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# ELECTORAL COMMISSION NOTICE 113 OF 2019

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

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 in the Schedule below to apply to the election of the National Assembly and the election of Provincial Legislatures to be held on 8 May 2019. (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).

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### 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. The Chief Electoral Officer must give notice by 1 March 2019, that copies of the provisional voters' roll are available for inspection in terms of section 14(2)(e), and the locations where they are available.

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

3. The Chief Electoral Officer must give notice by 5 March 2019 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 the routes of mobile voting stations

4. The Chief Electoral Officer must give notice by 5 March 2019 of the route, including the locations and estimated times of stopping of each mobile voting station in terms of section 67(2).

## 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 voters' roll, by 8 March 2019.

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

6. By 13 March 2019, 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 (4).

#### Cut-off date for submission of list of candidates

7. 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 13 March 2019.

# Cut-off date for the Commission to decide on objections to the provisional voters' roll

8. The Commission must decide on the objections to the provisional voters' roll by 14 March 2019.

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

9. By 18 March 2019, the Chief Electoral Officer must certify and publish the voters' roll or the segments of the voters' roll to be used in this election in terms of section 24(2) for inspection.

### Notice of non-compliance

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 that section, of that non-compliance by 19 March 2019.

(2) If the notified party takes the opportunity to comply with section 27, that party must do so by 25 March 2019.

### Inspection of lists of candidates and accompanying documents

11. The Chief Electoral Officer must give notice by 29 March 2019, that on 29 March 2019 and 1 April 2019, between 09:00 and 17:00, 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 dates for objections to a candidate

12. Any person, including the Chief Electoral Officer, may object to a candidate to the Commission in the prescribed manner by 2 April 2019.

## Decision of objections to a candidate

13. 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 8 April 2019.

## **Application for special vote to Chief Electoral Officer**

14. 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 4 April 2019 until 18 April 2019.

#### Cut-off date for appeals against decisions

15. The objector or the registered party who nominated the candidate may appeal against a decision of the Commission made in terms of section 30(3) to the Electoral Court in the prescribed manner by 11 April 2019.

#### **Deciding appeals**

16. 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 16 April 2019.

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

- 17. By 23 April 2019, the Chief Electoral Officer must:
  - (a) 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) 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 certificates to candidates

18. By 25 April 2019, 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.

## Casting of votes at foreign missions

19. A person who wants to cast a special vote at a foreign mission in terms of section 33(3) or (4), may do so on 27 April 2019.

## Visitation for the purposes of casting a special vote

20. 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 on 6 May 2019.

## Casting of special votes at the office of the presiding officer

21.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 on 7 May 2019 between 09:00 and 17:00.