

Notes

Section 40 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) provides that the name of any person must not appear more than once in the same electoral roll. From this falls the basic principle that no person is entitled to vote more than once in any election.

However, for community boards, an elector living in one area in the district and owning a property in a different community board area of the same district is entitled to register as a ratepayer elector for the different community board area. Their voting entitlement as a ratepayer elector is limited to the community board election. They already have a vote in the other district elections through their residential roll qualification.

Some other examples are:

- In a district divided into wards, a person is not entitled to register as a ratepayer elector for a property owned in a different ward to his home. That person already has a vote in the council election.
- In a region, a person living in one district in the region and owning a property in a different district of the same region is entitled to register as a ratepayer elector for the property in the different district but does not get another region vote. That person already has a vote in the region election in their home district under their residential roll qualification. They will get all the other votes, e.g. mayor, council etc for the different district.

Ratepayer electors are not entitled to district health board or (where applicable) licensing trust votes.