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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing by section 54 of the Local Government (District Councils) Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

PART I — *Preliminary*

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| 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Councils (Conduct of Elections) Regulations, 1998. | Citation |
| 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires — | Interpretation |
| “assistant returning officer”, in relation to any polling district, means a person appointed as assistant returning officer for that polling district under regulation 3; | |
| “candidate” means a candidate for election; | |
| “close of nominations”, in relation to any election, means the hour at which the period appointed by an instrument or in pursuance of regulation 18, for the receipt of nominations in that election, expires; | |
| “Council” means a District Council, a City or a Town Council; | |
| “District Council” means a District Council established under the Act; | |
| “election” means the election of a member; | |
| “election officer” means a returning officer, assistant returning officer, presiding officer or polling officer; | |
| “election roll” means an election roll prepared in pursuance of regulation 4 of the Local Councils (Election Rolls) Regulations; | |
| “enrolled” means enrolled on an election roll in pursuance of the provisions of regulation 4 of the Local Councils (Election Rolls) Regulations; | |
| “instrument” means an election instrument issued in terms of regulation 5; | |
| “member” means a member of a Council; | |
| “nomination day”, in relation to any election, means the day appointed by an instrument for the receipt of nominations in that election; or any other day to which such day may be adjourned by virtue of the provisions of regulation 17; | |
| “oath” includes affirmation; | |
| “official mark” means a mark determined by the Secretary in pursuance of regulation 19; | |
| “personal representative” means, in relation to a person who is dead, the person who in law or customary law, whichever may be applicable, represents the estate of that persons; | |
| “poll” means a poll conducted in accordance with these Regulations; | |
| “polling days”, in relation to any election, means the day appointed by an instrument for the taking of any poll which may be necessary in that election; or any other day to which the taking of such poll may be adjourned by virtue of the provisions of regulation 17 or 37; | |
| “polling district” has the same meaning as is assigned thereto in the Electoral Act; | Cap. 02:07 |
| “polling officer”, in relation to any polling station, means any person appointed as such for that polling station under regulation 3; | |
| “polling station” has the same meaning as is assigned thereto in the Electoral Act; | |
| “presiding officer”, in relation to any polling station, means the person appointed as presiding officer for that polling station under regulation 3 and includes, to the extent to which he is permitted to act, a polling officer appointed in respect of that polling station; | |

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“registered” means registered in terms of the Electoral Act;

“return” means the return of election expenses referred to in regulation 62;

“returning officer”, in relation to any polling district, means the person appointed as returning officer for that polling district under regulation 3 and includes to the extent to which he is permitted to act, any assistant returning officer appointed for that polling district;

“Secretary” means the Secretary to the Independent Electoral Commission appointed under section 66 of the Constitution.

“symbol” means a symbol allotted to a candidate in pursuance of regulation 15;

“tendered ballot envelope” means a ballot envelope issued under regulation 34;

“tendered vote” means a vote cast using a tendered ballot envelope;

“Town Council” means a township authority established under Regulations made under the Townships Act;

“voter”, in relation to any polling district, means any person who is entitled, in terms of the Local Councils (Election Rolls) Regulations, to vote at elections in that polling district;

“voting colour” means a colour allotted to a candidate in pursuance of regulation 15;

“voter’s registration card” means a voter’s registration card issued to a voter under the Electoral Act or under the Local Councils (Election Rolls) Regulations.

Functions of
Secretary

3. (1) The Secretary shall —

- (a) exercise general directions and supervision over the administrative conduct of elections and enforce on the part of all election officers fairness, impartiality and compliance with the provisions of these Regulations;
- (b) issue to election officers such instructions as he may deem necessary to ensure effective execution of the provisions of these Regulations; and
- (c) exercise and perform all other powers and duties conferred and imposed upon him by these Regulations.

(2) The Secretary shall appoint a returning officer and such number of assistant returning officers for each polling district as he may deem necessary and shall appoint a presiding officer and such number of polling officers as he may deem necessary for each polling station.

(3) An election officer shall execute and perform the powers and duties conferred upon him by these Regulations in accordance with such instructions as he may be given by the Secretary.

(4) Appointments made under this regulation may be by name or by office and shall be notified in the Gazette.

Entitlement to
vote, qualifica-
tions thereto

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation and of regulation 32, a person entitled to vote at an election in pursuance of the provisions of regulation 7 of the Local Councils (Election Rolls) Regulations, shall not be entitled to vote unless he produces his voter’s registration card in accordance with the provisions of regulation 25.

(2) No person shall be entitled to vote more than once at an election.

PART II *Elections*

5. (1) For the purposes of an election to a Council or of a by-election to fill a vacancy therein caused by death, resignation or otherwise the Minister shall under his hand issue an instrument, addressed to the returning officer of each polling district for which a member is to be returned, fixing —

Election
instrument

- (a) the place and day at and on which, and the hours between which, the returning officer will receive nominations of candidates for election; and
- (b) the day for the taking of any poll which may become necessary.

(2) The day fixed under subregulation (1)(a) shall not be earlier than 14 days after the day on which the instrument is issued:

Provided that this subregulation shall not apply in respect of the first election.

(3) The day fixed under subregulation (1)(b) shall not be earlier than 21 days after the day fixed under paragraph (a) of the said subregulation (1).

(4) Every instrument shall be in Form A in the Schedule and shall be forwarded to the Secretary for transmission to the returning officer to whom it is addressed.

(5) As soon as practicable after an instrument has been issued, the Secretary shall give notice thereof in the Gazette, specifying in such notice the various matters fixed in pursuance of subregulation (1)(a) and (b).

(6) Upon receipt of an instrument, the returning officer shall proceed to hold an election in the manner provided in these Regulations and shall give and publish notice thereof throughout the polling district in such manner as he thinks fit and shall cause a notice in Form B in the Schedule to be posted in such places as he considers desirable.

6. (1) Every candidate shall be nominated by a proposer, seconder and not fewer than seven other persons as supporters; the names of such proposer, seconder and supporters shall be on the election roll for the polling district for which the candidate seeks election.

Nomination of
candidates

(2) The nomination shall be made on a nomination paper in Form C in the Schedule, which shall be signed by the candidate and his proposer, seconder and supporters, and shall contain the following particulars —

- (a) the name and address of the candidate, the name of the polling district in which he is registered, together with his number on the election roll for that polling district;
- (b) the name, address and the number on the election roll for the polling district, of the proposer, seconder and each supporter of the candidate;
- (c) a statement by the candidate that he is willing and qualified to stand for election; and
- (d) a statement by the candidate as to his preference, subject to the proviso to regulation 15(2), of symbol and voting colour for the purpose of any contested election.

(3) If any proposer, seconder or supporter is unable to sign his name, he shall affix his mark in place of his signature and such mark shall be witnessed by a person who can sign his name; such witness shall, in addition to his signature, write his name legibly under such signature.

(4) No person shall witness more than one mark.

(5) No person may be nominated for election in more than one polling district or while he is a member of a Council:

Provided that where a general election of a Council is to be held a person may be nominated for election notwithstanding that he is at the time of such nomination a member of a Council.

(6) The returning officer shall attend at the place and during the hours fixed for the nomination of candidates and shall receive such nomination papers as may be tendered to him.

Proof of
payment of
deposit

7. (1) Every candidate shall either before his nomination paper is delivered to the returning officer deposit or cause to be deposited in any convenient Government revenue office the sum of P20, in cash, and, at the time of delivery of his nomination paper, produce or cause to be produced to the returning officer the official receipt for that sum, or, at the time of delivery of his nomination paper, deposit or cause to be deposited with the returning officer the sum of P20 in cash, and no nomination shall be valid unless such deposit has been made and, in the case of a deposit made at a Government revenue office, the receipt therefor is produced to the returning officer.

(2) The deposit shall be returned to the candidate or his personal representative if —

(a) the candidate dies before the date of the election;

(b) there is no contested election;

(c) a contested election is declared void;

(d) he withdraws his candidature in due time;

(e) in any contested election he is successful or obtains no less than one-twentieth of the total number of votes cast in the polling district; or

(f) if this nomination is invalid for any other reason.

(3) Any deposit which is not returnable shall be paid into the general revenues of the Council in respect of which the candidate was nominated.

Validity of
nomination

8. (1) When any nomination paper is delivered and a receipt produced in pursuance of the provisions of regulation 7 the candidate shall be deemed to stand nominated unless the returning officer decides that the nomination paper is invalid, or proof is given to the satisfaction of the returning officer of the death of the candidate, or he withdraws in accordance with regulation 9.

(2) The returning officer shall not be entitled to hold a nomination paper invalid except on the following grounds, namely —

(a) that the candidate does not possess the qualifications or does possess the disqualifications prescribed by law, for membership of a Council;

(b) that the paper is not completed and subscribed or was not delivered as required by these Regulations; or

(c) that the candidate has already been nominated for another polling district.

(3) The returning officer's decision that a candidate has been validly nominated shall be final and shall not be questioned in any legal proceedings except on an election petition.

(4) Whenever the returning officer decides that a candidate has not been validly nominated he shall endorse and sign on the nomination paper his decision and the reason therefor, and such decision shall not be questioned in any legal proceedings except on an election petition.

(5) A candidate whose first nomination paper is or may be invalid shall be permitted to submit a second or subsequent nomination paper before the time fixed for the close of nominations.

9. A candidate may at any time before the close of nominations, but not afterwards, withdraw his candidature by giving to the returning officer a notice to that effect signed by himself.

Withdrawal of
candidature

10. As soon as practicable after the close of nominations, the returning officer shall publish a statement of the full names of all persons standing nominated, and of their proposers, seconders and supporters, and the respective addresses, by displaying it at the place appointed for the receipt of nominations and at such other places as he considers desirable.

Publication of
nominations

11. Where no candidate remains nominated at the close of nominations, the returning officer shall endorse the instrument accordingly and return it to the Secretary and the Minister shall issue a fresh instrument.

Lack of
nominations

12. If at the close of nominations there is only one candidate validly nominated, the returning officer shall forthwith publicly declare that candidate to be elected and shall immediately thereafter certify on the instrument the return of that candidate and shall return the instrument to the Secretary.

Uncontested
elections

13. If at the close of nominations there is more than one person standing nominated a poll shall take place as provided for in these Regulations.

Contested
elections

14. A poll for the purposes of these Regulations shall be taken by ballot and the results shall be ascertained by counting the votes given to each candidate, the candidate to whom the majority of the votes has been given being deemed to have been elected.

Poll to be
taken by
ballot

15. (1) The Secretary shall allot a distinctive symbol and voting colour to each candidate.

Allocation of
symbols

(2) In so doing the Secretary shall have regard to the preference expressed by the candidate:

Provided that where a symbol and voting colour has been registered by a political party in accordance with section 148 of the Electoral Act, the Secretary shall allot that symbol and voting colour to any candidate sponsored by that party.

(3) If any question arises as to whether or not a candidate is sponsored by a political party, it shall be referred to and determined by the Secretary whose decision shall be final; but before making a decision the Secretary shall so far as it appears practicable consult the person appearing to him to be the leader or secretary of the political party concerned.

16.(1) Where it is necessary for a poll to take place, the returning officer shall, as soon as practicable after the close of nominations, publish in such manner as he may think fit in the vicinity of each polling station and elsewhere in the polling district a notice —

Notice of poll

- (a) stating the day and hours fixed for the poll;
- (b) stating the first names or the initials and the surnames (arranged in alphabetical order of surnames) and places of residence of the candidates, and the symbols and voting colours allotted to them;
- (c) stating the situation of the nearest polling station; and
- (d) giving an indication of the persons entitled to vote as such polling station.

(2) Such notice shall be in English and in such other language or languages as in the opinion of the returning officer is or are commonly used in that polling district.

Power to
adjourn polling
day in public
interest

17. (1) If at any time between the issue of an instrument and polling day the Minister is satisfied that it is expedient in the public interest to do so, he may by notice published in the Gazette adjourn the taking of the poll to some other day specified by him and endorsed on the instrument.

(2) A notice made under subregulation (1) shall apply to such polling districts as are specified in the notice, and in any other polling district for which an instrument has been issued, and which is not so specified, the poll shall be taken upon the day appointed by the instrument.

(3) Where a notice made under subregulation (1) is made before the day which would have constituted the nomination day if the notice had not been made, the nomination day shall be deemed to have been adjourned to the twenty-first day next before the day to which the holding of the poll is adjourned by the notice:

Provided that if the twenty-first day is a Sunday or a public holiday, the nomination day shall be deemed to have been adjourned to the first day, not being a Sunday or a public holiday, after the twenty-first day.

Death of
candidate

18. (1) If, after the close of nominations but before the taking of the poll is commenced, proof is given to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the death of one of the candidates, the Secretary shall countermand notice of the poll, and all proceedings with reference to the election shall be started afresh in all respects as if the instrument had been received on the day on which proof was given to the Secretary of the death.

(2) Where by reason of the death of a candidate proceedings at an election are started afresh under this regulation, then the Secretary shall fix —

- (a) the place and day at and on which, and the hours between which, the returning officer will receive nominations of candidates for election; and
- (b) the day for the taking of any poll which may become necessary.

(3) The day fixed under subregulation (2)(a) shall not be earlier than 14 days after the day on which proof was given to the Secretary of the death.

(4) The day fixed under subregulation (2)(b) shall not be earlier than 21 days after the day fixed under subregulation 2(a).

(5) The provisions of regulation 5(5) and (6) shall have effect as if an instrument fixing such days and hours in pursuance of the provisions of subregulation (2) had been issued by the Minister.

Ballot
envelopes and
counters

19. The ballot of every person voting at an election shall consist of a ballot envelope in a form to be determined by the Secretary and having a serial number printed or stamped on the back into which the voter shall place a counter having the voting colour allotted in pursuance of regulation 15 to the candidate for whom he wishes to vote.

Polling agents

20. (1) Each candidate may by letter appoint two persons as polling agents to attend at each polling station in the polling district for which he is a candidate.

(2) No person shall be appointed as a polling agent for any polling district unless his name appears on the election roll for that polling district.

(3) Notice in writing of the appointment of polling agents stating their names and addresses and the polling station to which each has been assigned shall be given by the candidate to the presiding officer of the polling station at which such polling agents are to attend.

(4) Each polling agent shall, upon his first attending at a polling station or such other time as the presiding officer may require, produce his letter of appointment to the presiding officer.

21. (1) Every poll shall commence at 6:30 o'clock in the morning and close at 7 o'clock in the evening, unless the Secretary otherwise orders.

Polling hours

(2) Different hours for the taking of the poll may be ordered by the Secretary in respect of different polling districts or different polling stations and in such case the returning officer shall amend any notice issued in terms of regulation 16(1)(a) accordingly.

22. (1) In the absence of the presiding officer from any polling station a polling officer nominated by the returning officer shall act as presiding officer.

Control of
polling stations

(2) A polling officer may be authorized by the presiding officer to do any act which the presiding officer is required or authorized to do at a polling station, except that he may not order the searching of any voter or the arrest of any person or the exclusion or removal of any person from the polling station.

23. (1) On polling day at every polling station there shall be —

Arrangements
at polling
stations

(a) outside the polling station in a conspicuous place, a notice setting out the name of the polling station;

(b) both within and outside the polling station, notices setting out (in alphabetical order of surnames) the surnames and first names or the initials, symbols and voting colours of the candidates;

(c) one or more polling booths in which voters may handle their ballot envelopes and counters in secrecy, each containing notices of the kind referred to in paragraph (b), a table and a discard box;

(d) one or more ballot boxes placed in front of the presiding officer; and

(e) a copy of the election roll for the polling district, a sufficient number of ballot envelopes, counters and other things necessary for the poll to be properly and expeditiously carried out.

(2) Every presiding officer shall be in possession of a seal supplied by the Secretary.

24. (1) Every ballot box shall be provided with a lock or other device for securing it when closed, and shall be so constructed that ballot envelopes can be put therein when it is closed but cannot be removed therefrom once it has been sealed in terms of subregulation (2).

Ballot boxes
and discard
boxes

(2) Immediately before the commencement of the voting the presiding officer at each polling station shall show each ballot box empty to such persons as may lawfully be present so that they may see that it is empty, and shall, before placing it in position, close and place his seal upon it in such manner as to prevent it being opened without breaking the seal, and shall keep it so closed and sealed.

(3) Every discard box shall be so constructed that counters can be put therein but cannot be removed or seen unless the box or any fastening thereof is destroyed.

25. The voting at an election shall be conducted in the following manner —

Method of
voting

(a) every voter desiring to record his vote shall present himself at the polling station in respect of which he is registered to vote, and shall produce his voter's registration card to the presiding officer;

(b) the presiding officer, after satisfying himself —

(i) that the name of such voter appears on his copy of the election roll for that polling station,
(ii) that such voter has not already voted at that election, and
(iii) that such voter has not become disqualified from voting,
shall deliver to him a ballot envelope and such number of counters as there are candidates for election, each counter having the voting colour of a particular candidate;

(c) immediately before the presiding officer delivers a ballot envelope and counters to any person —

(i) the number and name of the voter, as stated in the election roll, shall be called out,

(ii) a mark shall be made on the copy of the election roll against the number of such voter to show that he has been issued with a ballot envelope and counters,

(iii) the voter's registration card shall be marked by the presiding officer with the date and his initials;

(d) subject to the provisions of paragraph (g), a voter on receiving a ballot envelope and counters shall go immediately into a polling booth set aside for such purpose, and shall there secretly record his vote by putting into the ballot envelope the counter having the voting colour of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote;

(e) he shall then seal the ballot envelope and put the unused counters into the discard box, and return to the presiding officer, and, having held up the ballot envelope so that the presiding officer can identify it, shall drop the ballot envelope into the ballot box placed in front of the presiding officer;

(f) every voter shall vote without undue delay and shall leave the polling station as soon as he has voted;

(g) on the application in person of any voter who is incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause from voting, the presiding officer shall secretly record the voter's vote by putting into the ballot envelope the counter having the voting colour of the candidate for whom the voter wishes to vote, and he shall then seal the ballot envelope and put the unused counters into the discard box and drop the ballot envelope into the ballot box.

Assistance to
voters by
election officers

26. Except as provided in these Regulations, the presiding officer or polling officers shall not give any assistance or explanation to a voter beyond —

(a) directing him to a polling booth where he may vote;

(b) informing him of the nature of the notice posted inside the polling booth;
and

(c) informing him of the procedure he should follow after entering the polling booth.

Interference
with voters

27. Except as provided in these Regulations, no person shall approach, interfere with, speak to or assist a voter from the time he has received his ballot envelope and counters to the time he has completed voting.

Voters
objected to

28. (1) If a candidate or his polling agent or a voter makes before the presiding officer a written declaration on oath in Form D in the Schedule that he verily believes and undertakes to prove that a person applying for or in possession of a ballot envelope and counters —

- (a) is in fact not the voter in whose name he assumes to vote;
- (b) that such person has voted before in the same election; or
- (c) that such person is disqualified from voting in such election,

the presiding officer shall, unless that person makes a written declaration on oath in Form E in the Schedule before the presiding officer that the statements in the first mentioned declaration (which shall be read to him) are false, prohibit the issue of a ballot envelope and counters to that person or, if a ballot envelope and counters have already been issued to him but he has not yet entered the polling booth, impound and cancel the ballot envelope and counters, endorse on the envelope the reason for the cancellation and make an appropriate endorsement on the marked copy of the election roll.

(2) If that person has already voted, or thereafter votes, the presiding officer shall cause the words "protested against under regulation 28" to be placed against the name of the person on the marked copy of the election roll.

(3) A ballot envelope so impounded and cancelled shall be treated as a spoilt ballot envelope.

(4) The presiding officer is hereby authorised and required to administer the oath referred to in subregulation (1).

(5) A person who makes any false statement in a declaration referred to in subregulation (1) shall be guilty of an offence unless he proves that he did not know that the statement was false, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding P100, or in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

29. (1) A voter who has accidentally dealt with his ballot envelope in such manner that it may not properly be used as a ballot envelope may, on delivering such ballot envelope to the presiding officer, and after satisfying the presiding officer that it has been spoilt by accident, obtain another ballot envelope in place thereof and the spoilt ballot envelope shall be immediately cancelled and the presiding officer shall make an appropriate endorsement on the marked copy of the election roll.

Spoilt ballot envelope

(2) A voter who has accidentally placed his ballot envelope in the discard box may, on satisfying the presiding officer that it was so placed by accident, obtain another ballot envelope in place thereof and the presiding officer shall make an appropriate endorsement on the marked copy of the election roll.

30. Any voter who has accidentally dealt with his counters in such a manner that he is unable to vote as he wishes shall be entitled to obtain a further set of counters, on demand, and shall not be required to disclose directly or indirectly what counters were accidentally dealt with.

Additional counters

31. A vote may not be recorded by a voter except by his attending in person at the polling station and recording his vote in accordance with these Regulations.

Personal attendance

32. Subject to the provisions of regulation 33 no person shall be permitted to vote at any polling station other than the one in respect of which he is enrolled.

Voters to vote at polling station in respect of which enrolled

33. (1) So far as practicable polling officers and police officers on duty at polling stations shall be assigned to polling stations in respect of which they are enrolled.

Voting by election officers and police officers

(2) Polling officers and police officers on duty at polling stations in respect of which they are enrolled shall so inform the presiding officer, who shall himself supervise the formalities necessary for the casting of their votes.

(3) If a presiding officer is on duty at a polling station in respect of which he is enrolled a polling officer shall supervise the formalities necessary for the casting of such presiding officer's vote.

(4) A polling officer or police officer on duty at a polling station shall, if the polling station in respect of which such officer is enrolled is not an unreasonable distance away, be permitted to leave the polling station at which he is on duty in order to cast his vote, if the presiding officer considers that at some time on the day of election that will be reasonable and convenient.

(5) Where compliance with subregulation (1) or (4) is impracticable but both polling stations concerned are in the same polling district, the returning officer shall authorize the polling officer or police officer concerned, by certificate under his hand to vote at the polling station where he is on duty.

(6) A certificate issued under the provisions of subregulation (5) shall be in Form F in the Schedule.

(7) The polling officer or police officer to whom a certificate has been issued under the provisions of subregulation (5) shall present such certificate to the presiding officer at the polling station at which he is on duty and upon the presiding officer being satisfied that he is the person to whom the certificate refers such polling officer or police officer shall cast his vote in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations and the presiding officer shall retain such certificate for disposal with other election papers in accordance with regulation 39 and he shall add the name of such polling officer or police officer to his election roll.

Tendered ballot
envelopes

34. (1) If a person representing himself to be a voter named in the election roll and being in possession of a voter's registration card in such name applies for a ballot envelope after another person has voted in such name, the applicant shall, after making a declaration on oath in Form G in the Schedule be entitled to receive a ballot envelope and counters in the same manner as any other voter, except that such ballot envelope (hereinafter referred to as a "tendered ballot envelope") shall be crossed in the manner of a registered letter.

(2) The name of such voter, his number in the election roll and the number of the tendered ballot envelope issued to him shall be entered on a list to be called the tendered votes list, which shall be admissible in any legal proceedings arising out of the election.

Control of
polling station

35. The presiding officer shall regulate the admission of voters to the polling station and shall exclude all other persons except candidates, polling agents, polling officers and any other person who has lawful reason to be admitted, and shall keep order and ensure compliance with these Regulations at the polling station.

Removal of
persons
misconducting
themselves

36. If any person misconducts himself at a polling station or fails to obey any lawful order of the presiding officer he may, by order of the presiding officer (but not of any other polling officer), be removed from the polling station by a police officer or any other person authorized by the presiding officer, and a person so removed shall not without the permission of the presiding officer again enter the polling station during the day of the election:

Provided that the powers conferred by this regulation shall not be exercised so as to prevent any person who is otherwise entitled to vote at a polling station from voting.

37. (1) If the proceedings at any polling station are interrupted or obstructed by riot or open violence, the presiding officer shall adjourn the proceedings until later in the day or until the following day after taking such precautions as are necessary to safeguard the ballot boxes and envelopes and other election requisites, and shall forthwith notify the returning officer, who shall in turn notify the Secretary.

Adjournment
of poll in case
of riot

(2) If the poll is adjourned at any polling station the hours of polling on the day to which it is adjourned at any polling station the hours of polling on the day to which it is adjourned shall be the same as for the original day, and references in these Regulations to the closing of the poll shall be construed accordingly.

38. When the hour appointed for the closing of the poll has been reached, the presiding officer shall declare that no more persons shall be admitted to the polling station, and thereafter only the persons already inside the polling station, or in any area set aside for waiting voters, shall be permitted to vote.

Closing of
poll

39. (1) The presiding officer of each polling station shall, as soon as practicable after the closing of the poll, in the presence of such of the candidates and their polling agents as attend, make up into separate packets, sealed with his seal and the seal of the candidates or their agents, if they desire to affix their seals —

Procedure
on closing
of poll

- (a) the unused ballot envelopes, the spoilt ballot envelopes and the ballot envelopes cancelled in terms of subregulation (2);
- (b) the marked copy of the election roll together with any certificates received from the returning officer under regulation 33; and
- (c) the tendered votes list.

(2) Any ballot envelopes which are left in the polling booth shall be cancelled by the presiding officer.

(3) Any counters which are left in the polling booth shall be put into the discard box by the presiding officer.

(4) Every unopened ballot box shall be secured by the presiding officer and sealed with his seal and with the seals of such of the candidates or their agents as attend and desire to affix their seals, in such manner that it cannot be opened and nothing can be inserted therein without the seals being broken.

(5) The presiding officer shall despatch each such packet and ballot box in safe custody to the returning officer, together with a statement by the presiding officer (hereinafter referred to as the "ballot envelope account") showing —

- (a) the number of ballot envelopes entrusted to him;
- (b) the number of ballot envelopes issued;
- (c) the number of ballot envelopes contained in the packet referred to in subregulation (1) (a);
- (d) the number of ballot envelopes alleged, in terms of regulation 29(2), to have been placed in the discard box by mistake.

(6) The presiding officer shall despatch the unopened discard box in safe custody to the returning officer for onward transmission to the Secretary who shall retain all such boxes in his possession unopened until the result of the election has been ascertained and then dispose of them as he sees fit.

40.(1) Each candidate may appoint one person (hereinafter referred to as a "counting agent") to attend at the counting of the votes.

Counting
agents

(2) Notice in writing of the appointment stating the name and address of the counting agent, shall be given by the candidate to the returning officer on polling day, and the returning officer may refuse to admit to the place where the votes are counted any person purporting to be a counting agent in respect of whom no such notice has been given.

(3) If a counting agent dies, or becomes incapable of acting as such, a candidate may appoint another counting agent in his place, and the candidate shall immediately notify the returning officer in writing of the name and address of the counting agent so appointed.

Counting of
votes

41. (1) The returning officer shall make arrangements for counting the votes, at a place to be determined by him, in the presence of any candidates or counting agents who wish to be present, as soon as practicable after the closing of the poll, and shall as far as practicable proceed continuously to comply with the provisions of regulations 42 and 43 until the counting is completed, allowing only reasonable time for refreshment.

(2) Except with the consent of the returning officer, no person other than the returning officer, the assistant returning officer, the candidates and their husbands or wives and their counting agents may be present at the counting of the votes.

(3) No candidate or counting agent shall record the serial number of any ballot envelope which he sees during the counting.

(4) Any candidate or counting agent who contravenes the provisions of subregulation (3) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P100 or, in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Verification
of ballot
envelope
accounts

42. (1) When all the ballot boxes have been received by the returning officer, he shall, in the presence of any candidate or counting agents who wish to be present, proceed to verify the ballot envelope accounts of each polling station in the polling district by opening the sealed packet containing the unused, spoilt and cancelled ballot envelopes from that polling station and comparing the number of ballot envelopes in it and the total number of ballot envelopes found in the ballot boxes for that polling station.

(2) The returning officer shall prepare a statement as to the result of the verification and shall on request allow any candidate or counting agent to copy such statement.

(3) After examination the returning officer shall return the unused, spoilt and cancelled ballot envelopes to the packet from which they were taken and shall reseal such packets with his seal.

(4) When the procedures set out in subregulations (1), (2) and (3) have been completed in respect of each polling station in the polling district the returning officer shall mix together all the ballot envelopes found in the ballot boxes for that polling district and shall proceed to count the votes in the manner set out in regulation 43.

Method of
counting

43. (1) After verifying the ballot envelope accounts in the manner set out in regulation 42, the returning officer shall then open each ballot envelope, remove the counter therein, affix it to the face of the envelope and put the envelope into a separate pile or receptacle according to the colour of the counter.

(2) The returning officer shall not open the tendered ballot envelopes but shall put them all together into a separate pile or receptacle.

(3) The returning officer shall reject and endorse the word "rejected" on any ballot envelope on which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the serial number, or in which there is no counter or more than one counter:

Provided that the returning officer shall not reject any ballot envelope containing two or more counters of the same colour but shall treat such counters as if they were one counter of that colour.

(4) If any candidate or counting agent objects to a decision made by the returning officer under subregulation (3) the returning officer shall endorse the words "objected to" on the ballot envelope.

(5) The returning officer shall then proceed to count the ballot envelopes in favour of each candidate.

(6) While handling ballot envelopes the returning officer shall so far as possible keep their faces upwards.

(7) In this regulation "returning officer" includes any assistant returning officer authorized by the returning officer to perform the duties of a returning officer under this regulation.

44. The returning officer shall prepare a statement showing the number of ballot envelopes rejected and shall on request allow any candidate or counting agent to copy the statement.

Statement of rejected ballot envelopes

45. The decision of the returning officer on any question arising in respect of any ballot envelope shall be final, and shall not be questioned in any legal proceedings except on an election petition.

Returning officer's decision final

46. (1) At the conclusion of the counting of the votes the returning officer shall seal up in separate packets the counted ballot envelopes, the rejected ballot envelopes and the tendered ballot envelopes.

Method of dealing with papers

(2) The returning officer shall at no time open the sealed packet containing the marked copy of the election roll or the sealed packet containing the tendered votes list.

47. A candidate or his counting agent may, if present when the counting or any re-count of the votes is concluded, require the returning officer to have the votes re-counted or again re-counted, but the returning officer may refuse to do so if in his opinion the request is unreasonable.

Re-count

48. When an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates so that the addition of a vote would entitle one of the candidates to be declared elected, the returning officer shall forthwith decide between those candidates by lot, and shall proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.

Decision by lot

49. After counting the votes and having ascertained the result of the poll the returning officer shall —

Certificate and declaration of result

(a) certify by endorsement on the instrument the return of the candidate elected;

(b) declare the result of the poll by reading such endorsement aloud at the place of counting;

(c) return the instrument so endorsed to the Secretary.

50. The Secretary shall notify the Minister of the return of the instrument and shall cause the result of the election to be published in the Gazette.

Publication of return

51.(1) The returning officer shall deliver all documents (including counters) relating to the conduct of the election to the Registrar of the High Court, who shall ensure their safe custody.

Documents to be delivered to High Court

(2) The Registrar of the High Court shall retain for six months all such documents (including counters) relating to an election forwarded to him in accordance with this regulation and then, unless otherwise ordered by the court, or unless he is aware that legal proceedings are pending in respect of such election, shall cause them to be destroyed.

Offences

52. (1) Any person who —

- (a) forges or fraudulently defaces or fraudulently destroys any nomination papers, or delivers to the officer to whom the nomination papers are required by these Regulations to be delivered any nomination paper knowing the same to be forged;
- (b) forges or counterfeits or fraudulently destroys any ballot envelope or official mark on any ballot envelope or any certificate or return;
- (c) without due authority supplies any ballot envelope or counters to any person;
- (d) fraudulently puts or substitutes any counter in a ballot envelope;
- (e) fraudulently puts into any ballot box any envelope which he is not authorized by law to put in;
- (f) fraudulently takes out of the polling station any ballot envelope or counter, or
- (g) without due authority, destroys, takes, opens or otherwise interferes with any ballot box or packet of ballot envelopes or counters then in use for the purpose of the election,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

(2) In any prosecution for an offence in relation to nomination papers, ballot envelopes, ballot boxes or marking instruments at an election the property in such envelopes, boxes or instruments may be stated to be in the officer charged with the conduct of the election.

Dereliction
of duty by
election officer

53. Any officer appointed in accordance with regulation 3 who is wilfully and without reasonable cause guilty of any act or omission in breach of his official duty shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

Requirement
of secrecy

54. (1) The officer charged with the conduct of any election and his assistants and every polling agent and counting agent or candidate in attendance at a polling station or at the place determined for the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting and shall not, except for some purpose authorized by law, communicate before the polls close to any person any information as to the name or number in the election roll of any voter who has or has not voted.

(2) No person shall —

- (a) obtain or attempt to obtain in a polling station information as to the candidate for whom a voter is about to vote or has voted; or
- (b) communicate at any time to any person any information obtained in a polling station as to the candidate for whom a voter is about to vote or has voted.

(3) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

PART III— *Election Expenses and Election Agents*

55. (1) For the purposes of this Part “election expenses” means, in relation to a candidate at an election, all moneys expended or expenses incurred on account of or in respect of the conduct or management of that election by that candidate or on his behalf or in his interest, and for the purposes of this subregulation money shall be deemed to have been expended or expenses incurred in respect of the conduct or management of an election if expended or incurred after the issue of an instrument in relation to that election.

Election
expenses

(2) The following expenses shall not be deemed to be election expenses —

- (a) any moneys expended or expenses incurred by any association or group of persons or by any person in the general interests of a political party or organization or its candidates generally, not being moneys expended or expenses incurred directly in the particular interest of any particular candidate or expenditures referred to in regulation 61(1);
- (b) any moneys expended or expenses incurred by any political party or organization in the printing, publication or distribution of the official organ of that political party or organization;
- (c) any money deposited under regulation 7.

(3) For the purposes of the return to be made in terms of regulation 62 and the determination of the maximum amount allowed under regulation 56 the following expenses shall not be deemed to be election expenses —

- (a) personal expenses;
- (b) if not paid by the candidate, the reasonable travelling expenses of any person appearing on the platform of that candidate and his reasonable expenses of living at an hotel or elsewhere in connection with that appearance;
- (c) any moneys expended on telephone calls;
- (d) any election expenses incurred without the express or implied authority of the candidate or his election agent.

56. The election expenses of any candidate shall not exceed P1000.

Maximum of
election expenses

57. (1) Not later than 10 days after nomination day a candidate may appoint one person to be his election agent and shall forthwith notify in writing the full name and address of his election agent to the returning officer who shall forthwith publish a statement setting out the information so given by displaying it at the place appointed for the receipt of nomination.

Appointment
of election
agent

(2) If the candidate revokes the appointment of his agent or the election agent dies, the candidate may forthwith appoint another election agent and in that event the provisions of subregulation (1) shall apply as if that appointment were the original appointment.

(3) If the candidate fails to give the notification required in terms of subregulation (1) or (2) he shall be deemed to be his own election agent and thereupon shall, so far as circumstances admit, be subject to the provisions of these Regulations both as a candidate and an election agent.

58. An election agent shall appoint in writing every clerk and messenger employed for hire or reward on behalf of the candidate.

Appointment
of clerks and
messengers
Disclosure
of expenditure

59. (1) All money provided by an association or group of persons or by any person for the election expenses of a candidate, whether as a gift, loan, advance or deposit, shall be paid or promised to the candidate or his election agent and not otherwise and shall be fully disclosed, whether paid or promised, in the return respecting election expenses made as hereinafter required:

Provided that this subregulation shall not be construed as applying to any money deposited by the candidate under regulation 7.

(2) Any person who makes or promises to make any payment, advance or deposit in contravention of this regulation or for any purpose other than a lawful and authorized purpose or who pays in contravention of this regulation or for other than a lawful and authorized purpose any money so provided as aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding P100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

Receipts of
election
expenses

60. Every payment in respect of any election expenses shall except where less than P10 in all in any one account, be vouched for by a bill stating the particulars and by a receipt or some other evidence of payment.

Apportionment
of election
expenses
incurred by
political party

61. (1) With the consent of the candidates concerned, a political party or organization may incur expenditure on the advertisement of candidates sponsored by such party or organization and their meetings and in that event shall —

- (a) apportion the expenditure between such candidates as it thinks fit; and
- (b) within 30 days after polling day in the election inform each candidate of the amount so apportioned to him,

and the amount so apportioned shall form part of the candidate's election expenses.

(2) Any advertisement referred to in subregulation (1) shall include the name of the secretary of the political party or organization in question and a statement that it is published under the authority of that political party or organization.

(3) The secretary of a political party or organization shall, within 90 days after polling day in the election, render in respect of every candidate sponsored by such party or organization who stood for election, to the appropriate returning officer a true return showing the expenditure incurred in terms of subregulation (1) and the amount apportioned to each candidate.

(4) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to any matter published in the official organ of a political party or organization which relates to any of the candidates sponsored by such party or organization.

Return of
election
expenses

62. (1) Within 90 days after the result of any election has been declared every candidate at that election shall render to the returning officer a true return in such form as the Secretary may direct and verified by his affidavit showing —

- (a) all his election expenses which have been paid;
- (b) all his election expenses which are unpaid and undisputed;
- (c) all claims for election expenses which are disputed by the candidate;
- (d) all money which, under the provisions of regulation 59, he is required to disclose in the return and the name of the person from whom he has received such money;
- (e) any amount apportioned to him under the provisions of regulation 61, together with all relevant bills, invoices and receipts relating to the expenses referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

(2) If no election expenses have been incurred the candidate shall, in an affidavit, render a return to that effect to the returning officer within the period aforesaid.

(3) If a candidate who has taken no part in the election has appointed an election agent, that election agent shall be responsible for rendering the return referred to in subregulation (1) and in such case any reference in subregulations (1), (5), (6), (7) and (8) to a candidate shall be read as a reference to that election agent.

(4) If in the case of a successful candidate at an election the return has not been rendered within the period prescribed in subregulation (1) that candidate shall not thereafter sit or vote in the Council until such return has been rendered or until the date of the condoning order, if any, excusing such failure.

(5) A candidate who fails to comply with the provisions of subregulation (1) shall be guilty of an illegal practice unless such failure has been excused by a condoning order and liable to a fine not exceeding P100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

(6) Any candidate who makes any material false statement of fact in his return knowing it to be false or not believing it to be true shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

(7) It shall be the duty of the returning officer to report to the Attorney-General any contravention of this regulation and further to demand from the candidate the return of information which it was his duty under this regulation to furnish.

(8) If after the rendering of the return any claim referred to in subregulation (1)(c) or any portion of such claim is paid, the candidate shall, within seven days after such payment, transmit to the returning officer a return of the amounts paid specifying the claims to which they relate.

63.(1) When the return respecting election expenses has not in respect of any candidate at an election been rendered as required by these Regulations or, having been rendered, is incomplete or contains some error or false statement —

- (a) if the candidate applies to the High Court and shows that the failure to render the return or any error or false statement therein or omission therefrom has arisen by reason of his illness or of the absence, death, illness or misconduct of his election agent or by reason of inadvertence or of any reasonable cause of a like nature and not by reason of any want of good faith on the part of the applicant; or
- (b) if the election agent of the candidate applies to the High Court and shows that the failure to render the return which he was required to render or any error or false statement therein or omission therefrom arose by reason of his illness or of the death or illness of any prior election agent of the candidate or of the absence, death, illness or misconduct of any employee or agent of an election agent of the candidate or by reason of inadvertence or of any reasonable cause of a like nature and not by reason of any want of good faith on the part of the applicant,

the High Court may, after such notice of the application and on production of such evidence on the grounds stated in the application and of good faith of the applicant and otherwise as to the Court seems fit, make such order excusing the failure to transmit such return or for an error or false statement therein or omission therefrom as to the Court seems just.

(2) Where it appears to the High Court that any person has refused or failed to supply such particulars as will enable the candidate or election agent to comply with the provisions of regulation 62 the High Court before making a condoning order shall order such person to attend before the Court and on his attendance shall, unless he shows cause to the contrary, order him to supply the necessary particulars within such time as the Court may direct.

Condoning
orders

(3) Any person who fails to comply with an order made under the provisions of subregulation (2) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

(4) A condoning order may be made conditional upon the rendering of the return in a modified form or within an extended time and upon compliance with such other terms as to the High Court seem best calculated for carrying into effect the objects of these Regulations.

(5) A condoning order shall relieve the applicant from any liability or consequence under these Regulations in respect of the matter excused by the order.

(6) The date of the condoning order or, if conditions and terms are to be complied with, the date on which the applicant fully complies with them is, in these Regulations, referred to as the date of the condoning order.

Inspection of
return

64. (1) The return and any accompanying documents shall be kept at the office of the returning officer or at some convenient place appointed by him and shall at all reasonable times during six months next after their receipt by the returning officer be open to inspection by any person on payment of a fee of 10 thebe and the returning officer for the time being shall on demand during that period supply copies thereof, or of any part thereof, at the price of eight thebe for every 100 words.

(2) After the expiry of the said period, the returning officer for the time being may destroy the return and any accompanying documents or if the person who rendered the return so requires shall return it and any accompanying documents to him.

PART IV— *Miscellaneous*

Inaccurate
description of
places and
persons

65. No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person or place named or described in any roll, notice or other documents whatsoever prepared or issued under or for the purposes of these Regulations shall in any manner affect the operation of these Regulations as respects that person or place if that person or place is so designated in such register, notice or document as to be identifiable.

Defacement of
notices

66. Every person who, without lawful authority, destroys, mutilates, defaces or removes any notice which is exhibited under the authority of these Regulations or any document which is made available for inspection in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P50.

Translation of
forms

67. The forms contained in the Schedule to these Regulations may be translated into and used in such languages as the Secretary may direct.

Revocation
of S.I. 29 of
1998

68. The Local Council (Conduct of Elections (Repeal)) Regulations, 1998, are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

LOCAL COUNCILS (CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS)
REGULATIONS
(regulation 5(1) and (4))

ELECTION INSTRUMENT
by

The Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing

To: The Returning Officer

..... Polling District
WHEREAS by regulation 5(1) of the Local Councils (Conduct of Elections) Regulations it is provided that for the purpose of an election to a District Council, a City or a Town Council or of a by-election to fill a vacancy therein caused by death, resignation or otherwise, the Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing shall issue an election instrument under his hand, addressed to the returning officer of each polling district for which a member is to be returned;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that an election instrument should be issued for an election;

NOW THEREFORE I,,
the Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing do hereby direct that you the said returning officer shall receive the nomination of candidates for election in the aforesaid polling district between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and 2.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. at

..... on the day of 19.....

at; and that any poll that may become

necessary shall be taken on the day of 19.....;
and do further direct that when a candidate has been duly elected you do endorse this election instrument with the name of that candidate and return it to the Secretary, according to law.

GIVEN under my hand at
this day of 19.....

.....
Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing

.....
(Name of unopposed or successful candidate)

has been duly elected as member for the polling district.

Date:

.....
Returning Officer

LOCAL COUNCILS (CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS)
REGULATIONS
(regulation 5(6))

NOTICE OF ISSUE OF ELECTION INSTRUMENT

..... Polling District
Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing having
issued an instrument for the election of a member for the

polling district, I will on the day of 19.....
between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. proceed to the nomination
of candidates and, if there is no contest, to the election of a member for the polling district.

2. Each candidate must be nominated on a separate nomination paper. Forms
of nomination may be obtained free of charge during office hours at the office of

.....
3. Every nomination must be proposed and seconded and supported by seven other persons
and the names of such proposer, seconder and supporters must appear on the election roll of the
polling district for which the candidate seeks election.

4. The consent of the candidate to stand for election must be endorsed on the nomination
paper.

5. Every candidate must, either before his nomination paper is delivered to me, deposit or
cause to be deposited in any convenient Government revenue office the sum of P20 in cash, and
must at the time of delivery of his nomination paper produce or cause to be produced to me the
receipt for such sum or, at the time of delivery of his nomination paper deposit or cause to be
deposited with me the sum of P20 in cash, and no nomination shall be valid unless the said
deposit has been made and, in the case of a deposit made at a Government revenue office, the
receipt therefor produced to me.

6. Nomination paper must be delivered to me between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
and 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on the day of 19.....

at
7. If more than one candidate is validly nominated polls will be taken between the hours
of

and on the day of 19.....

Date:

.....
Returning Officer

.....
Polling District

LOCAL COUNCILS (CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS) REGULATIONS
(regulation 6(2))

NOMINATION PAPER

We, the undersigned voters enrolled on the existing electoral roll for the polling district, hereby nominate

Mr/Mrs/Miss of as a candidate for the aforesaid polling district.

	Full Names (in block capitals - surname first)	Signature/Mark and names and signature of witness	Address	Polling Station at which registered
Proposed				
Seconded				
Supported				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				

FORM C
(Reverse)

I, the said
(candidate's full name), do hereby accept the nomination made on this paper and declare that —

- (a) I am registered as voter No at the Polling
Station in the Polling District;
- (b) I possess all the qualifications referred to in section 15 of the Local Government (District Councils) Act and regulation 15 of the Town Council Regulations, and none of the disqualifications referred to in section 62 of the Constitution;
- (c) I have not accepted nomination as a candidate (or no longer remain a nominated candidate) in this election in any polling district other than that to which this paper relates.

My preference of symbol and voting for the purpose of this election is

.....

.....
Signature of Candidate

Date:

Address:

.....

.....

LOCAL COUNCILS (CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS)
REGULATIONS
(regulation 28(1))

OBJECTION TO VOTER

I,, being

*(a) a candidate for election to the
polling district

*(b) a polling agent of the candidate for election to the
polling district

do hereby declare and undertake to prove that the person applying for/in possession of a ballot
envelope and counters in the name of

who is enrolled on the existing election roll for the

polling station under number

*(a) is not the person he purports to be

*(b) has voted before at this election

*(c) is disqualified from voting at this election by reason of the fact that

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.....

.....
Signature

Sworn to before me, this day of 19.....,

at

..... Polling Station.

.....
Presiding Officer

LOCAL COUNCILS (CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS)
REGULATIONS
(regulation 28(1))

DECLARATION BY VOTER

I,
(Full Name in Block Capitals)

of

..... (Address)
hereby declare that —

(a) (i) I, am the person whose name appears as

under number on the existing election roll for the

..... polling station;

(ii) I have not voted before at this election; and

(iii) I am not disqualified from voting at this election; and

(b) the statement concerning my eligibility to vote in this election made by

.....
which has been read out to, and is understood by, me, is false.

.....
Signature

Sworn to before me, this day of 19.....

at Polling Station.

.....
Presiding Officer

FORM F

LOCAL COUNCILS (CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS)
REGULATIONS
(regulation 33(6))

CERTIFICATE AUTHORISING POLLING OFFICER OR POLICE
OFFICER TO VOTE AT THE POLLING STATION WHERE HE
IS ON DUTY

I certify that (full name)

who is enrolled in the

polling district is authorized to vote at
Polling Station where he is on duty.

.....
Constituency

.....
Returning Officer

LOCAL COUNCILS (CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS)
REGULATIONS
(regulation 34(1))

DECLARATION OF IDENTITY BY A VOTER

I,
(Full names in BLOCK CAPITALS, placing SURNAME first)

hereby declare that I am enrolled as a voter at the
polling station.

My present address is:

My voter's registration card number is

..... and I further declare that I have not voted before
at this election.

Date:

.....
Signature

Sworn to before me, this day of 19.....

at

.....
Polling Station

.....
Presiding Officer

MADE this 10th day of June, 1998.

D.K. KWELAGOBÉ,
Minister of Local Government,
Lands and Housing.