## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2014 No. 1116

# The Anonymous Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 2014

#### Local elections

## **Amendments to the Elections Act 2001**

- **9.**—(1) The Schedule to the Elections Act 2001 is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 4—
  - (a) for the words "paragraph (3)" substitute "paragraph (3A)"; and
  - (b) the inserted paragraph becomes paragraph (3B).
- (3) In paragraph 5, in the text inserted by sub-paragraph (3), after "tendered ballot papers" insert "or tendered postal ballot papers".
  - (4) After paragraph 10, insert—

## "Tendered postal ballot papers

- **10A.** In rule 40ZA(1) after paragraph (10) insert—
  - "(10A) The same list may be used for each election.
- (10B) If it is, an entry in the list must be taken to mean that the tendered postal ballot papers were marked in respect of each election unless the list identifies the election at which a tendered postal ballot paper was marked.""
- (5) In paragraph 19, in the text inserted by that paragraph after "tendered ballot papers" insert "or tendered postal ballot papers".
  - (6) After paragraph 24, insert—

# "Tendered postal ballot papers

- **24A.** In rule 37A(2) after paragraph (10) insert—
  - "(10A) The same list may be used for each election.
- (10B) If it is, an entry in the list must be taken to mean that the tendered postal ballot papers were marked in respect of each election unless the list identifies the election at which a tendered postal ballot paper was marked.""
- (7) In paragraph 29, in the form inserted by sub-paragraph (2) (form 5A. declaration of identity (combined polls))(3)—
  - (a) before "Name of witness" insert "\*";
  - (b) before "Address of witness" insert "\*", and after that paragraph insert—

<sup>(1)</sup> Rule 40ZA is inserted by article 3 of this Order.

<sup>(2)</sup> Rule 37A is inserted by article 6(11) of this Order.

<sup>(3)</sup> Form 5A was inserted only for the purpose of a combined local and parliamentary election by paragraph 29 of the Schedule to the Elections Act 2001 (c. 7), and that inserted form was amended by S.I. 2010/2977.

- "\*(Returning officer to omit where ballot papers sent to an anonymous elector.)"; and
- (c) in the section entitled "Instructions to the voter", at the end of paragraph 1 insert "If you are an elector with an anonymous entry in the register, or you are the proxy for such a person, the name and address of the witness should not be included. However, you do need to sign this declaration in the presence of a witness and the witness must sign the form.".