

**2001 No. 3526 (C. 114)**

**ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES  
POLITICAL PARTIES  
NATIONAL ELECTION EXPENDITURE  
REFERENDUMS**

**The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000  
(Commencement No. 2) Order 2001**

*Made - - - - - 28th October 2001*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 163(2) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(a), hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2001.

(2) In this Order “the Act” means the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

**Provisions coming into force on 30th October 2001**

2. The following provisions of the Act shall come into force on 30th October 2001—

- (a) sections 6(1)(d) and 15;
- (b) section 14, insofar as it relates to the Boundary Committee for England; and
- (c) section 18, insofar as not already in force.

**Provisions coming into force on 1st January 2002**

3. Sections 41 to 49 of, and Schedule 5 to, the Act shall come into force on 1st January 2002.

**Provision coming into force on 1st April 2002**

4. Section 141 of the Act shall come into force on 1st April 2002.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport,  
Local Government and the Regions

*Alan Whitehead*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department for Transport,  
Local Government and the Regions

28th October 2001

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(a) 2000 c. 41.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Articles 2, 3 and 4 of this Order bring into force, on 30th October 2001, 1st January and 1st April 2002 further provisions of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. These relate to Deputy Electoral Commissioners of the Electoral Commission, the Boundary Committee for England, transfer of functions from the Local Government Commission for England, accounting requirements for registered political parties, and the qualifying period for overseas electors.

### NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

The following provisions of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 were brought into force by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/222).

| <i>Provision</i>  | <i>Date of Commencement</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Sections 4 and 5  | 16th February 2001          |
| Section 6 (in part)   | 16th February 2001          |
| Sections 7 and 8  | 16th February 2001          |
| Section 9   | 1st July 2001               |
| Sections 10 and 12  | 16th February 2001          |
| Section 13  | 1st July 2001               |
| Sections 21 to 35   | 16th February 2001          |
| Sections 37 to 129  | 16th February 2001          |
| Section 130   | 1st July 2001               |
| Section 131   | 16th February 2001          |
| Section 132 (in part)   | 16th February 2001          |
| Section 132 (fully)   | 1st July 2001               |
| Section 133   | 16th February 2001          |
| Sections 134 and 135  | 1st July 2001               |
| Sections 136 to 140   | 16th February 2001          |
| Sections 142 and 143  | 16th February 2001          |
| Section 144 (partly)  | 16th February 2001          |
| Section 144 (fully)   | 16th March 2001             |
| Sections 145 to 155   | 16th February 2001          |
| Sections 157 and 158  | 16th February 2001          |
| Sections 161 and 162  | 16th February 2001          |
| Schedule 4  | 16th February 2001          |
| Schedules 6 to 15   | 16th February 2001          |
| Schedule 16   | 1st July 2001               |
| Schedule 17   | 16th February 2001          |
| Schedule 18 paragraphs 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 11(c), 12 to 14, 17 to 19   | 16th February 2001          |
| Schedules 19 and 20   | 16th February 2001          |
| Schedule 21 paragraphs 1 to 5, 6(1), (5), (6), (7)(b) and (c), (8) and (9), 8 to 11, 12(2) and (3) and 13 to 15 | 16th February 2001          |
| Schedule 22 (in part)   | 16th February 2001          |
| Schedule 22 (in part)   | 1st July 2001               |

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