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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 1848 (W.177)**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES**

**The Local Authorities (Conduct of  
Referendums) (Wales) Regulations 2008**

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**THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (CONDUCT OF  
REFERENDUMS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2008**

1. Title, commencement and revocation
  2. Interpretation
  3. The statement and the question to be asked in a referendum
  4. Publicity and other information in connection with referendums
  5. Restriction on publication etc. of promotional material
  6. General restriction on referendum expenses
  7. Notional referendum expenses
  8. Conduct of referendum
  9. Counting officer
  10. Result of referendum or further referendum
  11. Procedures for questioning referendum
  12. Immediate consequences of referendum petitions
  13. Determination of referendum petitions and subsequent procedures
  14. Time
  15. Advertisements
  16. Non-domestic rating: premises used for referendum purposes
- Signature

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SCHEDULE 1 STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN A REFERENDUM

SCHEDULE 2 Matters relevant to Referendum Expenses

1. Advertising of any nature (whatever the medium used). Expenses in...

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

2. Unsolicited material addressed to voters (whether addressed to them by...
  3. Any material of a description referred to in regulation 5(1)....
  4. Market research or canvassing conducted for the purposes of ascertaining...
  5. The provision of any services or facilities in connection with...
  6. Transport (by any means) of persons to any place or...
  7. Rallies and other events, including public meetings organised so as...
  8. Nothing in paragraphs 1 to 7 is to be taken...
- SCHEDULE The Local Government Act Referendums Rules
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- PART 1 — Title and Interpretation
1. Title
  2. Interpretation
- PART 2 — Provisions as to Time
3. The proceedings at the referendum must be conducted in accordance...
  4. Computation of time
- PART 3 — General Provisions
5. Notice of referendum
  6. Poll to be taken by ballot
  7. The ballot papers
  8. The corresponding number list
  9. The official mark
  10. Prohibition of disclosure of vote
  11. Use of schools and public rooms
- PART 4 — Action to be Taken Before the Poll
12. Notice of poll
  13. Postal ballot papers
  14. Provision of polling stations
  15. Appointment of presiding officers and polling clerks
  16. Issue of official poll cards
  17. Equipment of polling stations
  18. Appointment of polling observers and counting observers
  19. Notification of requirement of secrecy
  20. Return of postal ballot papers
- PART 5 — The Poll
21. Admission to polling station
  22. Keeping of order in station
  23. Sealing of ballot boxes
  24. Questions to be put to voters and proxies
  25. Challenge of voter or proxy
  26. Voting procedure
  27. Votes marked by presiding officer
  28. Voting by persons with disabilities
  29. Tendered ballot papers: circumstances where available
  30. Tendered ballot papers: general provisions
  31. Spoilt ballot papers
  32. Correction of errors on day of poll
  33. Adjournment of poll in case of riot
  34. Procedure on close of poll
- PART 6 — Counting of Votes
35. Attendance at counting of votes

- 36. The count
- 37. Re-count
- 38. Rejected ballot papers
- 39. Decisions on ballot papers
- 40. Equality of votes
- PART 7 — Declaration of Result and Disposal of Documents
- 41. Declaration of result
- 42. Sealing up of ballot papers
- 43. Delivery of documents to relevant registration officer
- 44. Orders for production of documents
- 45. Retention of documents
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- SCHEDULE Application, with further modifications, of the Representation of the  
5 People Act 1983 in relation to Referendum Petitions
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