



Representation of the People Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 2

PART I

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND FRANCHISE

Residence for purposes of registration

4 Residence: patients in mental hospitals who are not detained offenders or on remand.

For section 7 of the 1983 Act there shall be substituted—

“7 Residence: patients in mental hospitals who are not detained offenders or on remand.

- (1) This section applies to a person who—
 - (a) is a patient in a mental hospital (whether or not he is liable to be detained there), but
 - (b) is not a person to whom section 3A above or section 7A below applies.
- (2) A person to whom this section applies shall (subject to subsection (5) below) be regarded for the purposes of section 4 above as resident at the mental hospital in question if the length of the period which he is likely to spend at the hospital is sufficient for him to be regarded as being resident there for the purposes of electoral registration.
- (3) A person registered in a register of electors in pursuance of an application for registration made by virtue of subsection (2) above is entitled to remain so registered until—
 - (a) the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the date when the entry in the register first takes effect, or

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- (b) another entry made in respect of him in any register of electors takes effect (whether or not in pursuance of an application made by virtue of subsection (2)),
whichever first occurs.
- (4) Where the entitlement of such a person to remain so registered terminates by virtue of subsection (3) above, the registration officer concerned shall remove that person's entry from the register, unless he is entitled to remain registered in pursuance of a further application made by virtue of subsection (2).
- (5) Subsection (2) above shall not be taken as precluding the registration of a person to whom this section applies—
- (a) by virtue of his residence at some place other than the mental hospital in which he is a patient, or
 - (b) in pursuance of a declaration of local connection.
- (6) In this section “mental hospital” means any establishment (or part of an establishment) maintained wholly or mainly for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from any form of mental disorder; and for this purpose “mental disorder”—
- (a) in relation to England or Wales, has the same meaning as in the ^{M1}Mental Health Act 1983,
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, has the same meaning as in the ^{M2}Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984, and
 - (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, has the same meaning as in the ^{M3}Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.”

Commencement Information

I1 S. 5 wholly in force at 16.2.2001, see s. 17(3) and S.I. 2001/116, art. 2(1) (subject to art 2(3-5))

Marginal Citations

M1 1983 c. 20.

M2 1984 c. 36.

M3 S.I. 1986/595 (N.I. 4).

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