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ELECTORAL COMMISSION

GENERAL NOTICE 448 OF 2021

ELECTION TIMETABLE

In terms of section 11 of the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") hereby compiles this election timetable to apply to the 2021 municipal elections that will be held on 27 October 2021. (A reference to "section" in this election timetable is a reference to that section of the Act and a reference to "regulation" is a reference to that regulation in the Municipal Electoral Regulations, 2000.)

Cut-off time for act to be performed

1. An act required in terms of the Act and the Municipal Electoral Regulations, 2000, to be performed by no later than a date stated in the election timetable must be performed before 17:00 on that date.

Notice that a list of addresses of voting stations is available for inspection

2. The Commission must give notice by 23 September 2021 that from the date of the notice until the voting day copies of a list of all voting stations and their addresses will be available for inspection at the office of the Commission's local representative.

Notice of route of mobile voting station

3. The Commission must give notice by 23 September 2021 of the route, including the locations and estimated times of stopping of each mobile voting station.

Pre-inspection of the segments of the voters' roll

4. The Chief Electoral Officer must make available segments of the voters' roll for pre-inspection and objections to the Commission. The period for pre-inspection will be as from 05 August 2021 to 11 August 2021.

Commission's decision in respect of pre-inspection objections to the voters' roll

5. The Commission will finalise all objections to the pre-inspection of the voters' roll by 18 August 2021.

Cut-off date for publication and certification of voters' roll

6. By 01 September 2021 the Chief Electoral officer must certify the voters' roll or the municipality's segments of the voters' roll to be used in this election in terms of section 6(2), and make those segments available for inspection by 01 September 2021.

Opening of submissions to contest the elections, list of candidates and nomination of ward candidates

7. The list of candidates and nomination of ward candidates commences on the date that the elections are proclaimed on 03 August 2021.

Cut-off date for submissions to contest the elections, list of candidates and nomination of ward candidates

8. (1) Registered parties that intend to contest this election in terms of section 14 must nominate and submit a party list of their candidates and the prescribed deposit with the supporting documents for the election in the manner provided for in section 14(1A) (a) or (b) in the prescribed form by 23 August 2021.

(2) Registered parties and nominators of independent candidates that intend to contest a ward in this election in terms of section 17, must submit their nominations and the prescribed deposits with the supporting documentation for the said ward election in a manner provided for in section 14(1A) (a) or (b) in the prescribed form by 23 August 2021.

(3) Payment of the prescribed deposits in terms of section 14A must be made by 23 August 2021.

Notice of non-compliance

9. (1)*(a)* The Commission must notify a registered party that has submitted a party list of candidates in terms of section 14 but has not fully complied with section 14(3), of that non-compliance by 27 August 2021.

(b) If the notified party takes the opportunity to comply with section 14(3), that party must do so by 30 August 2021.

(2)*(a)* The Commission must notify the nominating party or person of a candidate who has not fully complied with section 17(2)*(b)* and *(c)*, of that non-compliance by 27 August 2021.

(b) If the nominating party or person takes the opportunity to comply with section 17(2)*(b)* or *(c)*, that party or person must do so by 30 August 2021.

Multiple nominations of candidates

10. (1) The Commission must notify a candidate whose name appears on more than one party list for an election submitted in terms of section 14 and all the parties on whose party lists such a candidate appears by 31 August 2021.

(2) If the notified party decides to act in terms of section 14(4A)(b), that party must do so by 02 September 2021.

(3) The Commission must notify a ward candidate that has been nominated by more than one party or person for an election, and each party or person who has nominated such candidate by 31 August 2021.

(4) If the notified nominating party or person decides to act in terms of section 17(2B)(b), that party or person must do so by 02 September 2021.

List of parties entitled to contest election and list of candidates

11. By 07 September 2021 the Commission-

(a) must compile the list of the registered parties entitled to contest this election;

(b) must certify the party lists for this election; and

(c) keep those lists available at the office of the Commission's local representative.

List of ward candidates to contest ward election

12. By 07 September 2021 the Commission must-

(a) compile and certify for each ward contested in this election, a list of candidates contesting that ward; and

(b) keep copies of those lists available at the office of the Commission's local representative.

Issue of certificate to candidate

13. By 13 September 2021 the Commission must issue-

(a) the prescribed candidate certificate to each candidate on the certified party lists in this election; and

(b) the prescribed candidate certificate to each candidate on the certified list of ward candidates in this election.

Application for special vote

14. (1) By no later than 23 September 2021 a voter may apply in terms of Regulation 28B(1) to cast a special vote within the voting district where she or he is registered. [Applications for special votes will only be received from 03 September 2021].

(2) On 25 and 26 October 2021 voters who had successfully applied to cast their special votes at the voting station, may visit the voting station between 08h00 and 17h00 to cast their special votes.

(3) On 25 and 26 October 2021 voting officers must visit voters who had successfully applied to cast their special votes at their places of residence, to afford them the opportunity to cast their votes there.

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