

(5) Before sending any such notice, the Divisional Returning Officer shall insert therein a date, not being less than twenty-one days after the date of posting of the notice, on which the form attached to the notice, fully filled up and signed by the elector, is to be in the hands of the Divisional Returning Officer.

(6) Every elector to whom a notice under this section has been sent shall fill up the form at the foot of the notice by stating in it the true reason why he failed so to vote, sign the form, and post it so as to reach the Divisional Returning Officer not later than the date inserted in the notice.

(7) If any elector is unable, by reason of absence from his place of living or physical incapacity, to fill up, sign, and post the form, within the time allowed under subsection (5) of this section, any other elector who has personal knowledge of the facts may, subject to the regulations, fill up, sign and post the form, duly witnessed, within that time, and the filling up, signing and posting of the form may be treated as compliance by the first-mentioned elector with the provisions of subsection (6) of this section.

(8) Upon receipt of a form referred to in either of the last two preceding subsections, the Divisional Returning Officer shall indorse on both copies of the list prepared in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, opposite the name of the elector, his opinion whether or not the reason contained in the form is a valid and sufficient reason for the failure of the elector to vote.

(9) The Divisional Returning Officer shall also indorse on both copies of the list, opposite the name of each elector to whom a notice under this section has been sent and from or on behalf of whom a form properly filled up, signed, and witnessed, has not been received by him, a note to that effect.

(10) Within two months after the expiration of the period prescribed under subsection (4) of this section, the Divisional Returning Officer shall send to the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State one copy of the list, with his endorsements thereon, certified by statutory declaration under his hand.

(11) Each copy of the list prepared and endorsed by the Divisional Returning Officer, indicating:

(a) the names of the electors who did not vote at the election;

(b) the names of the electors from whom or on whose behalf the Divisional Returning Officer received, within the time allowed under subsection (5) of this section, forms properly filled up and signed; and

(c) the names of the electors who failed to reply within that time, and any extract therefrom, certified by the Divisional Returning Officer under his hand, shall in all proceedings be prima facie evidence of the contents of such list or extract, and of the fact that the electors whose names appear therein did not vote at the election, and that the notice specified in subsection (4) of this section was received by those electors, and that those electors did, or did not (as the case may be), comply with the requisitions contained in the notice within the time allowed under subsection (5) of this section.

(12) Every elector who—

(a) fails to vote at an election without a valid and sufficient reason for such failure; or