

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

VOTING AT ELECTIONS

PART I

ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Application

- 1 This Part of this Schedule applies where there are three or more candidates to be the Mayor.

First preference vote and second preference vote

- 2 In this Schedule—
“first preference vote” means a mayoral vote to the extent that it is given so as to indicate a voter’s first preference from among the candidates to be the Mayor;
“second preference vote” means a mayoral vote to the extent that it is given so as to indicate a voter’s second preference from among the candidates to be the Mayor.

Candidate with overall majority of first preference votes

- 3 If one of the candidates to be the Mayor receives more than half of all the first preference votes given in the Assembly constituencies that candidate shall be returned as the Mayor.

No candidate with overall majority of first preference votes

- 4 (1) If none of the candidates to be the Mayor receives more than half of all the first preference votes given in the Assembly constituencies, the following provisions of this paragraph shall have effect.
(2) The two candidates who received the greatest number of first preference votes given in the Assembly constituencies remain in the contest.
(3) If, by reason of an equality of first preference votes, three or more candidates are qualified to remain in the contest by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) above, all of them remain in the contest.
(4) The other candidates are eliminated from the contest.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) The number of second preference votes given in the Assembly constituencies for each of the candidates remaining in the contest by voters who did not give their first preference vote to any of those candidates shall be ascertained.
- (6) That number shall be added to the number of first preference votes given for that candidate, to give his total number of preference votes.
- (7) The person who is to be returned as the Mayor is that one of the candidates remaining in the contest who has the greatest total number of preference votes.
- (8) If, by reason of an equality of total number of preference votes, two or more candidates remaining in the contest each have the greatest total number of preference votes, the Greater London returning officer shall decide by lots which of them is to be returned as the Mayor.