

80. Grouping of candidates

- (1) Two or more candidates nominated for an election in a region where the relevant number is more than one may, in a form approved by the Electoral Commissioner and before the hour of nomination, make a claim to the Returning Officer —
 - (a) to have their names included in a group in the ballot papers to be used in that election; and
 - (b) to have their names included in that group in the order specified in that claim.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6), candidates nominated for an election in a region who have under subsection (1) made a claim referred to in that subsection shall, for the purposes of that election, be included in a group in the order specified in the claim.
- (3) Two or more candidates who have made a claim under subsection (1) may, in a form approved by the Electoral Commissioner and before the hour of nomination, withdraw that claim.
- (4) A claim under subsection (1) is of no force or effect if —
 - (a) the name of any candidate included in the claim is included in any other claim under that subsection; or
 - (b) the nomination of any candidate whose name is included in the claim is withdrawn under section 82.
- (5) Where a claim is made under subsection (1) in respect of an election and any of the persons who made the claim is, before polling day for that election, declared by any court to be incapable of being elected at that election, then, after the making of the declaration —
 - (a) where there are 2 or more other persons who made that claim, the group shall consist of the remainder of those persons only; or
 - (b) where there is only one other person who made that claim, the claim shall be of no force or effect.
- (6) Where a claim is made under subsection (1) and any of the persons who made the claim is a person whose nomination is invalid under section 77 —
 - (a) where there are 2 or more other persons who made that claim, the group shall consist of the remainder of those persons only; or
 - (b) where there is only one other person who made that claim, the claim shall be of no force or effect.

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