
SCHEDULE 2 CCR ORDER 45

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

ACT 1983

Rule 1 Application for detailed assessment of returning officer's account

- (1) An application by the Secretary of State under section 30 of the Representation of the People Act 1983¹ for the detailed assessment of a returning officer's account shall be made by claim form and on issuing the claim form the court will fix a day for the hearing which shall be a day for proceeding with the detailed assessment if the application is granted.
- (2) Where on the application the returning officer desires to apply to the court to examine any claim made against him in respect of matters charged in the account, the application shall be made in writing and filed, together with a copy thereof, within 7 days after service on the returning officer of the copy of the application for detailed assessment.
- (3) On the filing of an application under paragraph (2) the court officer shall fix a day for the hearing and give notice thereof to the returning officer, and a copy of the application and of the notice shall be served on the claimant in the manner set out in CPR rule 6.2.
- (4) The examination and detailed assessment may, if the court thinks fit, take place on the same day, but the examination shall be determined before the detailed assessment is concluded.
- (5) The application for detailed assessment and any application under paragraph (2) may be heard and determined by the district judge and a copy of the order made on the application shall be served on the Secretary of State and the returning officer and, in the case of an application under paragraph (2), on the claimant.

Rule 2 Appeal from decision of registration officer

- (1) Where notice of appeal from a decision of a registration officer is given pursuant to regulations made under section 53 of the said Act of 1983, the registration officer shall, within 7 days after receipt of the notice by him, forward the notice by post to the court in which the appeal is required to be brought, together with the statement mentioned in those regulations.
- (2) The appeal shall be brought in the court for the district in which the qualifying premises are situated. In this paragraph 'qualifying premises' means the premises in respect of which—
 - (a) the person whose right to be registered in the register of electors is in question on the appeal is entered on the electors' list or is registered or claims to be entitled to be registered; or
 - (b) the person whose right to vote by proxy or by post is in question on the appeal is or will be registered in the register of electors; or
 - (c) the elector whose proxy's right to vote by post is in question on the appeal is or will be registered in the register of electors,as the case may be.
- (3) The respondents to the appeal shall be the registration officer and the party (if any) in whose favour the decision of the registration officer was given.

¹ 1983 c.3.

- (4) On the hearing of the appeal –
- (a) the statement forwarded to the court by the registration officer and any document containing information furnished to the court by the registration officer pursuant to the regulations mentioned in paragraph (1) shall be admissible as evidence of the facts stated therein; and
 - (b) the judge shall have power to draw all inferences of fact which might have been drawn by the registration officer and to give any decision and make any order which ought to have been given or made by the registration officer.
- (5) A respondent to an appeal other than the registration officer shall not be liable for or entitled to costs, unless he appears before the court in support of the decision of the registration officer.

Rule 3 Selected appeals

- (1) Where two or more appeals to which rule 2 relates involve the same point of law, the judge may direct that one appeal shall be heard in the first instance as a test case and thereupon the court shall send a notice of the direction to the parties to the selected appeal and the parties to the other appeals.
- (2) If within 7 days after service of such notice on him any party to an appeal other than the selected appeal gives notice to the court that he desires the appeal to which he is a party to be heard–
- (a) the appeal shall be heard after the selected appeal is disposed of;
 - (b) the court shall give the parties to the appeal notice of the day on which it will be heard;
 - (c) the party giving notice under this paragraph shall not be entitled to receive any costs occasioned by the separate hearing of the appeal to which he is a party, unless the judge otherwise orders.
- (3) If no notice is given under paragraph (2) within the time limited –
- (a) the decision on the selected appeal shall bind the parties to each other appeal without prejudice to their right to appeal to the Court of Appeal;
 - (b) an order similar to the order in the selected appeal shall be made in each other appeal without further hearing;
 - (c) the party to each other appeal who is in the same interest as the unsuccessful party to the selected appeal shall be liable for the costs of the selected appeal in the same manner and to the same extent as the unsuccessful party to that appeal and an order directing him to pay such costs may be made and enforced accordingly.