

SCHEDULES

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COMBINATION OF POLLS: ENGLAND

PART 1

PROVISION ABOUT COMBINATION

COUNTING OF VOTES

Attendance and arrangements for counting

- 38 (1) The counting officer must make arrangements for counting the ballot papers and carrying out the other functions conferred by paragraph 42 in the presence of the counting agents.
- (2) The counting officer must give the counting agents notice in writing of the time and place at which the proceedings under paragraph 42 will begin.
- (3) A person may be present at the proceedings under paragraph 42 only if—
- (a) the person is entitled to be present at the counting of the votes for the referendum or a relevant election, or
 - (b) the person is permitted by the counting officer to attend.
- (4) The counting officer may give a person permission under sub-paragraph (3)(b) only if—
- (a) the officer is satisfied that the person's attendance will not impede the efficient conduct of the proceedings, and
 - (b) the officer has consulted the referendum agents and election agents or thought it impracticable to do so.
- (5) The counting officer must give the counting agents—
- (a) whatever reasonable facilities for overseeing the proceedings, and
 - (b) whatever information with respect to the proceedings,
- the officer can give them consistently with the orderly conduct of the proceedings and the discharge of the officer's duties.