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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into force, in relation to England and Wales, the majority of the provisions of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 that have not yet been commenced. The Order commences certain provisions in relation to Scotland. The Order also brings into force a limited number of provisions in relation to Northern Ireland. In some cases the provisions are brought into force for the limited purposes specified in the Order.

The provisions specified in Schedule 1 are brought into force on 1 January 2007, subject to the transitional and savings provisions made in Schedule 2.

Article 4 brings into force certain parts of section 61(Regulation of loans etc.) on 1 January 2007 in England and Wales and Scotland.

Article 5 brings into force section 29 (Observation of proceedings and working practices) and related provisions of Schedule 1 to the Act on 31 January 2007 in England and Wales and Scotland.