

[101P. Election of Chairperson of regional council

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(1) Every Chairperson of a regional council shall be elected by the regional council from among its members at its first meeting following the first and each subsequent election of a regional council.

(2) The election of a Chairperson under subsection (1) of this section shall be on the basis of open voting with one vote by each member (and no person having a casting vote) unless the council resolves to use the voting system described in section 114K of this Act.

(3) At every meeting of a regional council held to elect a Chairperson, the principal administrative officer shall preside while the Chairperson is being elected; or, if there is no principal administrative officer present, some person appointed by the regional council, not being a member of the regional council, shall so preside; and, in the case of an equality of votes, that officer or person shall determine the election by lot in such manner as the regional council determines.

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(1) For the purposes of-

- (a) The appointment of the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of a committee; and
- (b) The election or appointment of a representative of a local authority for any purpose,—

the local authority or (except where the local authority has otherwise directed) the committee may, by resolution, determine that the person to be elected or appointed by a system of voting that requires that, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the person to be elected or appointed receive the votes of a majority of the membership of the local authority or committee present and voting, and that requires that, where more than one round of voting is required, the least successful candidate in a round of voting shall not be a candidate in the next round of voting.

(2) Where the system of voting described in subsection (1) of this section is adopted, section 114J(1)(b) of this Act shall not apply, and every equality of votes that is not to be determined by a further round of voting shall be determined by lot in such manner as the local authority or the committee determines.

[114J. Voting

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- (1) Except where otherwise provided in this Act or in any standing orders,—
  - (a) All acts of a local authority shall be done and all questions before the local authority shall be decided at a meeting by the majority of such members as are present and vote thereon; and
  - (b) The Chairperson or other person presiding at any meeting shall have a deliberative vote and, in case of equality of votes, shall have a casting vote also.
- (2) Every question coming before a local authority shall be decided by open voting.