

# THE ELECTORAL OFFICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

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## PRESS NOTICE

### CANDIDATES ELECTED IN MORE THAN ONE CONSTITUENCY

1. The law allows a candidate to stand and be elected in more than one constituency and to be returned as a member in the usual way.
2. Normally if an Assembly seat becomes vacant, for example due to the death or resignation of a member, a person from the list of substitutes provided by the candidate fills the vacancy.
3. However, if a vacancy arises because a member who has been elected in more than one constituency has resigned a seat the provisions for substitutes do not apply and a by-election will be held.
4. The law on this matter is set out in Article 6 of the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001 which can be viewed on the HMSO website [www.hmso.gov.uk/legislation/uk](http://www.hmso.gov.uk/legislation/uk).