

CHAPTER No. 5

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE
(AMENDMENT) ACT 2006**

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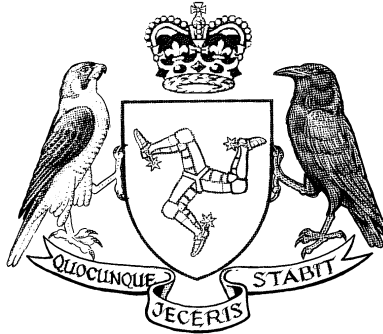
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Arrangement of Sections

Section

1. Date of dissolution of the House of Keys
2. Introduction of absent voting on demand
3. Proxy votes
4. Voting age
5. Citation and commencement



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AN ACT

to change the date of the dissolution of the House of Keys; to introduce absent voting on demand and to amend the Representation of the People Act 1995 and the Registration of Electors Act 1984.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Council and Keys of the said Isle, do humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows (that is to say):—

1. In section 2 of the Representation of the People Act 1995 (term of the Keys) —

Date of dissolution of the House of Keys

(a) after “dissolved on” insert “18 August 2011 and thereafter on”;

[c.13]

(b) for “October” substitute “August”.

2. For section 26 of the Representation of the People Act 1995 substitute —

Introduction of absent voting on demand

“Absent voting

26. (1) A person who is or will be entitled to vote at an election may apply to the returning officer of the constituency in which that person seeks to exercise his or her vote to be treated as an absent voter.

(2) An application under subsection (1) shall be allowed if the returning officer —

(a) is satisfied that the applicant is or will be entitled to vote at the election; and

(b) has no reason to doubt the identity of the applicant.

(3) An application to be treated as an absent voter shall include —

(a) an address in the Island or elsewhere to which a ballot paper is to be sent for the purpose of the election;

(b) such other particulars as are prescribed; and

(c) such evidence of identity as is required.

(4) Regulations may make provision with respect to any matters incidental to this Act so far as it relates to absent voters.”.

Proxy votes **3.** In section 27(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1995 (proxy votes), for the words from “an election for such period” to the end substitute “that election”.

Voting age **4.** (1) In the Representation of the People Act 1995 —
[c.13] (a) in section 24(2), for “18 years” substitute “16 years”;
(b) in section 27(2)(a), for “18 years” substitute “16 years”.

[c. 3] (2) In the Registration of Electors Act 1984 —
(a) in section 1(2)(b), for “18 years” substitute “16 years”;
(b) in section 3(2)(c), for “18 years” substitute “16 years”.

Citation and commencement **5.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act 2006.

(2) This Act shall come into force on such day as the Council of Ministers may by order appoint and different days may be so appointed for different provisions and for different purposes.

(3) An order under subsection (2) may make such transitional provisions or savings as the Council of Ministers may consider necessary in connection with any provision brought into force by the order.