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ELECTORAL COMMISSION

NOTICE 2344 OF 2024

The Electoral Commission hereby publishes an amended notice in terms of section 20 of the Electoral Act, 1998, as amended, in respect of Notice 2340 of 2024 (Election Timetable for the election of the National Assembly and the election of Provincial Legislature), that was published in Government Gazette No: 50185 (extraordinary) dated 24 February 2024.

ELECTION TIMETABLE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ELECTIONS OF PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES

The Electoral Commission hereby gives notice that it has in terms of section 20 of the Electoral Act, 1998, as amended, compiled the election timetable set out below to apply to the election for National Assembly and the elections for the Provincial Legislatures that will be held on 29 May 2024. (A reference to "section" in this election timetable is a reference to that section of the Electoral Act, 1998.)

Cut-off time for act to be performed

1. An act required in terms of the Electoral Act, 1998, or the Election Regulations, 2004 to be performed by not later than a date stated in the election timetable, must be performed before 17:00 on that date.

Notice of provisional voters' roll available for Inspection

2. By 26 February 2024, the chief electoral officer must give notice of the periods during which and the venues where the provisionally compiled voters' roll compiled for the election shall be available for inspection in terms of section 14(2)(e).

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

3. The chief electoral officer must give notice by 12 April 2024, that from the date of the notice until the voting day copies of a list containing the addresses of all voting stations will be available for inspection.

Notice of route of mobile voting stations

4. The chief electoral officer must give notice by 12 April 2024, of the route, including the locations and estimated times of stopping of each mobile voting station.

Cut-off date for objections to the provisional voters' roll

5. Any person, including the chief electoral officer, may object to the inclusion or exclusion of a person on the provisional voters' roll, or the correctness of any person's registration details on that provisional voter's roll, by 4 March 2024 in terms of section 15.

Cut-off date for notification and application to vote outside of the Republic

6. A person who intends to vote outside of the Republic is required to notify the Chief Electoral Officer of their intention to vote outside of the Republic in terms of section 33(3) or 33 (4A), read with regulation 10, from 26 February 2024 until 22 April 2024.

Cut–off date for the commission to decide on objections to the provisional voter's roll

7. By 11 March 2024, the Commission must decide any objection made in terms of section 15 in respect of the provisionally compiled voters' roll for this election and notify the objector and the chief electoral officer and a person other than the objector whose name or registration details are involved.

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

8. By 12 March 2024, the chief electoral officer must certify the voters' roll or the segments of the voters' roll to be used in this election in terms of section 24(2).

Cut-off date for submission of list of candidates and nominations of independent candidates

9.

(a) Registered parties that intend to contest this election must nominate and submit a list of their candidates for the election to the chief electoral officer in the prescribed manner by 08 March 2024.

(b) Nominators of independent candidates that intend to contest this election must submit their nominations to the chief electoral officer in the prescribed manner by 08 March 2024.

Cut-of date for notice of non-compliance by contestants in respect of lists of candidates

10.

(1) The chief electoral officer must notify a registered party that has submitted a list of candidates in terms of section 27 but has not fully complied with section 27(2)(a), (b), (cA), (d) or section 27(4), of that non-compliance by 18 March 2024.

(1A) The chief electoral officer must notify the person nominated to be an independent candidate, who has not fully complied with section 31B (3)(c), (d), (e), (f) or section 31B(4), of that non-compliance by 18 March 2024.

(2) If the party or person notified in terms of sub-item (1) or (1A) takes the opportunity to comply with section 27(2)(a), (b), (cA), (d), section 27(4), section 31B(3)(c), (d), (e), (f) or section 31B(4), that party or person must do so by 20 March 2024.

Cut-off dates for notification of contestants of candidates appearing on multiple contestant list

11.

(1) The Commission must notify a candidate whose name appears on more than one party list for an election submitted in terms of section 27 and all the parties on whose party lists such a candidate appears by 22 March 2024.

(1A) The Commission must notify—

(a) a person who has been nominated both as an independent candidate and by one or more parties for an election; and
(b) all the parties on whose party lists such a candidate appears, of the multiple nominations by 22 March 2024.

(2) If the notified party decides to act in terms of section 28(3) or section 31C(3), that party must do so by 25 March 2024.

Inspection of lists of candidates and draft list of independent candidates and accompanying documents

12. The chief electoral officer must give notice by 26 March 2024, that on 26 March 2024 and 27 March 2024, between 09:00 and 17:00, copies of the following documents will be available for inspection:

(a) The lists of candidates and accompanying documents submitted by registered parties in terms of section 27, as amended and supplemented in terms of section 28; and
(b) the draft list of independent candidates and accompanying documents submitted in terms of section 31B, as amended and supplemented in terms of section 31C.

Cut-off date for objections

13. Any person, including the chief electoral officer, may object to a candidate to the Commission in the prescribed manner by 27 March 2024.

Decision of objections

14. The Commission must decide an objection under section 30 or section 31E, and must notify the objector, the registered party that nominated the candidate, and the nominated independent candidate, if applicable, of the decision in the prescribed manner by 28 March 2024.

Cut-off date for appeals against decisions

15.

(1) The objector or the registered party who nominated the candidate may appeal against a decision of the Commission in terms of section 30(4) to the Electoral Court in the prescribed manner by 02 April 2024.

(2) The objector or the nominated independent candidate may appeal against a decision of the Commission in terms of section 31E(4) in the prescribed manner by 02 April 2024.

Deciding appeals

16. The Electoral Court must consider and decide an appeal brought under section 30(4) or 31E(4) and notify the parties to the appeal, and the chief electoral officer, of the decision in the prescribed manner by 09 April 2024.

Application for special vote to Chief Electoral Officer

17. A person who wants to apply to the chief electoral officer for a special vote in terms of section 33(1)(a),(b) or (c) or section 33(2) read with regulation 7,8 and 9, and section 33A(1)(a),(b) or (c) or section 33A(2) read with regulation 15,15A and 15B may do so from 15 April 2024 until 03 May 2024.

Cut-off date for notification to the Chief Electoral Officer of intention to vote in a voting district where voter not registered

18. A person who intends to vote at a voting district where he or she is not registered, is required to notify the chief electoral officer of their intention to cast a vote in another specified voting district within the Republic in terms of section 24A, from 15 March 2024 until 17 May 2024.

List of parties and candidates entitled to contest election and final list of candidates

19. By 10 April 2024., the chief electoral officer -

(a) must give effect to a decision of the Commission in terms of section 30(3), section 31E(3), or a decision of the Electoral Court in terms of section 30(5) or section 31E(5); and

(b) must compile a list of the registered parties entitled to contest the election, the final list of candidates for each of those parties, and the list of independent candidates contesting this election.

Issue of certificate to candidates

20. By 12 April 2024, the chief electoral officer must issue in the prescribed manner to each candidate on a final list of candidates, and to each independent candidate on the final list of independent candidates, a certificate stating that the person is a candidate in this election in terms of section 31(3) and section 31F(3).

Casting of votes at foreign missions

21. A person who wants to cast a special vote at a foreign mission in terms of section 33(3) or 33 (4A), may do so either on 17 May 2024 or on 18 May 2024, between 07:00 and 19:00.

Visitation for the purposes of casting a special vote

22. A person who has applied for a special vote in terms of section 33(1)(a), read with regulations 7 and 8 and section 33A(1)(a) read with regulation 15 and 15A, may be visited by voting officers either on 27 May 2024 or on 28 May 2024, between 09:00 and 17:00.

Casting of special votes at the office of the presiding officer

23. A person whose application for a special vote has been approved and who wants to cast a special vote at the office of the presiding officer in terms of section 33(1)(b), (c) or 33(2) read with regulation 9, and section 33A(1)(b),(c) or 33A(2) read with regulation 15B may do so either on 27 May 2024 or on 28 May 2024, between 09:00 and 17:00.

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