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## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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### ELECTORAL COMMISSION

No. R. 145

26 February 2014

#### **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 7 May 2014. (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 that list of addresses of voting stations is available for inspection**

2. The Chief Electoral Officer must give notice by 5 March 2014 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 5 March 2014 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 certification and publication of voters' roll**

4. By 5 March 2014, 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.

**Cut-off date for notification of intention to vote outside of the Republic**

5. By 12 March 2014, 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), read with regulation 10.

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

6. 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 12 March 2014.

**Notice of non-compliance**

7. (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 18 March 2014.  
  
(2) If the notified party takes the opportunity to comply with section 27, that party must do so by 24 March 2014.

**Inspection of lists of candidates and accompanying documents**

8. The Chief Electoral Officer must give notice by 28 March 2014, that on 28 March 2014 and 31 March 2014, 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 and supplemented in terms of section 28.

**Cut-off dates for objections to a candidate**

9. Any person, including the Chief Electoral Officer, may object to a candidate to the Commission in the prescribed manner by 1 April 2014.

**Decision of objections to a candidate**

10. 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 7 April 2014.

**Application for special vote to municipal electoral officer**

11. A person who wants to apply to the municipal 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 7 April 2014 until 17 April 2014, between 09:00 and 17:00.

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

12. 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 10 April 2014.

**Deciding appeals**

13. 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 15 April 2014.

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

14. By 22 April 2014, 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**

15. By 24 April 2014, 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 and casting of votes at foreign missions**

16. A person who wants to apply for and cast a special vote at a foreign mission in terms of section 33(3) or (4), read with regulation 11, may do so on 30 April 2014.

**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), read with regulations 7 and 8 and section 33A(1)(a) read with regulation 15 and 15A, may be visited by voting officers on 5 May 2014 or 6 May 2014.

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

18. 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 5 May 2014 or 6 May 2014 between 09:00 and 17:00.
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