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ELECTORAL ACT 1965-1992
SECTIONS 9, 10, 11 AND 36

PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION
(8TH APRIL, 2000)

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTORAL ROLL

IT IS NOTIFIED for general information as follows:-

I. OPENING AND CLOSURE OF ELECTORAL ROLL

IT IS NOTIFIED for general information that for the purposes of the Parliamentary General Election scheduled for Saturday, 8th March, 2000, the Electoral Rolls of all Electoral Districts will open at 8.00 am on Thursday, 17th February, 2000 for Public Scrutiny, and will close at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 18th March, 2000. All persons who consider themselves entitled to have their names entered on an Electoral Roll are invited to take necessary action by filing in appropriate application forms and submitting them to the Electoral Registrar before the closure of the Rolls on 18th March, 2000. Any person interested may also inspect the Electoral Rolls at the office of the Electoral Registrar to help rectify errors or omissions, if any, on any day during office hours between 17th February, 2000 and 18th March, 2000.

Under the Constitution and the Electoral Act, the following are the constituencies (Electoral Districts) into which Nauru has been divided:-

1. Two members for Aiwo
2. Two members for Anabar
3. Two members for Anetan
4. Two members for Boe
5. Two members for Buada
6. Two members for Meneng
7. Four members for Udenide
8. Two members for Yaren

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II. ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY TO BE ENTERED ON A ROLL

A person may apply to have his/her name entered on the Roll in respect of any one of the following Electoral Districts:-

- a. the District where he/she has been living for not less than one month or, if he/she is living outside Nauru, of the District in which he/she had been living for not less than one month immediately before he/she ceased to live in Nauru;
- b. the District registered as the place of his/she birth;
- c. a District with which Cabinet has certified that he/she has a substantial connection;
- d. a District on whose roll his/her name is already entered and has been so entered or not less than three years; or
- e. a District in whose roll his/her spouse is entered for the time being.

A person who ceases to be entitled to be on the Roll on one Electoral District shall notify the Registrar of that fact and apply to have his/her name entered on another roll on which he/she has become entitled to be entered. Similarly, a person may apply for a transfer of his/her name from the roll of one District to another, provided he/she is so entitled under the preceding paragraph.

No person is entitled to have his/her name on the Rolls of more than one Electoral District.

III. PROCEDURE FOR TRANSFER FROM ONE ROLL TO ANOTHER

If a person seeks to transfer his/her name from the Electoral Roll of one Electoral District to that of another, it is his/her duty to attend upon a Minister. He/she shall submit to the Cabinet a notice in Form 9 under the Electoral Act. The Minister shall forthwith endorse on the notice, whether or not he consents to the transfer on the basis of the applicant's substantial connection to the Electoral District applied for, and sign that endorsement. Where the Minister does not consent to the proposed transfer, the applicant may lodge with the Electoral Registrar an application in Form 10 under the Act for the consent of the Cabinet to the transfer. The Registrar shall forthwith send the application to the Cabinet. Should the Cabinet inform the Registrar, within seven days of the application, that it does not consent to the transfer, the transfer will be disallowed. If it fails to so inform the Registrar within those seven days, it shall be deemed to have consented to it and the applicant's name may be entered in the roll sought for.

The above procedure applies equally to an application to enter the name of the Roll of an Electoral District, other than the Electoral District where the applicant has been living for not less than one month.

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It may be noted that it is the applicant's responsibility -

- a. to meet a Minister;
- b. to get the necessary endorsements and signatures from Minister; and
- c. to present the documents with such endorsements and signatures, before the Electoral Registrar.

The Registrar's duties commence only after the necessary documents are presented to him in proper order.

IV. DECISIONS OF ELECTORAL REGISTRAR

It shall be for the Electoral Registrar to be satisfied that the legal requirements have been complied with in respect of entry or transfer of names on the Electoral Roll.

Any person who is notified that the Registrar has rejected his/her entry/transfer application or that his/her name has been struck off an Electoral Roll in respect of an Electoral District, may, within one month, seek redress with the District Court.

The decision of the District Court is final. The correctness of an Electoral Roll shall not be inquired into by the Court of Disputed Elections in proceedings relating to a petition disputing an election.

DATED this 17th day of the of February, Year Two Thousand.

M.B. CAIN
ELECTORAL REGISTRAR
