

Commons of Northern Ireland for any of the said constituencies arises by death or otherwise, the Lord Lieutenant, upon such vacancy being certified to him by the proper certificate or instrument, shall forthwith cause a writ to be issued for the election of a person to fill up such vacancy; and such writs and the returns thereto respectively, being returned into the Office of the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper, shall be certified to the House of Commons of Northern Ireland in the same manner as returns to writs for the election of members to serve in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom are certified to that House."

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *April*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section thirteen of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and the Second Schedule to the said Act it is provided that the Senate of Southern Ireland shall be constituted of the persons holding the offices mentioned in Part I of the said Schedule, certain senators to be nominated by the Lord Lieutenant in the numbers and manner mentioned in Part II of the said Schedule, and certain senators to be elected by the classes of electors in the numbers and manner mentioned in Part III of the said Schedule:

And whereas by the Fourth Schedule to the said Act it is provided that His Majesty may, by Orders in Council, make such provisions as may appear necessary or proper with respect to the election of senators, and in particular with respect to the making and keeping of lists of the electors specified in the said third Part of the said Second Schedule, the issue of writs, the modes of service, and the returns to be made to such writs; and by sub-section (2) of section fifteen of the said Act it is provided that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, make such provisions as may appear to Him necessary or proper for making any provisions of the election laws (as in the said Act defined) applicable to such elections:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

CITATION AND INTERPRETATION.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Election of Senators (Southern Ireland) Order, 1921.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

The expression "The Act" means the Government of Ireland Act, 1920:

The expression "Senate" means the Senate of Southern Ireland, and the expression "senators" shall be construed accordingly:

The expression "class," when used in relation to electors, means a class of electors specified in the third column of Part III of the Second Schedule to the Act, the members of county councils being treated as separate classes according to the provinces in which the respective counties are situated.

Any reference to the Local Government Board for Ireland or to any other department of the Government of the United Kingdom shall, if it occurs in relation to functions which, by virtue of the Act, are transferred as respects Southern Ireland to a

department of the Government of Southern Ireland, be construed as a reference to such last-mentioned department.

Any reference to the Dublin Gazette shall, from and after the time when a similar publication is printed under the authority of the Government of Southern Ireland, be construed as a reference to such publication.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of this Order in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS.

2.—(1) The Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper shall prepare and keep in his office a separate register of electors for each of the classes of electors who are entitled to elect senators to serve in the Senate, and shall revise those registers from time to time as occasion requires and shall from time to time, and not less than once in each year, publish each register in the Dublin Gazette and in any other manner which is in his opinion desirable for the purpose of bringing the same to the notice of those interested.

(2) A person possessing the qualifications applicable to two or more classes of electors shall be entitled to be registered as an elector of each class.

(3) Each register for the time being in force shall be conclusive as to the right of any person to vote at an election of senators by the class of electors to which the register applies.

3. It shall be the duty of the Local Government Board for Ireland, the Commissioner of Valuation and Boundary Surveyor and the secretaries of the several county councils, whose members are entitled to elect senators, to furnish to the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper such particulars of matters within their cognizance as he may require for the purpose of preparing and revising the registers.

4.—(1) The Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper shall from time to time as occasion requires and at least once in each year publish provisional lists of—

(a) the Peers and

(b) the Privy Councillors

qualified to elect senators, together with a notice specifying the mode in which, and the time within which, objections may be made to such lists under this order.

(2) Any person qualified to be an elector as a Peer or a Privy Councillor may object to the provisional list of Peers or Privy Councillors, as the case may be, on the ground that his name is omitted therefrom or that his name or address is incorrectly stated therein, or that the name of an unqualified person is included therein, or that the name or address of a qualified person is incorrectly stated therein.

(3) No objection need be entertained unless a notice in writing stating the nature thereof is received by the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper within such time as may be specified in that behalf in the notice published with the provisional lists, not being in any case less than seven days from the date of such publication.

(4) The provisional lists shall be published in the same manner as the registers.

(5) The Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper shall take into consideration all objections duly made to the provisional lists and adjudicate upon the same, and shall, if necessary, amend the register so as to give effect to his decision, which shall be final.