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GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

ELECTORAL COMMISSION**NO. 568****20 September 2021****ELECTORAL COMMISSION****AMENDED ELECTION TIMETABLE**

The Electoral Commission published an election timetable in Government Gazette 44937, dated the 04 August 2021. The Electoral Commission hereby publishes an amended election timetable that will now be applicable to the 2021 municipal elections.

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

ELECTION TIMETABLE

The Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) hereby publishes amendments to the election timetable to apply to the 2021 municipal elections that will be held on 1 November 2021.

The Commission is empowered to publish these amendments on three separate bases, which are independent of each other:

- (i) paragraph 5(c)(iii) of the order of the Constitutional Court in case number CCT245/21, issued on 3 September 2021;
- (ii) section 11(2)(a) of the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”); and
- (iii) section 11(2)(b) of the Act.

(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 15 October 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 15 October 2021 of the route, including the locations and estimated times of stopping of each mobile voting station.

Provisionally compiled voters’ roll

4. The Chief Electoral Officer must make available segments of the provisionally compiled voters’ roll for inspection and objections to the Commission. The period for inspection and objections will be as from 21 to 23 September 2021.

Commission’s decision in respect of objections to the provisionally compiled voters’ roll

5. The Commission will finalise all objections to the provisionally compiled voters' roll by 24 September 2021.

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

6. By 26 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 26 September 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 sections 14(1), 14(1A)(a) or (b) and/or 17(2) in the prescribed form by 21 September 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 21 September 2021.

(3) Payment of the prescribed deposits in terms of section 14A must be made by 21 September 2021.

Requests for further information regarding candidates

9. (1)(a) The Commission may request a registered party that has submitted a party list of candidates in terms of section 14 to provide the information contemplated in section 14(3) by 22 September 2021. Failure to comply with such a request would result in disqualification of the candidate concerned.

(b) If the notified party takes the opportunity to comply with section 14(3), that party must do so by 23 September 2021.

(2)(a) The Commission may request the nominating party or person of a candidate to provide the information contemplated in section 17(2A) by 22 September 2021. Failure to comply with such a request would result in disqualification of the candidate concerned.

(b) If the nominating party or person takes the opportunity to comply with section 17(2A), that party or person must do so by 23 September 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 24 September 2021.

(2) If the notified party decides to act in terms of section 14(4A)(b), that party must do so by 25 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 24 September 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 25 September 2021.

List of parties entitled to contest election and list of candidates

11. By 29 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 29 September 2021 the Commission must-

- (a) compile and certify for each ward contested in this election, a list of candidates contesting that ward;
- (b) certify those lists for that election; and
- (c) keep copies of those lists available at the office of the Commission's local representative.

Issue of certificate to candidate

13. By 1 October 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 4 October 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 be received from 20 September 2021].

(2) On 30 and 31 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 30 and 31 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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