

Elections Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 37

PART 4

REGULATION OF EXPENDITURE

Registration of parties etc

23 Declaration of assets and liabilities to be provided on application for registration

- (1) Section 28 of PPERA (registration of parties) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (4).
- (2) In subsection (1)—
 - (a) omit the "and" after paragraph (a);
 - (b) after paragraph (b) insert ", and
 - (c) (subject to subsection (3E)) is accompanied by a declaration falling within subsection (3B)."
- (3) Before subsection (4) insert—
 - "(3B) The declarations falling within this subsection are—
 - (a) a declaration that, to the best of the proposed registered treasurer's knowledge and belief, the assets/liabilities condition is met in relation to the party;
 - (b) a declaration that, to the best of the proposed registered treasurer's knowledge and belief, the assets/liabilities condition is not met in relation to the party.
 - (3C) The assets/liabilities condition is met in relation to a party if—
 - (a) the total value of the party's assets does not exceed £500, and
 - (b) the total amount of the party's liabilities does not exceed £500.
 - (3D) A declaration within subsection (3B)(b) must be accompanied by a record of the party's assets and liabilities; and that record must comply with such

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- requirements as to its form and contents as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Commission.
- (3E) Subsection (1)(c) does not apply to an application under this section made in pursuance of a declaration falling within subsection (2)(d) (and subsections (3D) and (8A) to (8C) are accordingly to be disregarded in relation to such an application)."
- (4) After subsection (8) insert—
 - "(8A) Subsections (8B) and (8C) apply where—
 - (a) the Commission grant an application by a party under this section, and
 - (b) the application was accompanied by a declaration within subsection (3B)(b).
 - (8B) The Commission must ensure that the party's entry in the register is marked so as to indicate that its application was accompanied by a declaration within subsection (3B)(b).
 - (8C) The Commission must—
 - (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after granting the application, make a copy of the record of assets and liabilities provided by the party under subsection (3D) available for public inspection, and
 - (b) keep the copy available for public inspection for such period as the Commission think fit."
- (5) In section 34 of PPERA (registration of minor parties), in subsection (8)(c)(i), for "sections 28(4) to (8)" substitute "sections 28(1)(c) and (3B) to (8C)".

Commencement Information

- II S. 23 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 67(1)
- I2 S. 23 in force at 24.11.2022 by S.I. 2022/1226, reg. 2(c) (with reg. 3(3))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 8 para. 12(4)(da) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 4 para. 230
- Sch. 9 para. 35(ea) inserted by 2023 c. 47 s. 3(3)