

person nominated as first choice is unable or unwilling to act as proxy, the registration officer shall, unless otherwise directed by the elector, send or deliver a proxy paper to that person, and shall enter his name on the list of proxies :

“ Provided that the registration officer may send or deliver the proxy paper and enter the name of the proxy as aforesaid before the expiration of the said seven days if he is satisfied that the person nominated as first choice is willing and able to act as proxy.

“(2) If within seven days from the date of sending the intimation notice is received by the registration officer informing him that the person nominated as first choice is unable or unwilling so to act, the registration officer shall if another person is nominated as second choice in the form of application, deal in like manner with the person so nominated.

“(3) If the person nominated as first choice, or if another person is nominated as second choice each of such persons, is unable or unwilling to act as proxy or is not qualified to act, or if for any other reason the registration officer does not comply with the application and issue a proxy paper, the registration officer shall send a notice to the elector informing him that no proxy paper has been issued and explaining the reason.

“(4) As soon as may be after issuing a proxy paper the registration officer shall send notice of the fact to the elector, stating the name and address of the person to whom the paper has been issued.”

5. The following shall be added at the end of rule 35—

“ Provided that, notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this rule, in any reprint of this Order made in accordance with this rule

(a) the rules, paragraphs, schedules, and forms therein may be renumbered consecutively, and referred to as so renumbered ; and

(b) in the headings to all the forms in the schedules references to the Representation of the People Acts, 1918 to 1920, shall be substituted for references to the Representation of the People Act, 1918, and in the event of any other Act or Acts being included as Acts which may be cited with the Representation of the People Acts, 1918 to 1920, by any other collective title, that title shall be substituted in the headings to the said forms.”

6. The following rule shall be inserted after rule 42 until the Representation of the People (No. 2) Act, 1920, comes into operation :

“ 43. Where an application is made to a registration officer for the issue of a proxy paper between the passing and the commencement of the Representation of the People (No. 2) Act, 1920, and the application is made by a person who is not entitled to vote by proxy until that Act comes into operation, the registration officer, notwithstanding anything in rule 24 of this Order, shall not issue a proxy paper until that Act comes into operation, but in respect to all matters preliminary to the issue of a proxy paper shall proceed in the manner provided by this Order.”

7. The following form shall be substituted for Forms No. I. and No. II. in Schedule V. :

FORM NO. I.—PROXY APPLICATION FORM.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS, 1918 to 1920.

To the Registration Officer—

The Elector must insert here his surname and other names in full } I hereby state that there is a probability that I shall, at the time of a Parliamentary election, be at sea or out of the United Kingdom, and that I desire to appoint as proxy to vote for me at any such election the person nominated below as First Choice or (if he or she is not qualified or is unwilling to act) the person nominated below as Second Choice.

Person to be appointed Proxy.

- 1. The Elector must fill this up.
 - Names of First Choice.....
 - Postal Address of First Choice.....
 - Relationship, if any, of First Choice to Elector }
- 2. The Elector should fill this up as the First Choice may be unwilling or not qualified to act.
 - Names of Second Choice.....
 - Postal Address of Second Choice.....
 - Relationship, if any, of Second Choice to Elector }
- 3. The Elector should fill this up to the best of his ability.
 - Postal Address of Premises for which Elector is Registered }

I apply for the issue of a proxy paper appointing as my proxy the person, or one of the persons, nominated above ; and in the event of any further information being required by the Registration Officer I hereby authorise