



BILLE OSPIDEAL NA MIDHE, 1950.
MEATH HOSPITAL BILL, 1950.

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SCHEDULE.



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entitled

AN ACT TO RE-CONSTITUTE THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF 5
THE INSTITUTION, CALLED THE MEATH HOSPITAL
AND COUNTY OF DUBLIN INFIRMARY, TO PROVIDE
FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SAID
JOINT COMMITTEE AS SO RE-CONSTITUTED, TO
AMEND CERTAIN ENACTMENTS RELATING TO THE 10
SAID INSTITUTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR
CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE
MATTERS AFORESAID.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:—

Definitions.	1.—In this Act—	15
Act of 1815.	the expression “ the Act of 1815 ” means the British statute passed in the year 1815, and entitled “ An Act to amend several Acts for the management and direction of the Meath Hospital, or County of Dublin Infirmary, and for the better regulating the same ”. (55 Geo. III, c. lxxxi).	20
appointed day.	the expression “ the appointed day ” means the first Monday in the second month next after the month in which this Act is passed, or, if the said first Monday is a public holiday, the next following Tuesday;	
Dublin Corporation.	the expression “ the Dublin Corporation ” means the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Dublin;	25
Dublin County Council.	the expression “ the Dublin County Council ” means the council of the administrative county of Dublin;	
election year.	the expression “ election year ” means any year being— (a) the year in which the appointed day falls, or (b) the year 1954, or (c) any third successive year after the year 1954;	30
first election year.	the expression “ the first election year ” means the year in which the appointed day falls;	
General Council.	the expression “ the General Council ” means the General Council of County Councils;	35
Hospital.	the expression “ the Hospital ” means the Meath Hospital and County of Dublin Infirmary;	
Medical Board.	the expression “ the Medical Board ” means the Medical Board constituted in accordance with <i>section 3</i> of this Act.	40
Cesser of office of existing members of the joint committee.	2.—The persons holding office as members of the joint committee of the Hospital immediately before the appointed day shall cease to hold office on the expiration of the appointed day.	

3.—(1) The Medical Board of the Hospital shall consist of the physicians and surgeons of the Hospital on the 6th December, 1950, and the physicians and surgeons of the Hospital duly appointed in accordance with law after the appointed day.

Constitution of the
Medical Board.

- 5 (2) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Medical Board, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section 7 of the Act of 1815 the joint committee shall advertise the vacancy in the public press and the Medical Board shall examine the credentials of the applicants and following consideration of the report of the Medical Board on all such applicants the joint committee shall elect a physician or surgeon to fill the vacancy.

4.—(1) As on and from the day next after the appointed day the joint committee of the Hospital shall, in lieu of being constituted as provided by subsection (2) of section 15 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, consist of—

Re-constitution
of joint
committee of
the Hospital.

- 15 (a) five members (in this Act referred to as county members) elected in accordance with *section 5* of this Act,
(b) two members (in this Act referred to as General Council members) elected in accordance with *section 6* of this Act,
20 (c) six members (in this Act referred to as city members) elected in accordance with *section 7* of this Act,
(d) four members (in this Act referred to as medical members) elected in accordance with *section 8* of this Act,
25 (e) four members (in this Act referred to as Hospital Corporation members) elected in accordance with *section 11* of this Act,
(f) two members may be co-opted at the first meeting of those elected in accordance with *paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)*.

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(2) A meeting of the joint committee of the Hospital shall be summoned for a day which is not less than three or more than seven days after the appointed day.

5.—(1) The Dublin County Council shall in the first election year on or before the appointed day elect five persons to act as county members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.

Election and
term of office
of county
members.

(2) The Dublin County Council shall in each election year (other than the first election year) on or before the first Monday in April in that election year, elect five persons to act as county members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next following the said first Monday.

(3) Every county member elected at an election held under subsection (1) or (2) of this section in any election year shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the first Monday in April in the next election year.

(4) Whenever a county member dies or resigns, the Dublin County Council shall, as soon as conveniently may be, elect a person to fill the vacancy and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the county member so dying or resigning would have held office if he had not so died or resigned.

6.—(1) The General Council shall, in the first election year before the appointed day, elect two of its members as General Council members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.

Election and term
of office of
General Council
members.

(2) The General Council shall in each election year (other than the first election year) before the first Monday in April in that election year elect two of its members as General Council members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next following the said first Monday.

(3) Every General Council member elected at an election held under *subsection (1) or (2)* of this section in any election year shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the first Monday in April in the next election year.

(4) Whenever a General Council member dies or resigns the General Council shall as soon as conveniently may be elect a person to fill the vacancy and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the General Council member so dying or resigning would have held office if he had not died or resigned.

Election and
term of office
of city
members

7.—(1) The Dublin Corporation shall, in the first election year before the appointed day, elect six persons to act as city members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.

(2) The Dublin Corporation shall in each election year (other than the first election year) before the first Monday in April in that election year elect six persons to act as city members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next following the said first Monday.

(3) Every city member elected at an election held under *subsection (1) or (2)* of this section in any election year shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the first Monday in April in the next election year.

(4) Whenever a city member dies or resigns the Dublin Corporation shall as soon as conveniently may be elect a person to fill the vacancy and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the city member so dying or resigning would have held office if he had not died or resigned.

Election and
term of office
of medical
members.

8.—(1) The Medical Board shall, in the first election year on or before the appointed day, elect four of its members as medical members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.

(2) The Medical Board shall in each election year (other than the first election year) on or before the first Monday in April in that election year elect four of its members as medical members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next following the said first Monday.

(3) Every medical member elected at an election held under *subsection (1) or (2)* of this section in any election year shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the first Monday in April in the next election year.

(4) Whenever a medical member dies or resigns, the Medical Board shall as soon as conveniently may be elect a person to fill the vacancy and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the medical member so dying or resigning would have held office if he had not so died or resigned.

Joint Committee
may act notwith-
standing vacancy.

9.—The joint committee may act notwithstanding a vacancy in its membership.

Electorate for
Hospital
Corporation
members.

10.—(1) In this section—
the expression “ the qualifying date ” means,—

(a) in relation to the election of Hospital Corporation members to be held in the first election year, the 1st day of the month next preceding the month in which the appointed day falls,

(b) in relation to the election of Hospital Corporation members to be held in any election year (other than the first election year), the 1st day of March in that election year;

the word “ person ” does not include the Dublin County Council or the Dublin Corporation or the General Council.

(2) The following persons and no others shall be qualified to vote at the first election of Hospital Corporation members—

- (a) any person who is on the first day of January of the first election year a life governor or life governess of the Hospital,
- 5 (b) any person who in the twelve months preceeding the qualifying date has subscribed not less than two guineas to the funds of the Hospital.
- (3) The following persons and no others shall be qualified to vote at the election of Hospital Corporation members to be held in any election year (other than the first election year)—
- 10 (a) any person who is on the qualifying date a life governor or governess of the Hospital,
- (b) any person who in the twelve months preceding the 1st day of January in that election year subscribes not less than two guineas to the funds of the Hospital.
- 15 (4) In this Act, references to the Hospital Corporation members' electorate for a particular election year shall be construed as references to the persons who are by virtue of this section qualified to vote at an election of Hospital Corporation members to be held in that election year.
- 20 **11.—**(1) In this section—
- the expression " member " means a Hospital Corporation member ;
- the expression " the electorate " means the Hospital Corporation members' electorate.
- (2) The electorate for the first election year shall on the appointed day elect from their number four members, and the term of office of the persons so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.
- (3) The electorate for any election year (other than the first election year) shall on the first Monday in April in that election year elect from their number four members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the day of his election.
- 30 (4) Every member elected at an election held under *subsection* (2) or (3) of this section shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the day on which the next election of members is held in accordance with *subsection* (3) of this section.
- 35 (5) The rules set out in the Schedule to this Act shall apply in relation to the election of members under *subsections* (2) and (3) of this section.
- 40 (6) Whenever a member dies or resigns, the continuing members shall as soon as conveniently may be, elect a person (being a life governor or governess for the time being of the Hospital) to fill the vacancy, and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the member so dying or resigning would have held office
- 45 if he had not died or resigned.
- (7) Any expenses incurred in relation to any election under *subsection* (2) or (3) of this section shall be defrayed out of the general funds of the joint committee of the Hospital.

Election and
term of office
of Hospital
Corporation
members.

- 12.—**(1) In this section—
- 50 the expression " the joint committee " means the joint committee of the Hospital ;
- the word " office " means any office or appointment full or part time, in or in connection with the Hospital.
- (2) Where a person was, after the 6th day of December, 1950, and before the appointed day, appointed to any office, then, notwithstanding the terms and conditions on which he was appointed, the joint committee may, without assigning any reason therefor, dismiss or remove him from that office.

Removal from
office of certain
persons.

(3) *Subsections (1) and (2)* of this section shall come into operation on the appointed day.

Amendment of
the Act of
1815.

13.—(1) In section 2 of the Act of 1815, the words “ not exceeding the annual value of one thousand pounds ” are hereby repealed.

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(2) In section 5 of the Act of 1815, the words “ provided that such lands shall not exceed the sum allowed in value ” are hereby repealed.

(3) In section 7 of the Act of 1815, the words “ that all such elections shall be from the Members or Licentiates of the King’s and Queen’s College of Physicians and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and ” are hereby repealed.

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Short title.

14.—This Act may be cited as the Meath Hospital Act, 1950.

Section 11 (5).

SCHEDULE.

RULES APPLICABLE TO ELECTION OF HOSPITAL CORPORATION MEMBERS. 15

Definitions

1. In these Rules—

the word “ member ” means a Hospital Corporation member ;

the word “ election ” means an election of members to be held in pursuance of *subsection (2) or (3) of section 11* of this Act ; 20

the expression “ the election day ” means—

(a) in relation to the election to be held in the first election year, the appointed day,

(b) in relation to the election to be held in an election year (other than the first election year), the first Monday in April in that election year. 25

Provisions
in relation
to bank
holidays.

2. Whenever a day on which anything is required to be done by these Rules falls on a Sunday or a bank holiday such thing shall be done on the next preceding day which is neither a Sunday nor a bank holiday. 30

Returning
officer.

3. The returning officer at the election to be held in the first election year, and in any election year other than the first election year shall be the auditors of the Hospital for the time being.

Election dates.

4. For the purposes of an election—

(a) the latest date for giving notice of the election shall be the day which is twenty-eight clear days before the election day, 35

(b) the latest day and hour for receiving nomination papers shall be 4 o’clock p.m. on the day which is nineteen clear days before the election day, 40

(c) the latest date for the withdrawal of candidates shall be 12 o’clock noon on the day which is eighteen clear days before the election day,

- (d) the day for the issue of the ballot papers shall be the day which is twelve clear days before the election day, and the time for the issue of the ballot papers shall be such hour as the returning officer shall appoint,
- 5 (e) the poll shall close at 4 o'clock p.m. on the election day.

5. (1) For the purposes of an election—

Electoral Poll.

- 10 (a) the returning officer shall not later than twenty-eight clear days before the day which is in relation to that election the election day, cause to be prepared a list (in this Schedule referred to as the electoral roll) of persons qualified to vote at that election,
- (b) the electoral roll shall contain the name of each such person and his address,
- 15 (c) the names shall be arranged in such order as the returning officer may find convenient and shall be numbered consecutively,
- 20 (d) the electoral roll may after its completion be inspected by any person whose name is entered therein at the offices of the Hospital during office hours and shall be kept open for such inspection until after the declaration of the result of the election,
- (e) the returning officer shall, at the request of any person whose name is entered on the electoral roll, supply free of charge to such person one copy of the electoral roll.
- 25 (2) The word "elector" when used in these Rules in relation to an election means a person whose name is entered on the electoral roll prepared for the purposes of that election under this Rule.

6. Notice of an election shall be in the Form No. 1 in the Table to this Schedule, and shall be published by the returning officer not later than the latest day for giving notice of the election by advertisement in each of the morning daily papers circulating in the city of Dublin.

Notice of election.

7. The following provisions shall have effect in relation to the nomination of candidates at an election, that is to say :—

Nomination of candidates.

- 35 (a) each candidate shall be nominated in writing in the Form No. 2 in the Table to this Schedule and the nomination paper of a candidate (which shall relate to such candidate only) shall contain a description of the candidate sufficient to identify him, and the particulars required
- 40 by the said form (including a statement of the consent of the candidate to be so nominated, signed by the candidate) and shall be made and subscribed by one elector;
- (b) no elector may subscribe a nomination paper for himself and no elector may sign more than four nomination
- 45 papers;
- (c) a nomination paper intended to be subscribed by a partnership or by an unincorporated association shall be subscribed in the name of such partnership or association by some person having authority to sign in that name;
- 50 (d) a nomination paper intended to be subscribed by a corporate body shall be signed by affixing to such paper the seal of such body in the manner required by the

constitution, articles of association or other regulations of such body;

(e) the returning officer shall supply free of charge to any elector a form of nomination paper;

(f) the returning officer shall attend to receive nominations on 5 the latest day for receiving nominations at the offices of the Hospital between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., which period is hereinafter referred to as the time for receiving nomination papers;

(g) a nomination paper may be delivered to the returning 10 officer by sending it to him by prepaid post or by handing it to him personally, and may be so delivered at any time before the closing of the time for receiving nominations, but all nominations so delivered before the commencement of the time for receiving nominations shall 15 be retained by the returning officer and produced by him at such commencement and for the purposes of these rules shall be deemed to have been delivered during the time for receiving nominations;

(h) no objection to a nomination paper on the ground of any 20 description of the candidate therein not being sufficient or not being in accordance with these Rules shall be valid unless it is made by the returning officer himself during the time for receiving nominations;

(i) every person whose nomination has been or is deemed to 25 have been delivered to the returning officer during the time for receiving nominations shall be deemed to have been duly nominated unless before the expiration of the time appointed for receiving nominations or one hour afterwards objection has been made to such nomination 30 by the returning officer or a candidate and the returning officer has allowed such objection.

Withdrawal of candidature.

8. A candidate at any election may at any time before the latest hour and day for the withdrawal of candidates withdraw his candidature by furnishing notice to that effect to the return- 35 ing officer signed by the candidate, and in that case the candidate shall be deemed never to have been nominated.

Death of candidate before issue of ballot paper.

9. If the returning officer, before the day for the issue of the ballot papers receives notice that a candidate who has been validly nominated has died, such candidate shall be deemed never 40 to have been nominated.

Uncontested elections.

10. If at any election the number of candidates duly nominated is equal to or less than four, no poll shall be taken, but the returning officer shall on the day which in relation to such election is the election day, declare such candidates elected. 45

Poll to be taken at contested elections.

11. If at any election the number of candidates validly nominated exceeds four, a poll shall be taken in accordance with these Rules.

Ballot papers and declaration of identity and issue thereof, and ballot boxes.

12. Where, at any election a poll is required by these Rules to be taken, the following provisions shall have effect, that is to say:— 50

(a) the returning officer shall on the day appointed for the issue of ballot papers send by post to every person whose

name appears on the electoral roll prepared for such election at the address stated in such electoral roll a ballot paper together with a form of declaration of identity;

5 (b) every ballot paper shall comply with the following provisions :—

(i) be in form No. 3 in the Table to this Schedule,

10 (ii) contain a list of the candidates, who have been duly nominated and no others, described by their names, addresses and descriptions as stated in their nomination papers and arranged alphabetically in one continuous column in order of their surnames and, in case of identity of surnames, of their other names, and

15 (iii) the surnames of each candidate shall be printed on the ballot paper in large characters and their other names, and their addresses and descriptions shall be printed in small characters save that whenever the surnames of two or more candidates are the same,
20 there shall be printed in large characters (in addition to their surnames) the other names of such candidates and so much of the address or the description or both the address and the description of each such candidate as will in the opinion of the
25 returning officer, effectively distinguish such candidate;

(iv) have a number printed on the back thereof, and

(v) have attached a counterfoil with the said number printed on the face thereof, and

30 (vi) be marked, at the time of issue thereof, with an embossed official mark visible on both sides of the paper;

(c) every declaration of identity shall be in the Form No. 4 in the Schedule hereto, and shall include (either on
35 the face or the back of the form) instructions to the voter;

(d) every candidate shall be entitled to attend at the issue of the ballot papers and the returning officer shall, on the request of any candidate, inform him of the
40 time and place at which such issue will be made;

(e) no person shall be present at the issue of ballot papers save the returning officer and his assistants, such of the candidates as choose to attend, and such other persons (if any) as the returning officer may permit
45 to be so present;

(f) at the time appointed for the issue of ballot papers, the returning officer shall issue a ballot paper to each elector, and shall so issue such ballot paper by doing or causing to be done the following things, that is
50 to say:—

(i) the number, name and description of the elector shall be called out;

(ii) the elector's said number shall be marked on the counterfoil of the ballot paper;

55 (iii) a mark shall be placed on the electoral roll opposite the elector's number thereon to denote that a ballot paper has been issued to such elector,

but without disclosing the identity of such ballot paper;

(iv) the official mark shall be embossed on the said ballot paper,

(v) the number on the back of the said ballot paper shall be marked upon a form of declaration of identity and upon a ballot paper envelope, 5

(vi) there shall be placed in an envelope (hereinafter referred to as the outer envelope) in the Form No. 5 in the Table to this Schedule addressed to the elector at his address as stated in the electoral roll, the following documents— 10

(I) the said ballot paper,

(II) the said form of identity,

(III) an envelope (hereinafter referred to as the covering envelope) in the Form No. 6 in the Table to this Schedule addressed to the returning officer, and stamped with an impressed or adhesive stamp of the value of twopence halfpenny, 15 20

(IV) a small envelope (hereinafter referred to as the ballot paper envelope) in the Form No. 7 in the Schedule marked with the number on the back of the said ballot paper,

(vii) the outer envelope shall be effectively closed; 25

(g) when the provisions of paragraph (f) of this Rule have been complied with in respect of every elector, all the closed outer envelopes shall be collected, counted and posted;

(h) the returning officer, as soon as practicable after the completion of the issue of the ballot papers, and in the presence of the candidates in attendance (if any) shall make up in separate packets, sealed with his own seal, and sealed by such of the candidates as desire to affix their seals, the marked copy of the electoral roll and the counterfoils of the ballot papers; 30 35

(i) the returning officer shall provide a sufficient number of ballot boxes for the reception of the covering envelopes, and on the completion of the issue of the ballot papers the returning officer shall show each such ballot box open to the candidates (if any) present and shall seal each such ballot box with his seal and make provision for the safe custody of all such ballot boxes. 40

Issue of duplicate ballot paper where original spoiled.

13. If an elector inadvertently spoils his ballot paper, the returning officer, on being satisfied as to such inadvertence may, having duly received from the elector the declaration of identity, the outer envelope and the ballot paper so spoiled, issue a further ballot paper and declaration of identity to such elector. The returning officer shall mark on the counterfoil of such further ballot paper the number on the back of the ballot paper so spoiled, and shall add thereto the word "duplicate". 45 50

Provisions in relation to ballot papers not delivered to voter.

14. If any elector informs the returning officer that two days have elapsed since a ballot paper should have been delivered to him, and that a ballot paper has not been so delivered, the returning officer may issue a further ballot paper and declaration of identity 55

which, by being of a different colour can readily be distinguished from the ballot papers already issued. The name and address of such elector shall be written on the counterfoil of such further ballot paper so issued. Such further declaration of identity and ballot paper is herein referred to as a special declaration of identity and

15. (1) An elector in giving his vote must place on the ballot paper the mark X opposite the name of every candidate for whom he votes. An elector may not vote for more than four candidates.

Provisions
in relation
to voting and
declaration
of identity.

10 (2) Every declaration of identity shall be signed by the voter and (except where the voter is a corporate body) shall be signed in the presence of a witness who shall also sign such declaration and state thereon his address and occupation.

(3) The following provisions shall have effect in relation to the signing of declarations of identity of voters:—

(a) where the voter is a partnership, the declaration shall be signed in the partnership name by one of the partners followed by the signature of such partner in his own name and the word " partner ";

20 (b) where the voter is an unincorporated association the declaration shall be signed in the name of such association;

25 (c) where the voter is a corporate body the declaration shall be signed by affixing thereto the seal of such body in the manner and with the counter-signatures required by the constitution, articles of association or other regulations of such body;

30 (d) a declaration of identity purporting to be signed in accordance with this sub-rule shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be signed in accordance with these Rules.

16. Not less than three days before the close of the poll, the returning officer shall send, by post, to every candidate at his address as stated in his nomination paper notice, in writing, of the time and place at which he will open the ballot boxes and count the votes.

Notice of
time and for
opening of
ballot boxes
and counting
of votes.

17. Ballot papers for the election may be sent at any time before the closing of the poll, either by post or delivery by hand, to the returning officer at the office of the Hospital.

Delivery of
ballot papers
to returning
officer.

40 18. The returning officer at any election shall place unopened in ballot boxes provided by him for the purpose of such election every covering envelope received by him before the close of the poll as and when it is received by him, and any other envelopes received by him containing ballot papers which may have been inadvertently opened
45 by reason of such ballot papers not having been returned in the envelope provided for the purpose, and shall seal up unopened in a separate package all covering envelopes received by him after the close of the poll, and shall also seal up unopened in a separate package all outer envelopes returned to him as undelivered.

Receipt of
ballot papers.

50 19. If the returning officer before the close of the poll receives notice of the death of a candidate, votes cast for such candidate shall not be counted.

Death of
candidate.

20. The following provisions shall have effect in relation to the scrutiny and counting of votes cast at an election :—

- (a) the scrutiny and counting of votes shall commence immediately after the closing of the poll, and shall be held at the offices of the Hospital; 5
- (b) the following persons and no other may be present at the scrutiny and counting of votes, that is to say, the returning officer, his assistants and the electors;
- (c) when the ballot boxes have been opened, the returning officer shall do the following things :— 10
 - (i) take all the covering envelopes out of all the ballot boxes and count and note the number thereof;
 - (ii) open each covering envelope and segregate any of those envelopes containing a special declaration of identity, and then take up each of the said covering envelopes not so segregated and examine the declaration of identity therein and compare the number on such declaration with the number on the ballot paper envelope in such covering envelope; 15 20
 - (iii) if the said numbers agree and the declaration of identity is found to be duly completed and made, he shall place the declaration of identity and the ballot paper envelope in separate receptacles;
 - (iv) if he is not satisfied that the declaration of identity has been duly completed and made, he shall endorse the declaration of identity "vote rejected", and shall attach thereto the ballot paper envelope, without opening such envelope, or if there is no such envelope, the ballot paper; 25 30
 - (v) if he finds that the numbers on the declaration of identity and on the ballot paper envelope do not agree, or if the envelope has no number on it he shall open the envelope, and if the number on the ballot paper agrees with the number on the declaration of identity he shall place the ballot paper in the special receptacle provided by him for ballot papers; 35
 - (vi) if the number on any ballot paper does not agree with a number on the declaration of identity, he shall replace the ballot paper in its envelope, if any, attach such envelope or ballot paper (as the case may be) to the declaration of identity, and endorse the declaration of identity "vote rejected"; 40
 - (vii) where a declaration of identity does not appear to accompany the ballot paper envelope, he shall open the ballot paper envelope, and if it is found to contain the declaration of identity he shall deal with such declaration and ballot paper envelope in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Rule; 45 50
 - (viii) he shall mark with the word "rejected" every declaration of identity which is not accompanied by any ballot paper, and every ballot paper which is not accompanied by a declaration of identity; 55
 - (ix) when all the said covering envelopes not so segregated have been dealt with under the foregoing provisions of this sub-rule, he shall take out separately each of the said covering envelopes segregated as

containing a special declaration of identity and examine the declaration of identity therein and ascertain whether a declaration of identity in respect of the same elector has, or has not, been previously examined under this sub-rule;

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(x) if a declaration of identity in respect of the same elector has previously been examined under this sub-rule he shall mark the special declaration of identity "vote rejected" and shall attach thereto the ballot paper envelope without opening the same or, if there is no such envelope, the ballot paper;

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(xi) if a declaration of identity in respect of the same elector has not been previously examined under this sub-rule, he shall deal with the special declaration and the ballot paper envelope and the special ballot paper in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this sub-rule other than the last two preceding clauses thereof;

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(d) where a ballot paper and a declaration of identity are received together and the numbers thereon agree, such ballot paper shall not be rejected solely on the ground that such ballot paper and declaration of identity were or either of them was not placed in the proper envelopes or envelope or that any such envelope was not fastened;

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(e) the returning officer shall show any declaration of identity which he proposes to reject on the ground that it has not been properly completed and made to the candidates present, and if any objection is made by any such candidate to his decision, he shall add to the endorsement the words "rejection objected to";

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(f) the returning officer shall keep all rejected declarations of identity with the attached envelopes or ballot papers, as the case may be, separate from other documents;

(g) when all the covering envelopes in the several ballot boxes have been opened and their contents dealt with under the preceding sub-rule, the returning officer shall open each unopened ballot paper envelope and compare the number on the envelope with the number on the ballot paper therein, and if the number on the ballot paper agrees with the number on the envelope he shall place the ballot paper in the special receptacle provided by him for ballot papers, but if the number on the ballot paper does not agree with the number on the envelope he shall mark the ballot paper "rejected" and shall attach it to the envelope;

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(h) as soon as the returning officer has completed the placing of the ballot papers in the said special receptacle, he shall seal up in separate packets, (i) the declarations of identity which accompanied any ballot papers duly accepted, (ii) any rejected declarations of identity, and (iii) any rejected ballot papers, in the two latter cases with the envelopes (if any) attached thereto;

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(i) when the returning officer has complied with the foregoing provisions he shall mix together thoroughly the ballot papers contained in the said special receptacle, and shall then take the said ballot papers out of the said special receptacle, count and note the number thereof and then count, in accordance with these Rules the votes recorded on the said ballot papers;

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(j) the returning officer shall endorse " rejected " on any ballot paper which he rejects as invalid, and if an objection be made by any candidate to his decision rejecting the ballot paper, he shall add to the said endorsement " rejection objected to " ;

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(k) the returning officer shall credit every candidate against whose name a mark is placed on a valid ballot paper indicating that the elector votes for such candidate, with one vote ;

(l) the returning officer shall, subject to the provisions of these Rules, count the number of votes credited to the candidates as expressed on the ballot papers and shall declare elected the candidate with the largest number of votes, and shall then declare elected the candidate with the next largest number of votes, and so on until the number of candidates so declared to be elected is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled at the election ;

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(m) if two or more candidates are each credited with the same number of votes and if both of such candidates cannot be declared elected in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the returning officer shall determine by lot which of such candidates is elected ;

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(n) the returning officer shall prepare and sign a statement setting forth the names and addresses of the candidates elected, the total number of ballot papers issued and returned, and shall send a copy of such statement to the joint committee of the Hospital.

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TABLE.

FORM NO. 1.

FORM OF NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The Joint Committee of the Meath Hospital and County of Dublin Infirmary.

Election of Hospital Corporation Members under section 11 of the Meath Hospital Act, 1950.

Day of Election the day of

The returning officer for the election of the said members hereby gives notice that he will on the day of between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. attend at the offices of the Meath Hospital, Dublin, to receive nominations for the election of 4 Hospital Corporation members.

Candidates for election must be entered on the electoral roll prepared for the purposes of the election.

Any person whose name is entered on the said roll may obtain, free of charge on application at the offices of the Hospital, a copy of the said roll and a form of nomination paper.

Every nomination paper must be signed by one person whose name is entered in the said electoral roll and must include a statement by the candidate of his consent to be nominated signed by himself.

Every nomination paper must be delivered to the returning officer either at the place above mentioned between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on the day of, or may be delivered by post or handed to him at any time before the hour of 4 o'clock p.m. on the said day.

A candidate may withdraw his candidature by furnishing notice to that effect signed by him to the returning officer before 12 o'clock noon on the day of

If the election is contested, ballot papers will be issued on the day of, and the poll will close at 4 o'clock p.m. on the day of

Any ballot paper received after the close of the poll will not be counted.

Signed.....

Returning Officer.

Dated the day of,

FORM NO. 2.

FORM OF NOMINATION PAPER.

The Joint Committee of the Meath Hospital and County of Dublin Infirmary.

Election of four Hospital Corporation Members under section 11 of the Meath Hospital Act, 1950, on the day of

I, the undersigned, being a person duly qualified as nominator, hereby nominate the following person

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as a Hospital Corporation member of the said Joint Committee.

Signature and Address of Nominator

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Dated the day of,

I of the person nominated in this nomination paper hereby consent to this nomination.

Signed.....

Dated the day of,

NOTE.—See instruction overleaf.

FORM OF BACK OF NOMINATION PAPER.

Attention is directed to the following provisions of Rule 7 of the Schedule to the Meath Hospital Act—

(Here print Rule 7, paragraphs (a) to (d)).

FORM NO. 3.

FORM OF BALLOT PAPER.

The Joint Committee of the Meath Hospital and County of Dublin Infirmary.

Election of four Hospital Corporation Members under section 11 of the Meath Hospital Act, 1950, on the day of

BEFORE MARKING THIS BALLOT PAPER THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ENCLOSED DECLARATION OF IDENTITY SHOULD BE READ.

Counterfoil No.....
Election of Hospital Corporation Members of the joint committee of the Meath Hospital.

Note: the Counterfoil is to have a number to correspond with that on the back of the ballot paper.

Voter's Mark	Names of Candidates

FORM OF BACK OF BALLOT PAPER.

Number.....

Election of four Hospital Corporation members of the joint committee of the Meath Hospital.

NOTE.—The number on the back of the ballot paper is to correspond with that on the counterfoil.

FORM NO. 4.

FORM OF DECLARATION OF IDENTITY.

The Joint Committee of the Meath Hospital and County of Dublin Infirmary.

Election of four Hospital Corporation Members.

Ballot Paper Number.....

I/We do hereby declare that I/We am/are the voter to whom the ballot paper numbered as above and the envelope in which the same was enclosed (both of which are now produced) were sent.

Signature of Voter*

*Before signing this declaration the voter should read carefully the rules set out below as to the particular manner in which it must be signed by the classes of voters specified. Failure to sign this declaration in accordance with these rules may involve the rejection of the vote.

†This portion is not required where the voter is a corporate body.

†Signed in the presence of—

Signature of witness.....

Address.....

Description.....

Rules for signing Declaration of Identity.

(Here print Rule 15).

FORM OF BACK OF DECLARATION OF IDENTITY.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER.

(To be printed on back of Form of Declaration of Identity.)

1. The voter may vote for four candidates only.
2. The voter must vote by marking the ballot paper in the left hand side with the mark X opposite the name of each candidate for whom he votes.
3. The Returning Officer will credit every candidate against whose name the mark X is placed on a valid ballot paper with one vote.
4. Immediately after voting, the voter must place the marked ballot paper in the enclosed envelope on which are printed the words " Ballot Paper Envelope " and fasten it up. He must then place the ballot paper envelope, together with this paper, in the other larger enclosed envelope addressed to the Returning Officer and return the same without delay.

Ballot papers received after the hour of 4 o'clock p.m. on the day of, will not be counted.

FORM NO. 5.

FORM OF OUTER ENVELOPE.

Joint Committee of Meath Hospital. Election of Hospital Corporation Members.	
To	Stamp
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If undelivered, return immediately to the Returning Officer at the Meath Hospital, Dublin.	

FORM NO. 6.

FORM OF COVERING ENVELOPE.

Stamp	
The Returning Officer.	
Election of Hospital Corporation members of Joint Committee of Meath Hospital.	
Meath Hospital, Dublin	

FORM NO. 7.

FORM OF BALLOT PAPER ENVELOPE.

Election of Hospital Corporation Members of Joint Committee
of Meath Hospital.

Ballot Paper Number.....

NOTE.—The ballot paper only to be placed in this envelope which,
with the declaration of identity, must then be placed in the envelope
addressed to the returning officer.

THE HOSPITAL BILL, 1900.

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1. In the Bill, the words "the Hospital" shall be construed to mean the Hospital for the Poor, and the words "the Poor" shall be construed to mean the Poor of the Parish of St. Martin in the City of London.

2. The Hospital for the Poor shall be a body corporate, and shall have the power to acquire and hold land, and to sell and dispose of land, and to borrow money, and to give and receive gifts and bequests, and to do all such things as may be necessary for the purposes of the Hospital.

3. The Hospital for the Poor shall be a charitable institution, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act, 1893.

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