

## SCHEDULE 1

### Amendments to the 1962 Act

#### Part 4

#### Amendments to the Local Elections Rules

85. In the Declaration of identity Back of form (form 5)(1), for the Instructions to the voter substitute—

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER**

1. You must sign the declaration of identity in the presence of a person known to you. That person must then sign the declaration as a witness and write clearly his or her name and address. Without this the declaration will be invalid and your vote will not be counted.
2. You should place the figure "1" opposite the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote and in addition you may, if you wish, place the figure "2" opposite the name of the candidate of your second choice, the figure "3" opposite the name of the candidate of your third choice and so on in the order of your preference. You may indicate by figures as many or as few preferences as you wish.
3. The figure or figures should be placed in the spaces provided at the left-hand side of the paper opposite the name of the candidate for who you intend it. Do this secretly. If you cannot vote without assistance, the person assisting you must not disclose how you have voted.
4. In no circumstances write anything else on the paper; if you do your vote may be invalid.
5. Put the ballot paper in the smaller envelope marked "A" and seal it. Then put the envelope marked "A" together with this declaration of identity in the larger envelope marked "B". Return it without delay. The ballot paper must be received by the returning officer not later than the close of the poll.
6. If you receive more than one ballot paper, remember it is illegal to vote more than once (otherwise than as a proxy) at the same election.
7. At this election you cannot vote in person at a polling station even if you receive an official poll card.
8. If by mistake you spoil your ballot paper, you can apply to the returning officer for another one. With your application you must return, in your own envelope, the spoiled ballot paper, the declaration of identity and the envelopes marked "A" and "B". Remember that there is little time available if a fresh ballot paper is to be issued and counted.

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(1) Form 5 in the Appendix of Forms was amended by [S.I.1990/595](#) and paragraph 61 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22).

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