



## EMERGENCY POWERS (KEYS ELECTIONS — CASUAL VACANCIES) REGULATIONS 2020

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*Emergency Powers Act 1936*

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The Governor in Council, by Order, makes the following Regulations under section 4 of the Emergency Powers Act 1936.

### **1 Title**

These Regulations are the Emergency Powers (Keys Elections — Casual Vacancies) Regulations 2020.

### **2 Commencement**

These Regulations come into operation on the day after they are made<sup>1</sup>.

### **3 Interpretation**

In these Regulations “regulation 7(b)” means regulation 7(b) of the Representation of the People Regulations 2015.<sup>2</sup>

### **4 Modification of regulation 7(b) during emergency**

- (1) This regulation applies to any case where, during the present emergency, the Governor would otherwise be obliged by regulation 7(b) to issue a writ for the election of a member of the Keys to fill a casual vacancy.
- (2) Where this regulation applies regulation 7(b) has effect as if for “within 2 months” there were substituted “within 6 months”.

<sup>1</sup> By virtue of section 4(2) of the Emergency Powers Act 1936, the Regulations made under this Order must be laid before Tynwald within 7 days of being made and only continue in force beyond 7 days of being so laid if Tynwald passes a resolution to that effect.

<sup>2</sup> SD 2015/0379

**MADE 8:15 23 MARCH 2020**

**W GREENHOW**  
*Chief Secretary*



*EXPLANATORY NOTE*

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations modify regulation 7(b) of the Representation of the People Regulations 2015 (SD 2015/0379) to extend the period during which the Governor is obliged to issue a writ of election following notification of a casual vacancy by the Speaker of the Keys from 2 months to 6 months during the present emergency.

The immediate effect of the modification is to permit the Governor to defer the by-election in the constituency of South Douglas, which became vacant on the death of the Hon. W. M. Malarkey MHK. The writ in that case would otherwise have had to be moved before 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020.