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EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACTS, 1872 to 1918.

GENERAL ORDER REGULATING THE FIRST ELECTION OF EDUCATION AUTHORITIES UNDER THE EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1918.

At Dover House, Whitehall, the twenty-eighth day of February 1919.

By the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland.

The Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland, by virtue and in pursuance of the powers in them vested under the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1872 to 1918, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

With respect to the first election of education authorities under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918:

I. The returning officer shall be the clerk to the secondary education committee for the district which forms or comprises the education area of the education authority, or, failing him, some person appointed by the Department: provided that in the case of each of the scheduled burghs of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee and Leith, the returning officer shall be the clerk to the school board of each of those burghs respectively; and that in the case of the scheduled burgh of Aberdeen the returning officer shall be the director of education for the school board of Aberdeen.

II. *Twenty-eight* clear days at least before the day fixed for the election the returning officer shall prepare, sign, and publish a notice of the election in the form as nearly as may be of Schedule A. annexed to this order.

III. It shall not be competent to elect any person unless he has been nominated as hereinafter provided. After publication of the notice of election, but not later than four o'clock afternoon of the *seventeenth* day before the day fixed for the election, any two electors in an electoral division may nominate as a candidate for that division any person of lawful age and not subject to any legal incapacity or disqualification, by sending to, or delivering at, the place specified in the notice of election a nomination paper, signed by the two electors, and stating the names in full, the places of abode and designations of the two electors, and of the candidate. The candidate, or some person duly authorised by him in that behalf, shall also sign the nomination paper.

IV. The returning officer shall decide any question as to the validity of any nomination.

V. Any nomination may be withdrawn by notice of withdrawal given to the returning officer at the place specified in the notice of election not later than four o'clock afternoon of the *fourteenth* day before the day fixed for the election, such notice to be signed by the person nominated, or by some person duly authorised by him in that behalf, provided that no such withdrawal shall be competent when its effect would be to reduce the total number of persons nominated for such election in an electoral division below the number of persons to be elected for the division as