

**2020 No. 278 (C. 23)**

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

**The Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 (Commencement  
No. 1) Regulations 2020**

*Made* - - - - *9th September 2020*

*Laid before the Scottish Parliament* *11th September 2020*

*Coming into force* - - *1st October 2020*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 35(2) of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020(a).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 1 October 2020.

(2) In these Regulations “the Act” means the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020.

**Appointed day**

**2.** 1 October 2020 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of the table in the schedule (the subject matter of which is specified in column 2 of that table).

*GRAEME DEY*

Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew’s House,  
Edinburgh  
9th September 2020

# SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

**Table 1**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The Bill for the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 (“the Act”) received Royal Assent on 8 July 2020. Part 5 of the Act came into force on the following day. These Regulations bring into force sections 1, 3, 6 to 9, 11, 13 to 19 and 22 to 27 of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 on 1 October 2020.

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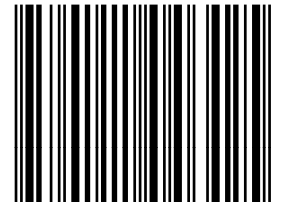
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