

100A. Mobile portable ballot boxes at certain institutions and hospitals

- (1) Where a polling place has been appointed under the provisions of section 100, at any institution or hospital, the presiding officer appointed under section 102 (5), notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, shall with another officer attend at the polling place, at such times or during such hours as are provided by subsection (2) with such number of mobile portable ballot boxes as the Electoral Commissioner thinks fit and approved by him for the purpose of affording an opportunity to vote to every elector who —
 - (a) is for the time being resident in the institution or hospital wherein the polling place is appointed to be; and
 - (b) by reason of illness or infirmity or in the case of a woman, by reason of approaching maternity, is unable to attend at another polling place to record his vote.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the attendance of the presiding officer and another officer at any institution or hospital, to which that section applies, shall be —
 - (a) where the institution or hospital is a special one for the purposes of this Act by virtue of a declaration under section 100 (1) (d), at such times in the period of 14 days up to and including polling day as the Electoral Commissioner thinks fit; or
 - (b) where the institution or hospital is not such a special one, during polling hours as provided by section 117 (2).
- (3) On a visit to an elector by the officer in charge of the mobile portable ballot box the vote of the elector shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, be taken in all respects as if the vote were recorded at a polling place under usual conditions.
- (4) The presiding officer and another officer shall together be in attendance with the mobile portable ballot box when an elector records his vote thereat and shall be accompanied by such of the scrutineers appointed by candidates to represent them at the polling place during the polling, as choose to accompany them.
- (5) The Electoral Commissioner or the Returning Officer as the case may require shall give not less than 48 hours notice in writing to each candidate for the region and district in which the institution or hospital is situated of the time or times at which the presiding officer and another officer will be in attendance pursuant to subsection (2) (a).

[Section 100A inserted by No. 59 of 1959 s.10; amended by No. 33 of 1964 s.31; No. 39 of 1979 s.15; No. 9 of 1983 s.19; No. 40 of 1987 s.84.]