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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 251 OF 2004

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

ELECTION TIMETABLE

The Electoral Commission hereby gives notice that it has in terms of section 20 of the Electoral Act, 1998, compiled the election timetable set out below to apply to the election of the Eastern Cape provincial legislature that will be held on 14 April 2004. (A reference to 'section' in this election timetable is a reference to that section of the Electoral Act, 1998 and a reference to "regulation" is a reference to that regulation in the Election Regulations, 2004.).

Cut-off time for act to be performed.

1. An act required in terms of Electoral Act, 1998 and 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 that list of addresses of voting stations is available for inspection.

2. The chief electoral officer must give notice by 16 February 2004 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.

3. The chief electoral officer must give notice by 16 February 2004 of the route, including the locations and estimated times of stopping of each mobile voting station.

Cut-off date for publication of voters' roll.

4. By 20 February 2004, the chief electoral officer must publish 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.

5. 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 27 February 2004.

Notice of non-compliance.

6. (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 that section, of that non-compliance by 03 March 2004.
(2) If the notified party takes the opportunity to comply with section 27, that party must do so by 08 March 2004.

Inspection of lists of candidates and accompanying documents.

7. The chief electoral officer must give notice by 11 March 2004, that on 12 March 2004 and 15 March 2004, between 09h00 and 17h00, copies of the following documents will be available for inspection: 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.

Cut-off date for objections to a candidate.

8. Any person, including the chief electoral officer, may object to a candidate to the Commission in the prescribed manner by 15 March 2004.

Decision of objections to a candidate.

9. The Commission must decide an objection under section 30, and must notify the objector and the registered party that nominated the candidate of the decision in the prescribed manner by 18 March 2004.

Cut-off date for appeals against decisions.

10. The objector or the registered party who nominated the candidate may appeal against a decision of the Commission in terms of section 30(3) of the Electoral Court in the prescribed manner by 23 March 2004.

Deciding appeals.

11. The Electoral Court must consider and decide an appeal brought under section 30(4) and notify the parties to the appeal, and the chief electoral officer, of the decision in the prescribed manner by 26 March 2004.

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

12. By 29 March 2004, the chief electoral officer –
 - (a) must give effect to a decision of the Commission in terms of section 30(3) or a decision of the Electoral Court in terms of section 30(5); and
 - (b) must compile a list of the registered parties entitled to contest the election and the final list of candidates for each of those parties.

Issue of certificate to candidates.

13. By 05 April 2004, the chief electoral officer must issue in the prescribed manner to each candidate on a final list of candidates a certificate stating that the person is a candidate in this election.

Application for special vote to the Municipal Electoral Officer.

14. A person who wants to apply to the municipal electoral officer for a special vote in terms of section 33 (1) (a) read with regulation 7 and 8, may do so by 08 April 2004.

Application and casting of votes at foreign missions.

15. A person who wants to apply and cast a special vote at a foreign mission in terms of section 33 (1) (b) or (e), read with regulation 9 and 11, may do so on 07 April 2004 during the office hours of that mission.

Application to the Presiding Officer at the Office of the Presiding Officer for visitation to cast special vote.

16. A person who wants to apply to the Presiding Officer at the Office of the Presiding Officer for visitation by voting officers to cast a special vote in terms of section 33 (1) (a) read with regulation 7, may do so on 12 April 2004 between 09h00 and 17h00.

Visitation for the purposes of casting a special vote.

17. A person who has applied for a special vote in terms of section 33 (1) (a) may be visited by voting officers on 12 April 2004 or 13 April 2004.

Application for and casting of special votes at the Office of the Presiding Officer.

18. A person who wants to apply for and cast a special vote at the Office of the Presiding Officer in terms of section 33 (1) (c), (d) or (e) read with regulation 7, 10 and 13, may do so on 12 April 2004 or 13 April 2004 between 09h00 and 17h00.