

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT

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Orders (made under section 27 of the Act) extending the time of publication of –

- (a) the preliminary register of electors (S.R.O. 35/1974); and
- (b) the revised annual list of electors (S.R.O. 26/1975),

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on
Validation**

Act No. 16 of 1979 (Registration of Electors (Validation) Act 1979) validated the failure of the Chief Registering Officer to publish the preliminary register of electors and the final register of electors within the time required by this Act (Ch. 2:03) for the year 1979.

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CHAPTER 2:03

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT

AN ACT to revise the laws of Dominica relating to the registration of electors. 13 of 1974.

[20th June 1974]

Commencement.

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the –

Short title.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT.

2. (1) For the purposes of this Act –

Interpretation.
[15 of 1979.
12 of 1990].

“assistant registering officer” means an officer appointed under section 10 to be an assistant registering officer for a polling district;

“Chief Registering Officer” means the Chief Registering Officer appointed under section 10;

“Commission” means the Electoral Commission established under section 56(1) of the Constitution;

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(Schedule I.)

“constituency” has the meaning assigned to it by section 3;

“Court” means the High Court;

“election” means an election of a member to serve in the House of Assembly for a constituency or in any Village Council, Town Council, City Council, Urban Council or the Carib Reserve Council;

“elector” in relation to an election means any person whose name is for the time being on the appropriate register of electors to be used at that election;

“returning officer” means the returning officer for a polling district and includes any person who is required to transmit to the Chief Elections Officer;

“election officer” includes the Chief Elections Officer, the Deputy Chief Elections Officer, returning officer, election clerk, supervisor of enumerators, presiding officer, poll clerk, Chief

Registering Officer, registering officer, assistant registering officer, enumerator and any other officer having any duty to perform under this Act or the Regulations relating to the registration of electors, the proceedings on polling day and the counting of the votes;

“legal incapacity” includes (in addition to any incapacity by virtue of any subsisting provision of the common law) any disqualification imposed by this Act or any other Act;

“local government areas” means the areas within the boundaries of Urban, City, Town and Village Councils and the Carib Reserve Council;

“payment” includes any pecuniary or other reward and “pecuniary reward” and “money” includes any office, place or employment and any valuable consideration, and expressions referring to money shall be construed accordingly;

“polling district” means a polling district constituted in accordance with section 23;

“polling station” means any enclosed or unenclosed space secured by the returning officer for the taking of votes of electors on polling day and includes any extension of such space where the extension is considered necessary or expedient by the returning officer;

“qualifying date” means, in relation to the qualification of any person to be registered as an elector, the date on which that person applies to be registered as an elector unless, in respect of any particular year of election, the Commission by Order appoints some other date;

“qualified person” means any person who is qualified to be registered as an elector and entitled to vote as such;

“registering officer” means a registering officer appointed under section 10 to be registering officer for a constituency;

“Chief Elections Officer” means the Chief Elections Officer;

“voter” means any person who votes at an election.

(2) Where the Chief Elections Officer or the returning officer at an election is required or authorised by this Act to give any public notice he shall, in the absence of any provision to the contrary, and in the case of the returning officer subject to any directions given to him

by the Chief Elections Officer, do so by advertisements, placards, handbills or such other means as he thinks best calculated to afford information to the voters.

3. A constituency for the purposes of this Act is one of –
- (a) the twenty-one constituencies into which Dominica is divided by the Boundaries Commission Order which constituencies were transitionally adopted for the purposes of the election of Representatives to the House of Assembly by paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 2 to the Commonwealth of Dominica Constitution Order 1978; or
 - (b) such other constituencies as are established by modification of or in substitution for such constituencies by Order made under section 57 of the Constitution.
- Constituencies.
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PART II

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS

4. (1) Subject to this Act, a person is entitled to vote as an elector at an election if on polling day he is qualified to be an elector in the register for that polling district and is on that day registered in the register of electors to be used at that election.

(2) A person is not entitled to vote as an elector at an election unless he is registered in the register of electors to be used at that election.

(3) A person who is subject under any written law to any incapacity to vote is not entitled to vote as an elector at an election.

(4) No person may

(a) at an election, vote as an elector in more than one polling district; or

(b) at any election, vote as an elector more than once in the same polling district.

Electors.

Qualifications for registration.
[15 of 1979].

5. (1) Subject to this Act and any written law imposing any disqualification for registration as an elector, a person is qualified to be registered as an elector for a polling district if he –

- (a) is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Dominica; or
- (b) is a Commonwealth citizen who has resided in Dominica for a period of twelve months immediately before the qualifying date; and
- (c) is eighteen years of age or over; and
- (d) has resided in that polling district for a continuous period of at least three months immediately preceding the date of registration; but in the case of a person who has attained the age of eighteen years within the period of three months immediately preceding the date of his registration, no such residence qualification shall be required.

(2) A person is not qualified to be registered as an elector for more than one polling district.

(3) Where a person who is registered as an elector for a polling district has ceased to reside in that polling district he shall not on that account cease to be qualified to be registered as an elector for that polling district until he has become qualified to be registered as an elector for another polling district.

Disqualifications for registration.

6. A person is disqualified from being registered as an elector and shall not be so registered if he –

- (a) is a person found or declared to be a person of unsound mind or a patient in any establishment maintained wholly or mainly for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from mental illness or mental defectiveness by virtue of any written law;
- (b) is undergoing any sentence of imprisonment in Dominica;
- (c) is under sentence of death imposed on him by a court in any part of the Commonwealth or under sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) exceeding twelve months imposed on him by such a court or under

some sentence substituted therefor by competent authority and has not suffered the punishment to which he was sentenced or received a free pardon therefor; or

(d) is under any written law disqualified for registration as an elector.

7. A person registered pursuant to this Part shall remain registered unless and until his name is deleted from the register because— Right to remain registered.

(a) he has died;

(b) an objection to his registration has been allowed;

(c) he has been absent from Dominica for a period exceeding five years; or

(d) he has become disqualified for registration as an elector under this Act or any other written law imposing disqualifications for registration as an elector.

8. (1) Every person who is qualified to be registered as an elector shall, unless registered in the register of electors for that polling district, apply to the registering officer for that polling district to have his name entered in the list of electors prepared for that constituency under section 15 or in any supplementary list of electors which is prepared under section 16 for that polling district. Requirements to register. [15 of 1979].

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), every occupier of a house shall furnish the registering officer of the polling district in which the house is situated with the names of every person living in that house who, to the best of his knowledge, is qualified to be registered as an elector for that polling district.

(3) Where a building is let in separate apartments, flats or lodgings the person receiving the rent payable by the tenants or lodgers, whether on his own account or as the agent of another person, shall if requested to do so by or on behalf of the registering officer for the polling district in which the building is situated furnish the registering officer with the name of every tenant or lodger by whom the rent of an

(4) In this section —

“house” means a dwelling-house and includes any building or part of a building occupied as a separate dwelling;

“occupier” in relation to any building let in separate apartments, flats or lodgings, means the tenant, lodger or other person by whom the rent for the apartment, flat or lodging is payable.

Provision as to incomplete registration.

9. Notwithstanding section 5, a person shall not be qualified to be registered as an elector until he has complied with the provisions of this Act and the Regulations relating to the registration of electors.

Registering officers.
[15 of 1979
12 of 1990].

10. (1) The Chief Elections Officer shall be the Chief Registering Officer for the purposes of this Act.

(2) For the purposes of the registration of electors, there shall be –

- (a) subject to this section, a registering officer for each constituency who shall be appointed by the Commission after consultation with the Chief Registering Officer;
- (b) subject to this section, an assistant registering officer for each polling district, who shall be appointed by the Commission after consultation with the Chief Registering Officer;
- (c) as many enumerators as may be considered necessary who shall be appointed by the Chief Registering Officer after consultation with the Commission.

(3) The Chief Elections Officer shall supervise the performance by the registering officers of their functions under this Act and the registering officers shall comply with any general or specific directions which he may give them.

(4) Any function vested under this Act in the registering officer may be performed by the assistant registering officer subject to the supervision and control of the registering officer.

(5) An assistant registering officer may act for more than one polling district.

(6) Each registering officer, assistant registering officer and enumerator shall, so long as he acts in that capacity, receive such remuneration from moneys voted for the purposes by Parliament as may be prescribed by the Commission after consultation with the Chief Registering Officer.

*11. (1) The Chief Registering Officer shall cause to be prepared and shall publish not later than 30th September, 1979 and not later than 30th September in every succeeding year a preliminary register of electors for each polling district entitled to vote at any election.

Registers of
electors.
[15 of 1979
16 of 1979].

(2) The register of electors for each polling district under subsection (1) shall consist of all qualified persons –

- (a) whose names appear in the register of electors for that constituency last published under this Act; and
- (b) who, although not registered in the registers mentioned in paragraph (a), have since the publication of those registers qualified for registration as an elector.

(3) The preliminary register shall not include persons who in the opinion of the Chief Elections Officer appear since the publication of the last register –

- (a) to have died; or
- (b) not being citizens of the Commonwealth of Dominica, to have departed from Dominica and on 30th March of any such year to be no longer ordinarily resident in that polling district; or
- (c) being citizens of the Commonwealth of Dominica, to have been absent from Dominica for a period exceeding five years.

(4) A person who is qualified to be registered as an elector but whose name does not appear in the preliminary register of electors for that polling district shall be entitled to be registered upon making application as prescribed.

(5) Where any person whose name does not appear in the appropriate preliminary register of electors claims to be qualified as mentioned in subsection (4), he shall make personal application to the registering officer in the polling district and his claim shall be determined (in accordance with the Regulations) as if it were a claim made under section 13.

(6) The Chief Registering Officer shall cause to be prepared the appropriate register and shall make removals therefrom in consequence of any action taken under section 7 or subsections (4) and (5) and shall publish not later than the date appointed for the purpose under

* See note on Validation at Part 2.

subsection (1) the preliminary register of electors so corrected as the preliminary register of electors entitled to vote at any election for that polling district.

(7) The registers of electors required by subsection (1) to be prepared and published in each year after 1979 shall consist of –

- (a) all persons who were registered in the register of electors last published for that polling district ; and
- (b) all persons whose names appear in the annual list of electors prepared under section 12 for that polling district since the date of publication of the registers mentioned in paragraph (a),

as ordinarily resident in that polling district and qualified under this Act as electors, but shall not include persons who in the opinion of the Chief Registering Officer appear since the publication of the registers mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) –

- (i) to have died; or
- (ii) not being citizens of the Commonwealth of Dominica, to have departed from Dominica and on 30th March of the preceding year to be no longer ordinarily resident in that polling district; or
- (iii) being citizens of the Commonwealth Dominica, to have been absent from Dominica for a period exceeding five years; or
- (iv) to have become ordinarily resident in another polling district.

Annual lists of persons with changed addresses or who recently qualified for registration.
[15 of 1979
16 of 1979].

* 12. (1) Not later than fifteen days before the appointed day in 1979 and before that day in September in every succeeding year, the Chief Registering Officer shall cause to be prepared a list of electors for each polling district which shall consist of all persons –

- (a) whose names appeared on the register for another polling district who have notified the Chief Registering Officer that they have become ordinarily resident in the new polling district;
- (b) whose names appeared in the register for the polling district who have effected a change of address within

the polling district and have notified the Chief Registering Officer thereof;

- (c) who have reached the age of eighteen years and who appear to the Chief Registering Officer to be otherwise qualified; and such lists shall include the names of all persons who will be eighteen years on or before 30th of November, 1979;
- (d) who have otherwise become qualified persons.

(2) The names of those persons referred to in subsection (1) shall, if possible, appear –

- (a) in the case of those persons mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b), in the annual lists prepared for the year in respect of which the notification was made; and
- (b) in the case of those persons mentioned in paragraphs (c) and (d), in the annual lists prepared for the year in respect of which a claim to be registered has been made.

13. (1) All claims for registration made by a person whose name does not appear in the register, the supplementary register, the appropriate quarterly list or the appropriate annual list and all objections to the registration of persons whose names appear in the registers or lists of electors shall be determined (in accordance with the Regulations) by the appropriate registering officer acting with respect to the polling district to which the register or list in question relates.

Claims and
objections.
[15 of 1979].

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), when a claim thereunder has been disallowed, the registering officer shall in accordance with the Regulations refer the matter to the Chief Registering officer for his decision.

(3) An appeal shall lie from a decision of the Chief Registering Officer on a claim to the Commission whose decision in the matter shall be final.

14. (1) The Chief Registering Officer shall, in relation to each polling district, after the publication of the preliminary annual list of electors for each polling district, cause to be published in such manner as will bring it to the attention of the public a notice requesting the names of persons who are entitled to be registered in the revised annual list published in accordance with section 13.

Notice to persons
whose names are
omitted from
lists.

Revised annual lists.
[4 of 1977].

15. The Chief Registering Officer shall make all additions to the appropriate electoral lists and shall make removals therefrom in consequence of any action taken under section 7 or under section 13 and shall publish on or before the 30th November in each year, the corrected annual lists as the revised annual lists of electors.

Publication of supplementary register.
[15 of 1979].

16. The Chief Registering Officer shall, within seven days after the issue of the writs for the holding of elections, cause to be published a supplementary register which shall include the following:

- (a) the names of all persons which appear in the revised quarterly list published in accordance with section 28;
- (b) the names of all persons who have been registered since the publication of the last quarterly list up to and including the date of the issue of the writs for inclusion in the quarterly publication, but shall exclude such names as have been removed from the register as a result of any objection made within five days after the issue of the said writs.

Register and supplementary register to constitute the register for any election.
[15 of 1979].

17. The revised annual list of electors and the supplementary register of electors published for each polling district under sections 15 and 16 respectively in any year shall constitute the register of electors for that polling district and shall be used for any election held in that polling district after the publication thereof until it is superseded by the register of electors published and constituted for that polling district in the next succeeding year in accordance with this Part.

Corrupt and illegal practices lists.
[15 of 1979].
Ch. 2:01.

18. (1) The Chief Registering Officer shall in each year make out from information supplied him in respect of convictions under section 22 of this Act or under sections 61 and 62 of the House of Assembly (Elections) Act, a corrupt and illegal practices list containing –

- (a) the names and description of the persons who, though otherwise qualified to be registered in a register of electors for each polling district, are not so qualified because they have been convicted or reported guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice; and
- (b) a statement of the offence of which each person has been found guilty.

(2) The Chief Registering Officer shall

- (a) in the case of the year 1979, at the same time as he publishes the register under section 11; and
- (b) in the case of any year after 1979, at least fourteen days before he publishes the register as is required by section 11,

make a copy of the corrupt practices list available for inspection at the address as prescribed by each registering officer.

19. The Chief Registering Officer may cause identification cards containing prescribed information to be issued in accordance with the Regulations, or may employ other suitable methods of preventing electors from voting more than once in the same election.

Identification cards.

20. (1) The registers of electors prepared under this Act and the Regulations shall for the purposes of this Part be conclusive on the following questions:

Effect of registers.

- (a) whether or not any person registered therein was on the date of publication of the register resident at the address shown;
- (b) whether or not that address is in any polling district or any particular part of that polling district.

(2) A person registered as an elector shall not be excluded from voting on the ground that he is not a Commonwealth citizen or is not eighteen years of age or was otherwise subject to any legal incapacity to vote; but this provision shall not prevent the rejection of the vote on a scrutiny or affect his liability to any penalty for voting.

(3) No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person or place named in the register of electors or in any list, record, nomination paper, ballot paper, notice or other document required for the purposes of this Act shall affect the full operation of the document with respect to that person or place in any case where the description, person or place is such as to be commonly understood.

21. (1) A person who –

Offences.

- (a) has ceased to be a Commonwealth citizen after attaining the age of eighteen years and has not subsequently thereto become a Commonwealth citizen; or

(b) has not attained the age of eighteen years; or

(c) does not have the requisite residential qualifications for inclusion in the register of electors,

and who wilfully makes any claim to be included in the register of electors is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months.

(2) A person who objects under this Act or the Regulations to the inclusion of any other person in any list or register relating to electors prepared under this Act or the Regulations upon any ground which he knows or has reasonable cause to believe to be false is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months.

(3) A person who knowingly makes a false statement for the purpose of being registered as an elector is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months.

Offence to omit
qualified person
from register.
[15 of 1979].

22. (1) A registering officer, assistant registering officer, or an enumerator who wilfully or without reasonable excuse omits to register the name of any person qualified to be registered is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months.

(2) A registering officer, assistant registering officer or an enumerator convicted of an offence under subsection (1) shall, in addition to any penalty prescribed by that subsection, forfeit his right to payment for his services as a registering officer, assistant registering officer or an enumerator, as the case may be, and, subject to subsection (3), shall be incapable during a period of seven years from the date of his conviction –

(a) of being qualified as an elector or of voting at any election; and

(b) of being elected a member of the House of Assembly, or of any local government body.

(3) Notwithstanding that an appeal is made against a conviction for an offence under subsection (1) the incapacity provided for by

subsection (2) in the event of any such conviction shall continue until the appeal is determined and thereafter, unless the conviction is quashed, the incapacity shall remain in force for a period of seven years from the determination of the appeal unless the court hearing the appeal directs that the period of seven years shall run from the date of conviction.

23. (1) Subject to this section, each constituency shall be divided into polling districts, with such boundaries as to coincide where possible with local government areas.

Division of each constituency into polling districts. [15 of 1979].

(2) Each polling district shall so far as practicable contain approximately four hundred and fifty qualified persons.

(3) Where the Chief Registering Officer is satisfied that because of congestion or of the sparsity of the population or other special circumstances, it is more convenient to do so, he may, with the approval of the Commission, constitute a polling district containing either more or less than four hundred and fifty qualified persons.

(4) In determining the boundaries of any polling district the Registering Officer shall have regard to local government areas, geographical considerations and such other factors as may affect the facilities of communications between various places within the polling district.

(5) The Chief Registering Officer shall keep polling districts of each constituency under review and, subject to the approval of the Commission, by notice make such alteration in the districts including the abolition or establishment of any polling district as he may consider proper having regard to subsections (2), (3) and (4).

(6) If at any time the Commission considers it necessary or desirable to do so it may review the polling districts in any constituency, and, if it thinks fit having regard to subsections (2), (3) and (4), direct the Chief Registering Officer to make any alteration therein including the abolition or establishment of any polling districts and if the Chief Registering Officer upon being so directed fails within one month after being so directed to make the alteration so required the Commission may by notice effect the alteration.

24. This Act shall apply to the registration of electors for membership in the House of Assembly or in any City, Urban, Town or Village Council or the Parish Reserve Council.

Application of Act. [12 of 1990].

Regulations,
[15 of 1979].

25. (1) The Commission may make Regulations with respect to —

- (a) the form of the registers of electors and of the annual and revised lists of electors or any other lists required by this Act or the Regulations in connection with the registers or with any election;
- (b) the procedure to be followed in the preparation of the registers of electors and the preparation of the annual and revised lists of electors;
- (c) the determination for the purposes of the registration of electors of the place of ordinary residence of any person;
- (d) the adaptation of any register of electors to any alteration of polling districts and particularly with respect to cases where any alteration of polling districts is made between the publication of any list prepared under this Act and the coming into force of any register of electors prepared under Part II;
- (e) any matters incidental to the provisions of this Act relating to the registration of electors;
- (f) the remuneration and travelling allowances to be paid to any election officer;
- (g) the duties of and the records to be kept by election officers;
- (h) the provision of such additional assistants as may be necessary for the counting of the votes and the remuneration to be paid to such assistants;
- (i) the variation of the forms required under any elections law in Dominica, and the prescribing of additional forms, and generally for giving effect to the provisions

(2) The incidental matters referred to in subsection (1)(e) shall be taken to include the time and manner of preparation and publication and the form of and the making and determination of claims and

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1)(a) and (e) and subsection (2), Regulations made with respect to the matters therein mentioned may contain provisions –

- (a) authorising a registering officer, an assistant registering officer or enumerator to require any person to give information required for the purposes of his registration duties;
- (b) laying down a time-table for the preparation of the registers and other matters, and providing that notices and other documents received by the registering officer out of time may be or shall be disregarded either altogether or for the purposes of a particular register or election;
- (c) as to the evidence of age, residence or nationality which may be required in connection with the registration of any person;
- (d) as to the evidence which shall or may be required or considered sufficient or conclusive evidence of a person being subject to any physical incapacity and as to its probable duration;
- (e) as to the cases in which a claim or objection may be determined by the registering officer without a hearing by the Chief Registering Officer and as to the right of a person in any such cases to make written representation to him;
- (f) authorising the Chief Registering Officer, a registering officer, an assistant registering officer or enumerator to require the evidence of any person at a hearing before him to be given on oath and to administer oaths for the purposes;
- (g) requiring copies of the annual, or revised lists of electors, or registers of electors and other documents or prescribed parts thereof to be available for inspection by the public at such places as may be prescribed;
- (h) authorising or requiring a registering officer to supply

annual, or revised lists of electors or registers of electors and other documents or prescribed parts thereof, whether free of charge or on payment of a prescribed fee;

- (i) as to the steps to be taken to ensure the secrecy of the voting and the safe custody (before and after the count) of the ballot papers returned and election documents;
- (j) incidental or supplementary to those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (i).

Electoral Office.
[15 of 1979].

26. The President shall set up an electoral office in Roseau which shall be known as the Electoral Office.

Extension of
time and
validation of
acts, omissions
and irregularities
of form.
[15 of 1979].

27. Where anything in connection with the preparation or publication of any list or register under this Act is omitted to be done or cannot be done at the time required by or under this Act or is done before or after that time or is otherwise irregularly done in matter of form, the Commission may, by resolution published in the *Gazette*, at any time before or after the time within which the thing is required to be done, extend that time or validate anything so done before or after the time required, or irregularly done in matter of form.

Continuous
registration.
[15 of 1979].

28. (1) There shall be the continuous registration of all voters qualified to be registered as electors under this Act.

(2) The Chief Registering Officer shall cause to be prepared and shall publish as soon as possible thereafter and in any case not later than the fifteenth day of the month following each quarter (such quarters commencing on 1st December, 1st March, 1st June, and 1st September in every year) a supplementary list of electors registered in accordance with subsection (1).

Time to be taken
in compiling lists.
[15 of 1979].

29. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained regarding the time to be taken in compiling the lists of electors, the Chief Registering Officer shall ensure that the registers of electors required under this Act are completed as expeditiously as possible in time for publication of the preliminary lists of electors by 30th September in each year.

(2) The Commission shall, wherever it considers it necessary to do so, issue any order or directive to the Chief Registering Officer to ensure that the registers of electors are published not later than the 30th September in any year; and any corrections thereto made and published in such manner as will bring it to the attention of the public not later than the 30th November in each year.

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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS REGULATIONS

made under section 25.

38/1974.
[45/1974
35/1976
12 of 1990].

[5th December 1974]

Commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the –

Short title.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS REGULATIONS.

2. In these Regulations –

Interpretation.

“address of the registering officer” means the address specified in a notice to be published under regulation 32(2) and the expression “his address” in relation to a registering officer shall have like meaning;

“electoral revising centre” means an electoral revising centre established under regulation 26;

“Form” identified by a number, means the Form of that number set out in the Schedule;

Schedule.

“list” includes a preliminary register, or a revised list;

“occupier” has the same meanings as in section 8(4) of the Act;

“preliminary register” means a register prepared under section 11 of the Act;

“qualifying address” in relation to any person means the address to be entered pursuant to regulation 20(5) in a register or in any list opposite the name of such person;

“registration records” means the records used in the registration of a person registered under these Regulations, and includes the register of electors and all completed forms used in the collection thereof.

Residence. 3. For the purpose of registration under the Act a person shall be deemed to reside in the polling district in which he was ordinarily registered on the qualifying date.

Residence of temporarily employed persons. 4. No person shall, for the purpose of the Act, be deemed to be ordinarily resident in any polling district to which he has come for the purpose of engaging temporarily in any employment of a seasonal character.

Ordinarily resident. [45 of 1974]. 5. Subject to regulations 3, 4, 6 and 7, the question whether a person is or was ordinarily resident at any material period shall be determined by reference to all the facts of the case.

Place of ordinary residence. 6. The place of ordinary residence of a person shall be deemed to be generally that place which has always been, or which he has adopted as, the place of his habitation or home, whereto when away from there he intends to return. Specifically, when a person usually sleeps in one place and has his meals or is employed in another place, the place of his ordinary residence shall be where the person sleeps.

Family and residence. 7. Generally, a person's place of ordinary residence is where his family is; if he is living apart from his family in another place, the place of ordinary residence is such other place. Temporary absence from a place of ordinary residence does not cause the loss or change of place of ordinary residence. However, a person who has more than one place of ordinary residence may elect in respect of which place he desires to be registered.

House to house visits. 8. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations the Chief Elections Officer or the registering officer for a constituency may require enumerators to visit any house within the polling districts assigned to them for the purpose of ascertaining whether persons whose names appear in any list still reside in a particular polling district or are still alive or for such other purposes under these Regulations as the Chief Elections Officer or the registering officer for the constituency may require.

Appointment of enumerators. Form 11. 9. (1) The Chief Elections Officer may after consultation with the Commission, by writing under his hand in Form 11 appoint as an enumerator a person preferably qualified as an elector and resident in the electoral district for which he is to be appointed.

(2) Each enumerator shall take the oaths prescribed in these Regulations on entering and on completing his duties.

REGISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

10. (1) Subject to subregulation (2) a person who is qualified to be registered as an elector shall make application in Form 3 to the registering officer of the polling district in which he resides.

Application for registration.
Form 3.

(2) Where such person is suffering from a physical incapacity he shall notify the registering officer of the polling district in which he resides of the incapacity and the registering officer shall visit that person for the purpose of effecting the registration.

11. (1) An election officer shall use as his office for the purpose of these Regulations such places as the Chief Elections Officer may approve.

Registering officers.

(2) The registration office shall be open for public business on every working day between the hours of 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

(3) The Chief Elections Officer shall publish in the *Gazette* and by other suitable means the address of the office of elections officers and the time when such places will be open for business.

12. With a view to the preparation of the registers, the registering officer shall –

Preparation of registers.

- (a) have a house to house or other sufficient enquiries made as to the persons entitled to be registered;
- (b) have prepared for publication electors lists showing the persons appearing to him to be entitled to be registered, together with their qualifying addresses.

13. Where it is necessary for an enumerator to visit any house in connection with the registration of any person he shall take all the necessary precautions to ensure that he obtains accurate information regarding the name, occupation, address and other required particulars of that person and that he has not registered any person who is not qualified to be registered.

Enumerator to

formation.

Safekeeping of documents.

14. (1) An enumerator shall cause to be kept in safe custody and shall not permit any unauthorised person to have access to any registration records.

(2) Where it is necessary for any of the documents mentioned in subregulation (1) to be kept overnight, they shall be kept in containers provided for the purpose by the Chief Registering Officer and such containers may be kept at any convenient police station.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Identification cards.

15. The Chief Elections Officer shall cause to be entered on an identification card (signed by such person) the particulars required to be stated therein in respect of the applicant including his name and registration number.

Occupiers to give information.

16. (1) The Chief Registering Officer may require any occupier to give information required by him for the performance of his functions under these Regulations.

(2) A person who wilfully fails to give information requested under subregulation (1) or gives information which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true is guilty of an offence under these Regulations.

Particulars of death.

17. (1) The Registrar General of Births and Deaths as well as each Registrar of Births and Deaths shall not later than the 15th September in each year transmit to the Chief Elections Officer a list of persons eighteen years of age or over whose deaths have occurred during the preceding months within the registration area or part of the registration area within the district to which he has been appointed.

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(2) For the purposes of this regulation, "Registrar General" and "Registrar" have the same meaning as in section 2 of the Registration

Preservation of records.

18. All registration records shall be sent to the Chief Elections Officer who shall keep them in safe custody for a period of not less than

and year.

19. Any person who without lawful authority destroys, mutilates, defaces, removes or makes any alteration in -- Destruction of documents etc. [45 of 1974].

- (a) an unused, completed, incompletd or cancelled registration record or any duplicate of the same;
 - (b) a registration notice affixed to any building or place;
 - (c) an identification card;
 - (d) a file of notice of refusal; or
 - (e) any other document published under these Regulations,
- is guilty of an offence under these Regulations.

FORM AND CONTENTS OF LISTS AND REGISTERS

20. (1) The preliminary register of electors shall be framed in separate parts for each polling district within the constituency to which the register relates. Form of preliminary registers.

(2) There shall be assigned to each polling district and to the part of the register which relates to that polling district a separate letter or letters and the letter or letters shall be deemed to form part of an elector's number in the register.

(3) Subject to subregulation (4) --

- (a) the names in each part shall be arranged in alphabetical order;
- (b) the names in the register shall be numbered so far as reasonably practicable consecutively with separate series of numbers for each polling district; or
- (c) in such other manner as may be considered expedient.

(4) Opposite to each name in any list or register shall be inserted the occupation (if any) and address of the person whose name appears therein.

(5) The names, occupation and addresses of the persons to be included in a register shall be those prepared and finally settled

Mode of publication of list, etc. [45 of 1974].

21. The Chief Elections Officer shall publish any register or lists required under the Act by –

- (a) making copies thereof available for inspection at the address of the registering officer for the constituency to which the lists relate;
- (b) making copies thereof available for inspection at any specified places in the constituency to which the lists relate to which the public have access;
- (c) making copies thereof available for inspection at each electoral revising centre in the constituency to which they relate;
- (d) publishing in at least one newspaper notices specifying the said places and as soon as practicable thereafter copies of the notices shall be posted in places in each polling district where they are available for public inspection.

Publication of revised registers.

22. (1) The Chief Elections Officer shall publish the finally revised registers by making copies available for inspection at his address and at the address of the registering officer for the constituency to which they relate and by making copies available for inspection as soon as practicable at specified places in the constituency to which they relate to which the public have access.

(2) The register prepared under section 15 of the Act shall be kept published until it is replaced by a new register.

Copies of register to be supplied.

23. (1) Copies of the register shall on publication be furnished by the Chief Elections Officer to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Community Development, and the Public Librarian.

(2) The Public Librarian shall make the copies delivered to him available for inspection at the Public Library.

(3) An abstract of the contents of the registers shall be furnished by the Chief Elections Officer to the Commission, at such times and in such form and giving such information as the Commission may require.

Supply of extra copies of registers.

24. The Chief Elections Officer shall supply to any person copies of any part or parts of the registers so long as there are sufficient copies available, allowing for the number which he considers may be required for official purposes including the requirements of the Commission.

of a fee of one dollar together with an additional ten cents for each one hundred or part of one hundred names in the copy.

25. (1) The registering officer shall in each year make out a corrupt and illegal practices list containing –

Corrupt and
illegal practices
list.

(a) the names and descriptions of persons who though otherwise qualified to be registered in the register of the district for which he acts are not so qualified by reason of having been convicted or reported guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice;

(b) a statement of the offence of which each person has been found guilty.

(2) The list shall be published on the same date as the preliminary register of electors.

(3) The regulations dealing with the revision and corrections of the lists, and appeals from the decision of the registering officer shall apply in revision of the corrupt and illegal practices list.

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS NOT IN THE PRELIMINARY REGISTERS

26. (1) On such date or dates as the Commission shall by Order direct, the Chief Elections Officer shall cause to be established for each constituency one or more electoral revising centres which shall be under the control and direction of the registering officer for the constituency.

Revising centres
to be established.
[12 of 1990].

(2) The registering officer shall be assisted in the performance of his functions under these Regulations by such number of enumerators as the Chief Elections Officer assigns and the enumerators shall be subject to the direction of the registering officer.

(3) Not later than seven days before the publication of the preliminary registers, the Chief Elections Officer shall publish in the *Gazette* and at least one newspaper a notice specifying the places where the electoral revising centres have been established and the dates and times at which it is to be open for registration of voters.

Notice of revising
centres.

as soon as practicable after the publication of the notice, shall cause the preliminary registers to be posted in places in each polling district where they are available for public inspection.

Persons omitted
from preliminary
register.

27. (1) Any person whose name does not appear in a preliminary register and who claims to be entitled to be registered as an elector for the constituency to which the register relates may attend at the electoral revising centre in the polling district in which he resides.

Form 3.

(2) Form 3 shall be completed by or on behalf of the applicant and shall be presented to the registering officer or an enumerator.

Enumerator.

(3) Where the registering officer or an enumerator is satisfied that the applicant is qualified as an elector for the constituency in which the electoral revising centre is established, he shall cause the applicant's name, address and occupation to be entered in the appropriate register for that constituency.

(4) Where the enumerator is not satisfied that an applicant is qualified to be registered as an elector, he shall –

Form 15.

(a) issue to the applicant the original of a notice of refusal in Form 15;

(b) inform the applicant that he may appear before the appropriate registering officer when directed by notice in writing by that officer to do so, if he wishes to justify his claim; and

(c) transmit to the appropriate registering officer a copy of the notice of refusal issued pursuant to paragraph (a).

(5) The names of persons whose applications for registration have been refused by the enumerator shall be listed in a form supplied by the Chief Elections Officer and the list shall be forwarded by the enumerator to the registering officer.

Registering
officers shall
consider refused
applications.
[45 of 1974].

28. (1) The registering officers shall consider all applications for registration as electors made in Form 3 by persons whose applications have previously been refused by enumerators.

(2) On the hearing of an application for registration as an elector, the applicant shall be entitled to appear and be heard and to

applicant not less than four clear days notice by registered post or by hand, of the time and place at which he will hear the application.

(3) The notice referred to in subregulation (2) shall be in Form 10.

(4) Upon the hearing of an application made under subregulation (1), a registering officer may summon such witnesses as he may consider necessary and may order the production of any document that he may think necessary.

(5) Upon the hearing of an application made under subregulation (1), a registering officer shall permit all persons, who in his opinion are interested in the application, to appear before him and be heard.

(6) A person appearing before a registering officer under this regulation shall appear in person but if he is unable to do so because of incapacity, the registering officer shall visit his place of residence.

(7) Upon the hearing of an application made under subregulation (1), a registering officer may, either at the request of any person interested in the application, or without such request, require that the evidence given by any person at the hearing shall be upon oath.

(8) No person may, upon the hearing of an application made under subregulation (1), make any statement upon oath that he knows to be false or does not believe to be true.

(9) A registering officer shall make and keep a record of all evidence taken and all documents produced during the hearing of an application under this regulation and shall submit to the Chief Elections Officer such records and all documents produced together with his recommendation in respect of the application and his reasons therefor.

(10) The Chief Elections Officer shall make a final decision upon the application and may vary or confirm any decision upon the application that was made by the enumerator.

(11) Should the Chief Elections Officer disallow an application made under subregulation (1), he shall issue to the applicant a notice of refusal in Form 15 and keep a duplicate copy of the notice together with the other papers relative to the application.

Appeals to the Commission.

29. (1) An appeal may be made to the Commission from any refusal by the Chief Elections Officer of a claim for registration as an elector.

(2) A person desiring to appeal under this regulation shall forward his appeal to the Chief Elections Officer, and shall set out fully the grounds thereof.

(3) The Chief Elections Officer on receipt of the application shall concisely set forth the facts and documents as may be necessary to enable the Commission to decide the appeal together with the reasons for his decision.

(4) The Commission may if it thinks fit hear the parties to the appeal, and shall allow or dismiss the appeal and shall notify the applicant accordingly in Form 18.

Form 18.

CHANGES IN NAME OR ADDRESS OF PERSONS IN THE PRELIMINARY REGISTERS OR PREVIOUS LISTS

Changes of address.

30. (1) Not later than seven days after the publication of the preliminary register, a person whose name appears in any register for a constituency who has changed his address to an address in another constituency shall notify the Chief Elections Officer of the change on Form 16 and if the Chief Registering Officer is satisfied that the person is ordinarily resident in that other constituency he shall, as soon as the person has completed six months ordinary residence in that other constituency, cause the person's name to appear in the appropriate list for that other constituency.

Form 16.

(2) The decision of the Chief Elections Officer in relation to an application under subregulation (1) shall be final.

Change of names.

31. (1) Not later than seven days after the publication of the preliminary register a person whose name appears in the register who has changed his name may notify the Chief Elections Officer on Form 17, and if the Chief Elections Officer is satisfied as to the identity of the applicant and as to the correctness of the particulars contained in his Form, he shall cause the applicant's name and his new address or, as the case may be, new name and address to appear upon the monthly list for that constituency.

Form 17.

(2) The decision of the Chief Elections Officer in relation to an application under subregulation (1) shall be final.

OBJECTIONS AND CLAIMS

32. (1) The Chief Elections Officer shall at the time of publishing the preliminary register publish in like manner a notice stating that objections may be made to the inclusion of a person's name in any such preliminary register.

Notice of objections.

(2) The notice published in accordance with subregulation (1) shall specify the manner in which and the date by which claims or objections in respect of the preliminary register, as the case may be, may be made and be received by the registering officer at the address of the registering officer.

(3) The date to be fixed as the last date for the receipt of claims and objections in respect of the said register shall not be earlier than the seventh day after the date of the publication of the relevant preliminary register.

33. A claim or objection in respect of any such preliminary register which is delivered to the registering officer at any time after the last date for the receipt of claims and objections shall be disregarded; but an objection to a claim shall not be disregarded if it is delivered to the registering officer within three days after the claim has been entered in the list of claims.

Late claims to be disregarded.

34. (1) A claim or objection which may be in Form 3 or 4, as the case may be, shall be in the claimant's or objector's own handwriting, shall state the name, occupation and address of the claimant, or as the case may be, the objector, and in the case of an objection, of the person objected to, and shall specify the claim or objection and give full particulars in support thereof.

Forms for making claims.
Form 3 or 4.
[35 of 1976].

(2) Where the claimant or objector cannot write due to disability or otherwise, Form 3 or 4 shall be filled in the handwriting of the witness of the claimant or of the objector.

(3) Claims and objections shall be made available for inspection at the address of the registering officer until completion of the determination of claims and objections pursuant to these Regulations.

Powers of
registering
officer with
regard to claims.

35. (1) If the registering officer is of the opinion –

- (a) that the particulars given in claims or objections are insufficient, he may ask for further information and take no further action until the information is supplied and should the further information not be received by the registering officer by the last date for the receipt of claims and objections specified in the notice referred to in regulation 32(2), no further action need be taken in respect of it;
- (b) that a claim may be allowed without its being referred to the Chief Elections Officer, he may allow the claim provided that no objection is made thereto, and shall so inform the person making the claim;
- (c) that the objector is not entitled to object, he may disallow the objection and shall so inform the objector by notice in Form 15;
- (d) that a claim or objection cannot be allowed because the particulars given in the claim or objection do not entitle the claimant or objector to succeed, he shall refer the matter to the Chief Elections Officer and send the notice in Form 8, in the case of a claim, to the person making a claim, and in the case of an objection, to the objector and the person objected to, stating the time and place at which the Chief Elections Officer proposes to hear the claim or objection; and the notice sent to the person objected to shall also state the name and address of the objector and the grounds of the objection.

Form 15.

Form 8.

Hearing of
claims.

(2) The time fixed for the hearing of a claim or objection shall not be earlier than the third day after the date of the notice referred to in subregulation (1)(d).

(3) The registering officer shall make lists of claims and objections available for inspection at his address until completion of the hearing of claims and objections, together with the time and place at which the Chief Elections Officer proposes to hear any claim or objection.

36. (1) On the hearing of a claim, the person making the claim and any person who has duly made an objection and, on the hearing of an objection, the objector and the person objected to and, on the hearing of either, any other person who appears to the Chief Elections Officer to be interested shall be entitled to appear and be heard.

Right to be heard.

(2) The right to appear and be heard includes the right to make written representations.

(3) Any person entitled to appear and be heard may do so either in person or by any other person duly authorised in writing in that behalf.

37. (1) For the purpose of the discharge of their functions under the Act or these Regulations, the Chief Elections Officer, a registering officer or an enumerator may, in relation to a person claiming to be registered or against whose inclusion in a preliminary register or monthly list an objection has been made, if he thinks necessary –

Production of documents.

- (a) require that person either to produce a birth certificate or to make a sworn declaration as to the date of his birth;
- (b) require that person either to produce a certificate of naturalisation or a document showing that he has become a Commonwealth citizen by virtue of registration, or to make sworn declaration that he was a Commonwealth citizen on the qualifying date;
- (c) enquire into, examine and investigate the qualification of that person to be registered and take such evidence as may be necessary to have it proved to his satisfaction that that person is qualified to be registered.

(2) Any declaration made pursuant to subregulation (1) shall be made available for inspection at the address of the registering officer.

CORRECTIONS AND ALTERATIONS OF LISTS AND REGISTERS OF ELECTORS

38. An alteration to any list which is required –

- (a) to carry out the registering officer's decision with respect to any claim or objection

Alteration of list by Chief Elections Officer.

- (b) to carry out the Chief Elections Officer's decision with respect to any claim or objection;
- (c) to correct any clerical error;
- (d) to correct any misnomer, or inaccurate description of any person, his occupation or address;
- (e) to delete the name of any person who the Chief Elections Officer is satisfied is dead,

shall be made by the Chief Elections Officer.

Corrections of registers.
[45 of 1974].

39. (1) Where it appears to the Chief Elections Officer that it is necessary to make any alteration (other than an alteration under regulation 38) to any list or register in order to ensure that no person shall be incorrectly or improperly registered or registered more than once in any constituency or registered when not qualified, he shall send to the person affected by the alteration a notice stating the proposed alteration and shall give him an opportunity within three days from the date of the notice, of selecting, where entitled to do so, the qualifying address in respect of which he is registered or of objecting to the alteration and, if necessary, of appearing before him and being heard in accordance with regulation 35.

(2) After the said three days the Chief Registering Officer shall make such alteration (if any) as seems to him to be necessary.

(3) Where a register of electors as published does not carry out the intention of the registering officer –

- (a) to include the name of any person shown in the electors lists as a person entitled to be registered; or
- (b) to give or not to give in a person's entry a date as that on which he will attain voting age, or as to the date to be given; or
- (c) to give effect to a decision on a claim or objection made with respect to the electors lists,

then (subject to the decision on any appeal from a decision on a claim or objection) the registering officer on becoming aware of the fact shall make the necessary correction in the register

40. The register of electors shall be closed to amendments on the date on which notice of an election is given.

Closure of registers.

41. (1) Subject to the Act and these Regulations, any notice which is required by the Act or these Regulations to be made to the Chief Elections Officer or a registering officer shall be in writing and sent by post or delivered to the Chief Elections Officer or, as the case may be, to the registering officer or to his address.

Notices.

(2) Where the Chief Registering Officer or a registering officer is required by the Act or these Regulations to notify any person, the notification shall be in writing and may be sent by post to the address furnished by that person for the purpose of the notification or if there is no such address, to the last known place of abode of that person.

42. Where by its publication or otherwise a document is made available for inspection any person may make a copy of, or take extracts from, the document.

Making copies of documents.

43. Where the last day of time allowed by these Regulations for any matter falls on a public holiday or a non-business day that time shall be extended until the end of the next following day which is not one of the days before mentioned.

Public holidays and non-business days.

44. No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person or place in any register, list, list of claims or objections, or in any notice shall prejudice the operation of that document with respect to that person or place in any register, list, list of claims or objections, or in any notice shall prejudice the operation of that document with respect to that person or place in any case where the description of that person or place is such as to be commonly understood.

Misnomer.

45. Any failure to publish a document in accordance with these Regulations shall not invalidate the document but this regulation shall not relieve the Chief Registering Officer from any penalty for the failure.

Failure to publish documents.

46. A person who is guilty of an offence under these Regulations is liable on summary conviction to a fine of seven hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for six months.

Penalties.

Forms. 47. The Forms in the Schedule to these Regulations or where
Ch.2:01 applicable the Forms in the Schedule to the House of Assembly
(Elections) Act shall be used for the purposes of these Regulations.

Oaths. 48. On entering on his duties and on the completion thereof, a
registering officer shall take the prescribed oaths.

Time table. 49. The Chief Elections Officer may lay down a time table for the
preparation of the register and other matters and the election officers
shall adhere to that time table.

SCHEDULE

FORM 1

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

REGISTRATION NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT –

- (1) Revision of Lists of Electors will begin on
- (2) Every person not disqualified on any of the grounds set out in the next paragraph of this notice is entitled to be registered as an elector if he or she –
- (a) is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Dominica; or
 - (b) is a Commonwealth citizen who has resided in Dominica for a period of twelve months immediately before the qualifying date;
 - (c) is eighteen years of age or over; and
 - (d) has resided in that polling district for a period of at least six months before the qualifying date.
- (3) No person shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in any polling district who –

- (a) is a person found or declared to be a person of unsound mind or a patient in any establishment maintained wholly or mainly for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from

mental illness or mental defectiveness by virtue of any enactment; or

(b) is undergoing any sentence of imprisonment in Dominica; or

(c) is under sentence of death imposed on him by a court in any part of the Commonwealth or under sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) exceeding twelve months imposed on him by such a court or under some sentence substituted therefor by competent authority and has not suffered the punishment to which he was sentenced or received a free pardon therefor; or

(d) is under any enactment, disqualified for registration as an elector.

(4) Any qualified person whose name, address or occupation has been omitted from or incorrectly stated in the preliminary list is hereby requested to supply in keeping with Form 3 his name, address or occupation for insertion in the list or to request that the entry relating thereto be corrected, as the case may be.

(5) Any qualified person whose name appears in more than one polling district or constituency is also required to give notice of the duplication in Form 3.

(6) Any qualified person whose name appears in the preliminary list may give notice in writing in Form 4 (notice of objection) objecting to the inclusion in the list of any person on the ground, that that other person is not a qualified person.

(7) Forms for filing claims or objections may be obtained from the registering officer, Office of the Carib Reserve Council, Offices of the Village and Town Councils and the Electoral Office.

(8) Further information may be obtained from your registering officer whose name and address is as follows:

Name

Address

Date

.....
Chief Elections Officer.

Section 11.

FORM 2

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS

....., Assembly Constituency Polling District No.....

Comprising the area

.....

.....

.....

The following names are included in the preliminary list of electors in the above mentioned polling district. Any notice of correction or addition, or objection to this list must be sent to the registering officer as soon as possible.

<i>Consecutive Number</i>	LOCATION OF RESIDENCE	NAME OF ELECTOR <i>(Family name first)</i>	OCCUPATION

FORM 3

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT

NOTICE OF CLAIM

To: The Registering Officer.....

I, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, *(Name of claimant in full)*
 of *(Place of residence)*
 *(Occupation)*
 am qualified for registration in polling district No.....

Regulations 10,
27 and 34.

2. I HEREBY DECLARE that:

- (a) I am a citizen of the Commonwealth of Dominica, or
- (b) I am a Commonwealth citizen who has resided in Dominica for twelve months.
- (c) My date of birth is
- (d) I have resided in the above polling district for at least six months immediately prior to the date of this application;
- (e) I am not disqualified for registration as an elector by any law relating to disqualification of electors or offences connected with elections;
- (f) I have not applied for registration in any other polling district.

3. Please read below and STRIKE OUT whichever is not applicable.

(a) My name is not included in the electoral register of this or any other electoral district and I now request that my name be inserted in the register.

or

(b) My name is included in the register for polling district No..... and should now be transferred to the above polling district.

or

(c) My name, address and occupation is wrongly stated in the electoral register of polling district No.

or

(d) My name, address and occupation is included in the electoral register of two polling districts.

Polling District No.

Polling District No.

and I now elect to be registered in polling district No.....

Date

Signature of Claimant.

Statement of Witness

I am registered as an elector in the same polling district in which the claimant has applied for inclusion, namely, polling district No.....

Date

Signature of Witness

Name

.....

NOTE: A person who knowingly makes a false statement for the purpose of being registered as an elector is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months.

Regulation 34.

FORM 4

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

NOTICE OF OBJECTION

To: The Registering Officer

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I,

(Name of objector in full)

..... of

(Occupation)

(Postal address of objector)

am qualified for registration in polling district No.

of and am so included.

2. I object to the inclusion therein of

.....

.....

(Enter name, occupation and address of person objected to)

on the grounds that such person is disqualified for inclusion therein by reason

of

.....
.....
.....

Date
.....
(Signature of Objector)

Statement of Witness

I am registered as an elector in the same polling district in which the name objected to appears, namely, polling district No. of and I support this objection and countersign it.

Date
.....
(Signature)

Name

Address

NOTE: A person who objects under this Act or the Regulations to the inclusion of any other person in any list or register relating to electors prepared under this Act or the Regulations upon any ground which he knows or has reasonable cause to believe to be false is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months.

FORM 5

Regulation 32.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

REGULATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

LIST OF CLAIMS

TAKE NOTICE that the persons (hereinafter referred to as claimants) whose names, addresses and occupations are set out in Part 1 of the Schedule to this notice have claimed that the preliminary list of qualified persons resident in polling district No. of the

should be amended by the insertion therein of their names, addresses and occupations as set out in Part I of the Schedule to this notice, and that the persons whose names, addresses and occupations as set out in Part II of the Schedule to this notice have claimed that the entries in the preliminary list of qualified persons resident in polling district No.of the relating to their names, addresses or occupations, as the case may be, should be amended to conform with the names, addresses and occupations as set out in Part II of the Schedule to this notice.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any qualified person who objects to the inclusion of the name of any claimant in the preliminary list upon the ground that such claimant is not qualified for inclusion therein may send in an objection to such inclusion not later than the day of and attend at on the day of at a.m. and then and there show cause why the name of such claimant should not be included in the list.

SCHEDULE

PART I

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>

PART II

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>

Date

Registering Officer.

FORM 6

Regulation 32.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

LIST OF OBJECTORS

TAKE NOTICE that objection has been taken to the inclusion in the list of electors for polling district No. of..... constituency of the persons whose names, addresses and occupations are specified in the Schedule to this notice upon the grounds specified against each

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless any person specified in the Schedule to this notice attends at the place, date and time specified for the consideration of the objections and shows cause why his name should not be deleted therefrom his name may be so deleted.

SPECIFIED PLACE, DATE AND TIME

Place

Date

Time

Date.....

Registering Officer.

SCHEDULE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Name of Objector</i>

Regulation 35.

FORM 7

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS
NOTICE TO PERSONS OBJECTED TO

TAKE NOTICE that I have received objections to the inclusion of your name, address and occupation in the preliminary list for polling district No. of theand that the revision of the said list will take place on theday of 19.... between the hours ofand

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless you appear before me and show cause why your name (should not be deleted from) (should be included in) the list of electors, your name (may be deleted therefrom) (may not be included therein).

Date
.....
Registering Officer.

ON STATE SERVICE
TO BE SENT TO ALL PERSONS OBJECTED TO

.....

.....

(Name and address)

(This Card is to be sent by registered post.)

FORM 8

Regulation 35.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS
NOTICE OF HEARING OF OBJECTION

TAKE NOTICE that the objection you have made to the inclusion of the name ofwhose address isand whose occupation isin the list of electors for polling district No.for the will be heard at onbetween the hours ofand.....

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless you appear before me to substantiate the reason for your objection the matter may be determined in your absence.

Dated this day of 19.....

.....
Registering Officer.

ON STATE SERVICE

To:
.....

FORM 9

Regulation 35.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS
NOTICE OF INSERTION OR CORRECTION

TAKENOTICE that your claim for insertion (or relating to correction of particulars) in the list of electors for polling district No..... in thehas been granted/will be considered by me at on between the hours of

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless you appear before me and show cause why your claim should be allowed the matter may be determined in your absence.

Dated this day of19.....

.....
Registering Officer.

ON STATE SERVICE

To.....

.....

Regulation 28.

FORM 10

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE CORRECTIONS OR INSERTIONS

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to make corrections in your registration in the list of electors for polling district No.of the
.....

The corrections are as follows:

.....
.....
.....

If you object to the above corrections being made your objection will be heard by me at on
..... between the hours of and
.....

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless you appear before me
.....

Dated at this day of 19...

.....
Registering Officer.

ON STATE SERVICE

To:

.....

FORM 11

Regulation 9.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

APPOINTMENT OF ENUMERATOR

To:

whose occupation is

and whose address is

In pursuance of the provisions of section 10 of the Registration of Electors Act,
I hereby appoint you to be an Enumerator for Polling District No.
in the Constituency.

Returns are to be made byday of 19.....

.....
Chief Registering Officer.

FORM 12

Section 10.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS
APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERING OFFICER

To:

whose occupation is

and whose address is

In pursuance of the provisions of section 10 of the Registration of Electors Act
I hereby appoint you to be a Registering Officer for Polling District No.

in the Constituency and to prepare a list of electors qualified to vote in accordance with the provisions of the said Regulations.

Returns are to be made by day of 19.....

Given under my hand atthis day of
..... 19.....

.....
Chairman Electoral Commission.

Regulations 9
and 49.

FORM 13

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

OATH OF ENUMERATOR/REGISTERING OFFICER

I, the undersigned appointed Enumerator/Registering Officer for Polling District No. in the Constituency do solemnly swear that I will act faithfully in my said capacity as Enumerator/Registering Officer without partiality, fear, favour or affection, and in every respect according to law.

SO HELP ME GOD.

.....
Enumerator/Registering Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF THE ENUMERATOR/REGISTERING OFFICER
HAVING TAKEN THE OATH OF OFFICER

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on theday of
..... 19....., the Enumerator/Registering Officer above named made and subscribed before me the above set forth oath.

In testimony whereof I have issued this certificate under my hand.

.....
Justice of the Peace/Chief Elections Officer.

FORM 14
REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS
INDEX BOOK

Regulations 20 and
22.

CONSTITUENCY POLLING DISTRICT NO.
(Insert name of polling district if any)

COMPRISING
(Insert the description of the boundaries of the polling district)

Four horizontal lines for additional information.

<i>Consecutive Number</i>	LOCATION OF RESIDENCE	NAME (Family name first)	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS

FORM 15
REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

Regulations 27,
28 and 35.

Constituency

Polling District

NOTICE OF REFUSAL OF APPLICATION
FOR REGISTRATION OR OBJECTION

TAKE NOTICE that the *application/objection of

..... of
(address)

to be registered against the registration of as an *elector
for the above constituency has this day been refused by me on the grounds that

.....

Dated this day of 19.....

Signed
*Chief Elections Officer/ Registering Officer/ Enumerator.

Regulation 30.

FORM 16
REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

To: The Chief Elections Officer

TAKE NOTICE that I have changed my place of residence as
follows:

From:

in the constituency of

To:

in the constituency of

My name is
(Full name in BLOCK LETTERS)

and my electoral number on the preliminary register for the constituency of

..... is
(here insert the electoral number)

Dated this day of 19.....

.....
Signature or mark of applicant.

FORM 17

Regulation 31.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

To: The Chief Registering Officer,

TAKE NOTICE that my name which now appears as:

.....

(here insert the name on the preliminary register in BLOCK LETTERS.)

in the preliminary register of electors for the constituency of

..... has been changed by deed poll/affidavit/marriage dated

the day of..... 19..... to

.....

(here insert the name as changed in BLOCK LETTERS.)

My electoral number in the preliminary register for that constituency is

.....

(here insert the electoral number)

Dated this day of 19....

.....

Signature or mark of applicant.

FORM 18

Regulation 29.

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT
NOTIFICATION TO APPELLANT OF THE RESULT
OF HIS APPEAL TO THE COMMISSION

To:

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission having considered your appeal to be registered as an elector in the polling district No.of the constituency has determined the same and allows your appeal/or is unable to allow your appeal

Dated this day of 19.....

.....

Secretary to the Commission.

