2](#) (subject to [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1](#))
- F13** S. 156(4)(ia) inserted (11.9.2006 for E.W.S. for certain purposes, 1.7.2008 for N.I. and otherwise prosp.) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 61\(7\)](#), 77(2), {[Sch. 1 para. 100](#)}; S.I. 2006/1972, [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1 paras. 20\(a\)](#), 25(m)(i) (subject to [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended by 2006/2268, art. 4); S.I. 2008/1656, [art. 2](#) (subject to [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1](#))
- F14** S. 156(4)(ja) inserted (30.1.2014) by [Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 26\(13\)](#), 45(3)(b) (with s. 46(1)(2))
- F15** S. 156(4A) inserted (1.12.2010) by [Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 \(c. 12\)](#), [ss. 3\(4\)](#), 43(1); S.I. 2010/2866, [art. 3\(c\)](#) (with [art. 6](#))
- F16** S. 156(4B)-(4D) inserted (18.5.2017) by [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), [ss. 7\(12\)](#), 72(4)(a); S.I. 2017/608, reg. 2(1)(e)
- F17** Words in s. 156(4C) substituted (24.11.2022) by [Elections Act 2022 \(c. 37\)](#), [ss. 21\(3\)](#), 67(1); S.I. 2022/1226, reg. 2(c)
- F18** Words in s. 156(5) inserted (18.5.2017) by [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), [ss. 7\(13\)](#), 72(4)(a); S.I. 2017/608, reg. 2(1)(e)

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## 157 Documents for purposes of the Act.

- (1) Any application, notice or notification required or authorised to be made or given under this Act must be in writing.
- (2) Any document required or authorised to be given or sent under this Act may be sent by post.

### Commencement Information

- II** S. 157 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; s. 157 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 163(2); s. 157 in force at 16.2.2001 by [S.I. 2001/222, art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))

## 158 Minor and consequential amendments and repeals.

- (1) The minor and consequential amendments specified in Schedule 21 shall have effect.
- (2) The enactments specified in Schedule 22 are repealed to the extent specified.
- (3) However, none of the repeals—
  - (a) of provisions of Part II [<sup>F19</sup>(other than [<sup>F20</sup>those relating to sections 72, 73, 79, 81, 82, 101 to 105, and 108 and Schedule 3])] or III of the Representation of the <sup>M1</sup>People Act 1983 (election campaigns and legal proceedings in respect of elections), or
  - (b) of provisions amending any of those provisions, have effect in relation to local government elections in Scotland.

### Textual Amendments

**F19** Words in s. 158(3) inserted (S.) (20.1.2005) by [Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(asp 9\)](#), [ss. 14\(4\), 17\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2005/588, art. 2](#)

**F20** Words in s. 158(3)(a) substituted (S.) (29.1.2007) by [Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 14\)](#), [ss. 28\(3\), 63\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2007/26, art. 2\(1\)\(i\)](#)

### Commencement Information

- I2** S. 158 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; s. 158 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 163(2); s. 158 in force at 16.2.2001 by [S.I. 2001/222, art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))

### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1983 c. 2.

## 159 Financial provisions.

- (1) There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—
  - (a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of this Act; and
  - (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided.

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- (2) There shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund any increase attributable to this Act in the sums to be charged on and paid out of that Fund under any other Act.

**<sup>F22</sup>159A Functions of the [<sup>F21</sup>Minister for the Cabinet Office]**

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**Textual Amendments**

- F21** Words in s. 159A heading substituted (9.11.2016) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections, Referendums, Third Sector and Information\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/997\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 15(b)** (with art. 12)
- F22** S. 159A omitted (8.12.2021) by virtue of [The Transfer of Functions \(Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1265\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 15(3)** (with art. 12)

**160 General interpretation.**

- (1) In this Act—

“accounting unit” and “party with accounting units” shall be construed in accordance with section 26(11);

“bequest” includes any form of testamentary disposition;

“body”, without more, means a body corporate or any combination of persons or other unincorporated association;

“broadcaster” has the meaning given by section 37(2);

“business” includes every trade, profession and occupation;

“central organisation”, in relation to a registered party, shall be construed in accordance with section 26(11);

<sup>F23</sup>  
...

“the Commission” means the Electoral Commission;

[<sup>F24</sup>“contravention” includes a failure to comply, and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;]

“document” means a document in whatever form it is kept;

“enactment” includes—

(a) any provision of an Act (including this Act),

(b) any provision of or of any instrument made under Northern Ireland legislation, and

(c) any provision of subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the <sup>M2</sup>Interpretation Act 1978);

<sup>F23</sup>  
...

“exempt trust donation” has the meaning given by section 162;

“functions” includes powers and duties;

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“the Great Britain register” and “the Northern Ireland register” mean the registers of political parties referred to in section 23(2)(a) and (b) respectively;

“local election”, in relation to Northern Ireland, means a local election within the meaning of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962;

“local government election” means a local government election within the meaning of section 191, 203 or 204 of the Representation of the <sup>M3</sup>People Act 1983 or an election under Part II of the Local Government Act 2000 for the return of an elected mayor;

“market value”, in relation to any property, means the price which might reasonably be expected to be paid for the property on a sale in the open market;

“minor party” means (in accordance with section 34(1)) a party registered in the Great Britain register in pursuance of a declaration falling within section 28(2)(d);

“modifications” includes additions, omissions and amendments, and “modify” shall be construed accordingly;

“organisation” includes any body corporate and any combination of persons or other unincorporated association;

“property” includes any description of property, and references to the provision of property accordingly include the supply of goods;

“qualified auditor” means (subject to subsection (2))

(a) [<sup>F25</sup>a person who is eligible for appointment as a statutory auditor under Part 42 of the Companies Act 2006;]<sup>F23</sup> ...

(b) <sup>F23</sup> ...

“record” means a record in whatever form it is kept;

“registered party” means a party registered under Part II of this Act;

[<sup>F24</sup>“restriction” includes prohibition;]

“treasurer”, in relation to a registered party, means registered treasurer.

(2) A person is not a qualified auditor in relation to any registered party or any other body or individual if he is—

- (a) a member of the party or body or the individual himself, or
- (b) an officer or employee of the party, body or individual.

For this purpose “officer or employee” does not include an auditor.

(3) References in this Act to a person standing for election in the name of a registered party shall be construed in accordance with section 22(6).

(4) References in this Act (in whatever terms) to payments out of public funds are references to any of the following, namely—

- (a) payments out of—
  - (i) the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, the Scottish Consolidated Fund [<sup>F26</sup>, the Welsh Consolidated Fund] or the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland, or
  - (ii) money provided by Parliament or appropriated by Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly;
- (b) payments by—
  - (i) any Minister of the Crown, the Scottish Ministers [<sup>F27</sup>, the Welsh Ministers] or any Minister within the meaning of the <sup>M4</sup>Northern Ireland Act 1998,

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- (ii) any government department (including a Northern Ireland department) [<sup>F28</sup>, the Welsh Assembly Government] or any part of the Scottish Administration <sup>F29</sup> . . .
  - (iii) <sup>F30</sup> . . . . .
  - (c) payments by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body [<sup>F31</sup>, the National Assembly for Wales Commission] or the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission; and
  - (d) payments by the Electoral Commission;
- and references in this Act (in whatever terms) to expenses met, or things provided, out of public funds are references to expenses met, or things provided, by means of any such payments.
- (5) References in this Act to conditions, in the context of grants being made subject to conditions, include conditions requiring repayment of the grants in specified circumstances.

<sup>F32</sup>(6) . . . . .

<sup>F32</sup>(7) . . . . .

#### Textual Amendments

- F23** Words in s. 160(1) repealed (31.12.2020) by The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. (Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1310), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended by S.I. 2019/1389, regs. 1, 2(2))
- F24** Words in s. 160(1) inserted (1.12.2010) by Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12), s. 43(1), **Sch. 6 para. 26**; S.I. 2010/2866, art. 3(d)(g)
- F25** S. 160(1): in definition of "qualified auditor" para. (a) substituted (6.4.2008) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/948), arts. 2(2), 3(1), **Sch. 1 para. 26** (with arts. 6, 11, 12)
- F26** Words in s. 160(4)(a)(i) inserted by The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1388), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 97(a)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(5) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32) and art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F27** Words in s. 160(4)(b)(i) inserted by The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1388), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 97(b)(i)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(5) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32) and art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F28** Words in s. 160(4)(b)(ii) inserted by The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1388), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 97(b)(ii)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(5) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32) and art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F29** Word in s. 160(4)(b)(ii) omitted by virtue of The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1388), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 97(b)(ii)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(5) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32) and art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F30** S. 160(4)(b)(iii) omitted by virtue of The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1388), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 97(b)(iii)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which

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ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(5) of the [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#) and art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.

**F31** Words in s. 160(4)(c) inserted by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 97(c)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(5) of the [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#) and art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.

**F32** S. 160(6)(7) repealed (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended by S.I. 2019/1389, regs. 1, 2(2))

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** S. 160 modified (1.2.2016) by [European Union Referendum Act 2015 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 13(2), **Sch. 1 para. 45**; S.I. 2016/69, reg. 2

#### Marginal Citations

**M2** 1978 c. 30.

**M3** 1983 c. 2.

**M4** 1998 c. 47.

## 161 Interpretation: donations.

- (1) This section has effect for the purposes of the provisions of this Act relating to donations.
- (2) Where any provision of this Act refers to a donation for the purpose of meeting a particular kind of expenses incurred by or on behalf of a person of a particular description—
  - (a) the reference includes a reference to a donation for the purpose of securing that any such expenses are not so incurred; and
  - (b) a donation shall be taken to be a donation for either of those purposes if, having regard to all the circumstances, it must be reasonably assumed to be such a donation.
- (3) Subsections (4) and (5) apply to any provision of this Act which provides, in relation to a person of a particular description ("the donee"), that money spent (otherwise than by or on behalf of the donee) in paying any expenses incurred directly or indirectly by the donee is to constitute a donation to the donee.
- (4) The reference in any such provision to money so spent is a reference to money so spent by a person, other than the donee, out of his own resources (with no right to reimbursement out of the resources of the donee).
- (5) Where by virtue of any such provision any amount of money so spent constitutes a donation to the donee, the donee shall be treated as receiving an equivalent amount on the date on which the money is paid to the creditor in respect of the expenses in question.
- (6) For the purposes of this Act it is immaterial whether a donation received by a registered party or a person of any other description is so received in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.



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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C2** S. 161 applied (1.2.2016) by [European Union Referendum Act 2015 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 13(2), [Sch. 1 para. 39\(14\)](#); [S.I. 2016/69](#), reg. 2

**Commencement Information**

- I3** S. 161 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; s. 161 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 163(2); s. 161 in force at 16.2.2001 by [S.I. 2001/222](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))

**162 Interpretation: exempt trust donations.**

(1) For the purposes of this Act—

[<sup>F33</sup>(a)] “exempt trust donation” means a donation to which subsection (2) or (3) applies, other than one falling within subsection (5)

<sup>F34</sup>(b) .....

(2) This subsection applies to any donation received from a trustee of any property in accordance with the terms of a trust—

- (a) which was created before 27th July 1999,
- (b) to which no property has been transferred on or after that date, and
- (c) whose terms have not been varied on or after that date,

provided that, at or before the time of the receipt of the donation, the trustee gives the recipient of the donation the full name of the person who created the trust and of every other person by whom, or under whose will, property was transferred to the trust before that date.

(3) This subsection applies to any donation received from a trustee of any property in accordance with the terms of a trust—

- (a) which was created by—
  - (i) a person who was a permissible donor falling within section 54(2) at the time when the trust was created, or
  - (ii) the will of a person falling within section 54(3), and
- (b) to which no property has been transferred otherwise than—
  - (i) by a person who was a permissible donor falling within section 54(2) at the time of the transfer, or
  - (ii) under the will of a person falling within section 54(3),

provided that, at or before the time of the receipt of the donation, the trustee gives the recipient of the donation the relevant information.

<sup>F35</sup>(3A) .....

(4) For the purposes of [<sup>F36</sup>subsection (3)] “the relevant information” means the information which is required by virtue of paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to be given in respect of a recordable donation to which that subsection applies.

(5) A donation falls within this subsection if it is received from a trustee of any property pursuant to the exercise of any discretion vested by a trust in him or any other person.

(6) In this section—

- (a) “donation” means a donation for the purposes of the provisions of this Act in which the relevant reference to an exempt trust donation <sup>F37</sup>... occurs;

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- (b) “property”, in the context of the transfer of property to a trust, does not include any income of the trust;
- (c) “trust” includes a trust created by a will; and
- (d) any reference to a donation received from a trustee is a reference to a donation received from a trustee in his capacity as such, other than a donation transmitted on behalf of a beneficiary under a trust.

### Textual Amendments

- F33** Words in s. 162(1) renumbered (5.2.2004) as s. 162(1)(a) by [The European Parliamentary Elections \(Combined Region and Campaign Expenditure\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/366\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(2), **Sch. para. 32(a)(i)**
- F34** S. 162(1)(b) repealed (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended by S.I. 2019/1389, regs. 1, 2(2))
- F35** S. 162(3A) repealed (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended by S.I. 2019/1389, regs. 1, 2(2))
- F36** Words in s. 162(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 4(6)** (as amended by S.I. 2019/1389, regs. 1, 2(2))
- F37** Words in s. 162(6)(a) repealed (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended by S.I. 2019/1389, regs. 1, 2(2))

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** S. 162 applied (1.7.2001) by 1983 c. 2, **Sch. 2A para. 6(2)** (as inserted (1.7.2001) by 2000 c. 41, ss. 130(3)(4), **Sch. 16** (with s. 156(6))); S.I. 2001/222, art. 4, **Sch. 2 Pt. I** (with Sch. 2 Pt. II para. 1)
- C4** S. 162 applied (E.W.S. and Gibraltar) (23.3.2004) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/293\)](#), reg. 42(4), **Sch. 6 para. 6(2)** (with regs. 3-5)
- C5** S. 162 applied (N.I.) (30.4.2004) by [The European Parliamentary Elections \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1267\)](#), reg. 38(4), **Sch. 4 para. 6(2)**
- C6** S. 162 applied (1.2.2007) by [The National Assembly for Wales \(Representation of the People\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/236\)](#), arts. 1(1), 41(4), **Sch. 6 para. 6(2)**
- C7** S. 162 applied by 1962 c. 14 (N.I.), Sch. 3A para. 6(2) (as inserted (16.12.2010) by [The Local Elections \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2977\)](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19** (with art. 1(3)))
- C8** S. 162 applied (25.7.2012) by [The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1917\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 6(2)**

### Commencement Information

- I4** S. 162 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; s. 162 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 163(2); s. 162 in force at 16.2.2001 by S.I. 2001/222, art. 2, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 1 Pt. II)

## 163 Short title, commencement, transitional provisions and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), this Act does not come into force until such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint; and different days may be so appointed for different purposes.

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- (3) The following provisions come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
  - (a) sections 1 to 3 and Schedules 1 and 2,
  - (b) sections 156, 159 and 160, and paragraph 12(1) and (4) of Schedule 21,
  - (c) this section, and Part II of Schedule 23, and
  - (d) any other provision so far as it confers power to make an order or regulations.
- (4) The following provisions come into force at the end of the period of two weeks beginning with the day on which this Act is passed—
  - (a) section 36,
  - (b) Part I of Schedule 23, and
  - (c) any provision of Part II of this Act so far as necessary for the purposes of the operation of any provision of Part I of that Schedule.
- (5) An order under subsection (2) may contain such transitional provisions and savings (including provisions modifying enactments) as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (6) Such an order may, in particular, make provision as respects the operation of any financial limit imposed by any provision of this Act in cases where a period in relation to which any such limit is imposed would otherwise begin at a time before the commencement of that provision of this Act.
- (7) The transitional provisions contained in Schedule 23 shall have effect.
- (8) Subject to subsections (9) and (10), this Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (9) Part IX and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12 and paragraphs 12 and 13 of Schedule 23 extend to England, Wales and Scotland.
- (10) Subject to any express limitation contained in this Act, the extent of any amendment or repeal made by this Act is the same as that of the enactment amended or repealed.
- <sup>F38</sup>(11) .....

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**Subordinate Legislation Made**

**P1** S. 163(2) power partly exercised: 16.2.2001 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 2001/222, art. 2](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#)); 30.10.2001 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 2001/3526, art. 2](#); 1.1.2002 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 2001/3526, art. 3](#); 1.4.2002 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 2001/3526, art. 4](#); 1.1.2007 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 2006/3416, art. 3](#) (subject to [art. 5](#))

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**Textual Amendments**

**F38** [S. 163\(11\)](#) repealed (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\), reg. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2019/1389, regs. 1, 2\(2\)](#))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(1\)](#)
- s. 4A-4E and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 16](#)
- s. 8(3)(d) inserted by [2011 c. 13 Sch. 10 para. 12](#)
- s. 13ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(2ZA)-(2ZC) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 56(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 56(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 56(3B) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 71H(3ZA) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 19](#)
- s. 71L(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) Sch. 1 para. 2 renumbered as Sch. 1 para. 2(1) by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(2) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words omitted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 4 and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 8(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 2](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 8(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 9(10)(ba) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3)(4) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 8](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(3\)](#)