



European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 2

Piloting

2 Pilot order

- (1) This section has effect in relation to a pilot order.
- (2) A pilot order may make provision for conduct which differs from that provided for by or under a relevant enactment.
- (3) The pilot order must specify the form and content of the declaration of identity form.
- (4) A pilot order must make provision requiring the returning officer to provide (before the close of the poll at a pilot election) polling progress information—
 - (a) to such persons or organisations as are specified in the order or are of such descriptions as are so specified, and
 - (b) at such times and in such circumstances as are so specified.
- (5) Polling progress information is information as to the electors by whom it appears to the returning officer at the time the information is provided that a vote has been cast.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5) the returning officer must be taken not to have seen the contents of any ballot paper.
- (7) The returning officer is the person who is described as such in the order.
- (8) The Secretary of State must send a copy of a pilot order relating to a pilot region to—
 - (a) each relevant local authority in the region;
 - (b) the Electoral Commission;
 - (c) the person who is by virtue of section 6 of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (c. 24) the returning officer for the region.
- (9) A local authority to whom a copy of a pilot order is sent must publish the order in their area in such manner as they think fit.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (10) The Secretary of State must not make a pilot order unless he first consults the Electoral Commission.
- (11) It is immaterial whether such consultation occurs before or after the passing of this Act.