

SCHEDULE 7

Rule 8

POLL AT ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS OF LONDON BOROUGH TAKEN TOGETHER WITH POLL AT GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ELECTION

PART I

AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL ELECTIONS (PRINCIPAL AREAS) RULES 1986

1. At the end of rule 4 (interpretation) there shall be added—
““GLA election” means an election under one or more of—
 - (a) the Constituency Members Election Rules,
 - (b) the London Members Election Rules,
 - (c) the Mayoral Election Rules, and
 - (d) the Ordinary Elections Rules;and expressions used in both these Rules and in any provision of the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2000 have the same meaning for the purposes of these Rules as they have for the purposes of that provision.”.
2. In rule 5 for “36(3)” there is substituted “36(2A), (3)”.
3. After rule 7 (combination under section 15(1) or (2) of the Act of 1985) there shall be inserted—

“Combination under section 36(2A) of the Act of 1983

7A.—(1) In the application of the parliamentary elections rules to the election of councillors of the council of a principal area where the poll at that election is taken together with the poll at a GLA election, adaptations, alterations and exceptions shall be made to those rules so that the election is conducted in accordance with the rules set out in Schedule 2 to these Rules, subject to—

- (a) the modifications set out in paragraphs 2 to 24 of Schedule 4 to these Rules; and
- (b) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the further modifications set out in Part II of Schedule 7 to the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2000.

(2) The further modifications set out in paragraphs 1 and 5 of Part II of Schedule 7 to the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2000 shall apply only where the GLA election is the first ordinary election.

(3) The further modification set out in paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 7 to the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2000 shall apply only where the votes at a GLA election are to be counted by electronic means.”.

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PART II

FURTHER MODIFICATIONS OF THE RULES SET OUT IN THE LOCAL ELECTIONS (PRINCIPAL AREAS) RULES 1986 AND REFERRED TO IN RULE 7A OF THOSE RULES

1. In rule 1 (timetable), in the entry relating to polling, for “8 in the morning” there shall be substituted “7 in the morning”.

2. In rule 23 (equipment of polling stations)—

(a) in paragraph (1A)(1) for “The same”, there shall be substituted “Subject to paragraph (1B), the same”;

(b) after paragraph (1A) there shall be inserted—

“(1B) Where the poll at a principal area election is taken together with the poll at a GLA election, a separate ballot box shall be used for the principal area election.”;

(c) the paragraph substituted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 shall be re-numbered “(5A)”;

(d) after that paragraph there shall be added—

“(5B) Where the poll at a principal area election is taken together with the poll at any GLA election, in every compartment of every polling station there shall be exhibited the notice—

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ELECTION OF [*complete as appropriate*]

*On the ballot paper for the election of a constituency member vote ONCE only.

*On the ballot paper for the election of a London member vote ONCE only.

*On the ballot paper for the election of the Mayor, vote ONCE for your first choice and ONCE for your second choice.”.

**include or omit, as appropriate”*

3. In rule 39 (the count), in paragraph (1) (as substituted by paragraph 18 of Schedule 4), for the words from the beginning to the end of sub-paragraph (g) there shall be substituted—

“(1) Where the CRO discharges the functions specified in regulation 98 (functions at combined polls) of the Representation of the People Regulations 1986, he shall—

(a) in the presence of the counting agents appointed for the purposes of the GLA election open each ballot box;

(b) separate the ballot papers relating to the GLA election from the ballot papers relating to the principal area election;

(c) in the presence of the election agents appointed for the purposes of the GLA election verify each ballot paper account relating to that election;

(d) count such of the postal ballot papers as have been duly returned at the GLA election and record the number counted at that election;

(e) make up into packets the ballot papers relating to the principal area election (including any postal ballot papers that have been duly returned) and seal them in separate containers endorsing on each a description of the polling station to which the ballot papers relate;

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- (f) deliver or cause to be delivered to the returning officer at the principal area election—
 - (i) the containers referred to in sub-paragraph (d), together with a list of them and the contents of each; and
 - (ii) the ballot paper account relating to the principal area election; and”.

4. In the Appendix of forms—

- (a) in the form substituted by paragraph 21(1)(a) of Schedule 4 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) Rules 1986 (set out in paragraph 21(2) of that Schedule)—
 - (i) for “Ballot Paper Nos”, substitute “Ballot Paper No(s)”; and
 - (ii) in paragraph 2 of the section entitled “INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER”, for the words from the beginning to the end of the bracket, substitute “[At the election vote for one candidate only.] At the election vote for no more than candidates.] [At the Mayoral election, vote once for your first choice and once for your second choice.]”;

and

- (b) for paragraphs 2 and 3 of the section entitled “INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER” in the form substituted by paragraph 21(1)(b) of Schedule 4 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) Rules 1986 (set out in paragraph 21(3) of that Schedule), substitute—

“2. When you are voting in the constituency members election (*[insert colour of ballot paper]* ballot paper), mark a cross (X) to the right of the name of the candidate of your choice. Vote for one candidate only.

2A. When you are voting in the London members election *[insert colour of ballot paper]* ballot paper), mark a cross (X) to the right of the name of the party or candidate of your choice. Vote for one candidate only.

2B. When you are voting in the Mayoral election (*[insert colour of ballot paper]* ballot paper), mark a cross (X) to the right of the names of the candidates of your choice. You may vote for two candidates.

3. Mark all your votes secretly. If you cannot vote without assistance, the person assisting you must not disclose how you have voted.”.

5. In the Appendix of forms, in the form of official poll card and the form of a proxy’s official poll card, for the words substituted by paragraph 22 of Schedule 4, there shall be substituted “7 a.m. to 9 p.m.”.