



# Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

## 2011 CHAPTER 13

### PART 1

#### POLICE REFORM

#### CHAPTER 6

##### POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS: ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

##### *Conduct of elections*

#### **54 Returning officers etc**

- (1) The returning officer for an election of a police and crime commissioner for a police area (“the police area returning officer”) is to be a person who—
  - (a) is an acting returning officer by virtue of section 28(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (acting returning officer for parliamentary election) for a constituency falling wholly or partly within the police area, and
  - (b) is designated for the purposes of this subsection by order of the Secretary of State <sup>F1</sup>....
- (2) The Secretary of State <sup>F2</sup>... may by regulations confer functions—
  - (a) on police area returning officers, and
  - (b) on local returning officers.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may apply or incorporate, with or without modifications or exceptions, any relevant provision.

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- (4) Each relevant local authority must place the services of its officers at the disposal of any person on whom functions are conferred under subsection (2) in relation to the police area for the purpose of assisting that person in the discharge of those functions.
- (5) In this section—
- “local authority” means—
- (a) a district council,
  - (b) a county council in England for a county in which there are no district councils,
  - (c) the Council of the Isles of Scilly,
  - (d) a county council or county borough council in Wales;
- “local election” means an election of members of a local authority;
- “local returning officer” means a person who, by virtue of section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983, is a returning officer for any local elections;
- “relevant local authority”, in relation to a police area, means a local authority whose area falls wholly or partly within the police area;
- “relevant provision” means any provision (whenever passed or made) of, or made under, any of the following—
- (a) the Representation of the People Acts,
  - (b) the Local Government Act 1972,
  - (c) the Local Government Act 2000,
  - (d) the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000,
  - (e) <sup>F3</sup>...
  - (f) the Government of Wales Act 2006, and
  - (g) any other enactment relating to parliamentary elections <sup>F3</sup>... or local government elections.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 54(1)(b) omitted (8.12.2021) by virtue of [The Transfer of Functions \(Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1265\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 22(2)(b)** (with art. 12)
- F2** Words in s. 54(2) omitted (8.12.2021) by virtue of [The Transfer of Functions \(Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1265\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 22(2)(b)** (with art. 12)
- F3** Words in s. 54(5) repealed (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended by S.I. 2019/1389, regs. 1, 2(2))

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 50-61 excluded (8.5.2017) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions to the Mayor\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/470\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 21(b)**
- C2** S. 54(1)(b)(2) functions exercisable concurrently (22.6.2015) by [The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1376\)](#), arts. 1(2), 7 (with art. 9)
- C3** S. 54(2) functions exercisable concurrently (22.6.2015) by [The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1376\)](#), arts. 1(2), 7 (with art. 9)

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 54 in force at 25.4.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1129](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

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