

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 222

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, CHAP. 2:01

RULES

MADE BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 161 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT

THE PRESCRIBED FORMS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2000

1. These Rules may be cited as the Prescribed Forms (Amendment) Rules, 2000. Citation

2. In these Rules “the Rules” means the Prescribed Forms Rules. Interpretation
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3. The Prescribed Forms Rules are amended by inserting after Rule 2 the following new rule: Rule 2A
inserted

“Regional Corporation includes the House of Assembly”
2A. For the purposes of these rules a reference to a Regional Corporation shall be construed as a reference to the Tobago House of Assembly.”

4. Form No. 2 of the Rules is amended— Form No. 2
amended

(a) by deleting paragraph 2 and substituting the following:

“WHEREAS the seat of the member of the electoral district of has become vacant in consequence of”; and

(b) in paragraph 3, by—

(i) deleting the words “member/members” and substituting the word “member”; and

(ii) deleting the words “.....day of.....” and substituting the words “seventh day next following the declaration by you of the result of the poll”.

5. Form No. 5 of the Rules is amended in paragraph 2, by deleting the words “Returning Officer” and substituting the words “Chief Election Officer”. Form No. 5
amended

6. Forms No. 9 and 11 of the Rules are deleted. Forms No. 9 and
11 deleted

Form No. 13 substituted

7. Form No. 13 of the Rules is deleted and substituted as follows:

“FORM 13

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION/REPLACEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION CARD

Section A

Applicant's Name:

Address:

Tel. No.: File No./I.D. No.:

Registration Area:

Polling Division No.:

Date photograph taken/submitted:

.....
Registration Officer

.....
Signature of Official Photographer

(Tear along Perforated line)

Section B

ELECTION AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

FORM 13

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION/REPLACEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION CARD

Applicant's Name:

Address:

Registration Area: Polling Division No.: File No./I.D. No.:

This is to acknowledge your application to be registered as an elector/non-electors*/for replacement of your I.D. Card *and to certify that you have been photographed by the Commission's photographer/submitted 2 identical prints of a recent photograph*.

Please note however, that the information you have furnished must be checked and found to be accurate before your application can be processed and an identification card produced and issued. You will be notified when your identification card is ready for delivery.

N.B. This acknowledgement is not an I.D. document and should not so be used for purposes of identification.

Date:/...../.....
.....
Registration Officer

*Delete if inapplicable”.

8. Form No. 22 of the Rules is amended in the last paragraph— Form No. 22
amended
(a) by deleting the word “card” wherever it occurs; and

(b) by inserting after the words “has not been amended” the following:

“for the following reasons:

.....
.....”

9. Form No. 27 of the Rules is amended— Form No. 27
amended

(a) in paragraph (f), by inserting after the words “polling division” the words “not later than the.....day of....., 20.....”;

(b) in paragraph (g), by deleting the words “as in the preceding paragraphs may” and substituting the words “with respect to paragraphs (a) to (e)”;

(c) in paragraph (i) by—

(i) deleting the word “(f)” and substituting the word “(g)”; and

(ii) deleting the words “may be sent to him or to his office by registered post, or”; and

(d) in paragraph (j), by deleting the words “or at any post office”.

10. Form No. 29 of the Rules is amended in paragraph 2 by— Form No. 29
amended

(a) deleting the word “either”;

(b) deleting the words “or the supplementary”; and

(c) deleting the words “sent to him to his said office by registered post or may be”.

11. Form No. 43 is amended in paragraph 5, by deleting the words Form No. 43
amended “electoral amended district” and substituting the words “electoral area”.

12. Form No. 48 of the Rules is deleted and substituted as follows: Form No. 48
amended

“FORM 48

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT

Guidelines for Voting on Election Day

1. A person is entitled to vote only if he is registered as an elector in a unit register or his name appears on the revised list of electors for this polling station.

2. On arrival at the polling station you should check the list of electors posted outside for your name and number (where there are several polling stations on the compound, you will be directed to the correct polling station).

3. If your name is on the list and you have your identification card, join the line at the first poll clerk. If your name is not on the list, or you do not have an identification card, or you are disabled, join the line at the second poll clerk. (Companions of blind or visually impaired persons should alert the Presiding Officer as to whether such persons wish to vote with the use of a template or with the assistance of a companion).

4. When it is your turn, give your name to the poll clerk and present your identification card and poll card if available.

5. Sign your poll card as required in the presence of the poll clerk.

6. Take your poll card and identification card (if any) to the officer issuing the ballot paper as directed.

7. Allow your fingers to be examined for electoral ink stains. (If there are no ink stains, and the officer is satisfied that you have met the requirements for voting, you will be issued a ballot paper and directed to a vacant voting booth).

8. In the privacy of the voting booth—

(a) use the stamp with the X mark or the writing instrument provided to imprint or mark an “X” in the column next to the name and symbol of the one candidate of your choice; and

(b) fold the ballot paper as instructed with the initials of the Presiding Officer or his nominee visible, then proceed to the officer in charge of the ballot box.

9. Display the folded ballot paper in such a manner that the officer may see the initials of the Presiding Officer or his nominee without seeing for whom the ballot paper is marked, then hand the poll card to the officer.

10. Immerse your finger in the electoral ink as directed, then insert the folded ballot paper into the ballot box.

11. Leave the polling station through the exit.

IMPORTANT

DO NOT mark the ballot paper for more than one candidate.

DO NOT put any mark on the ballot paper by which you may be identified.

IMPRINTING OR MAKING ANY OTHER MARK THAN AN “X” MAY CAUSE YOUR BALLOT PAPER TO BE REJECTED.”.

Form No. 51
amended

13. Form No. 51 of the Rules is amended in the Appendix, in rule 64(5) by deleting the words “seven hundred and fifty dollars” and substituting the words “seven thousand dollars”.

Form No. 56
amended

14. Form No. 56 of the Rules is amended in paragraph 2, by deleting the words “six months”.

Form No. 66
amended

15. Form No. 66 of the Rules is amended in the Appendix, in rule 64(6) by deleting the words “seven hundred and fifty dollars” and substituting the words “seven thousand dollars”.

16. Form 67 of the Rules is amended by deleting the back of the Form and substituting the following: Form No. 67
amended

“(Back of Form)

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PRESCRIBED FORMS RULES

Guidelines for Voting as a Special Elector (Election rule 82)

1. To be permitted to vote, a special elector shall supply his name, address and occupation to the special presiding officer, and present his identification card, if available.

2. Where a check of the list of special electors establishes that the information as given appears thereon, the special elector shall—

- (a) display the ballot paper received from the Returning Officer to ensure that—
 - (i) it has not been marked for any candidate; and
 - (ii) it bears the initials of the Returning Officer in the space provided at the back of the ballot paper;
- (b) display the covering envelope bearing the address of the Returning Officer for his electoral district, and the Declaration of identity thereon; and
- (c) complete and sign the declaration of identity on the outside of the covering envelope.

Thereafter, the special presiding officer shall compare the signature of the special elector with that of his Identification Card, then append his own signature in the space provided.

3. The special elector shall proceed to the area provided for marking the ballot paper in secret. With the stamp or other writing instrument provided, he shall—

- (a) imprint or mark an “X” in the column next to the name and symbol of the one candidate of his choice;
- (b) fold the ballot paper as instructed with the initials of the Returning Officer visible;
- (c) return to the special presiding officer and display the folded ballot paper with the initials of the Returning Officer visible;
- (d) place and seal the folded ballot paper in the small envelope (marked ballot paper);
- (e) place the ballot paper envelope in the covering envelope (large envelope) addressed to the Returning Officer for the electoral district; and
- (f) seal the covering envelope and insert it in the special ballot box and then leave the polling station.

IMPORTANT

DO NOT mark the ballot paper before attending the special polling station.

DO NOT mark the ballot paper for more than one candidate.

DO NOT mark the ballot paper in a manner that will identify you.

IMPRINTING OR MAKING ANY OTHER MARK THAN AN "X" MAY CAUSE YOUR BALLOT PAPER TO BE REJECTED."

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2000.

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