



Northern Ireland Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 47

PART IV

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

Elections etc

34 Elections and franchise.

- (1) This section applies to elections of members of the Assembly, including by-elections.
- (2) Each vote in the poll at an election shall be a single transferable vote.
- (3) A single transferable vote is a vote—
 - (a) capable of being given so as to indicate the voter's order of preference for the candidates for election as members for the constituency; and
 - (b) capable of being transferred to the next choice when the vote is not needed to give a prior choice the necessary quota of votes or when a prior choice is eliminated from the list of candidates because of a deficiency in the number of votes given for him.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order make provision about elections or any matter relating to them.
- (5) In particular, an order under subsection (4) may make—
 - (a) provision as to the persons entitled to vote at an election and the registration of such persons;
 - (b) provision for securing that no person stands as a candidate for more than one constituency at a general election;
 - (c) provision for determining the date of the poll at a by-election;
 - (d) provision about deposits.
- (6) An order under subsection (4) may apply (with or without modifications) any provision of, or made under, any enactment.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Northern Ireland Act 1998, Section 34. (See end of Document for details)

[^{F1}(7) An order under subsection (4) may make different provision for different areas about the conduct of elections, including different provision about the registration of persons entitled to vote at an election.]

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 34(7) inserted (13.3.2014) by [Northern Ireland \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2014 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 23(1), 28(1)(g)**

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 34(4) amended (16.2.2001) by [2000 c. 41, s. 7\(2\)\(h\)](#) (with [s. 156\(6\)](#)); [S.I. 2001/222, art. 2](#), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**

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