
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1287

The New Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 1998

By-elections

7.—(1) This article applies where the Chief Electoral Officer has been notified by—

- (a) an election court or the High Court under section 144 or 146 of the 1983 Act, as applied by article 3 of, and Schedule 1 to, this Order, or
- (b) the presiding officer of the Assembly under paragraph 7 of the Schedule to the 1998 Act, that a vacancy exists in the seat of a member of the Assembly and either article 6(1) above does not apply or no person has been declared a member to fill the vacancy under article 6(4) above.

(2) Where this article applies, the Chief Electoral Officer shall set a date as the date of the poll for a by-election to fill the vacancy.

(3) Subsections (2) (the franchise), (3) and (4) (method of election) of section 2 of the 1998 Act and the provisions of this Order (except article 6) shall apply to any by-election as they apply to the election of the initial members of the Assembly.