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STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL
COMMISSION LAW, 2008 AND
ITS AMENDMENTS**

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Lagos State of Nigeria

**A LAW TO ESTABLISH THE LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT
ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSE**

(2nd June 2008)

Commence-
ment

THE LAGOS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY enacts as follows:

1. There shall be established for the State a body to be known as the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission (referred to in this Law as "the Commission").

Establish-
ment of the
Lagos State
Independent
Electoral
Commission.

2. The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

3. The Commission shall consist of a Chairman who shall be the Chief Electoral Commissioner and six other members to be known as Electoral Commissioners.

4. The Chairman and other members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and the appointment shall be subject to confirmation by a resolution of the House of Assembly.

Appointment
and Tenure of
Office of
Members of
the Commis-
sion.

5. The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission.

6. A member of the Commission shall hold Office in the first instance for a period of five years from the date of his appointment, but shall be removed if involved in any act that is considered inimical to his Office.

7. A member shall be eligible for re-appointment for another period of five years and no more.

8. No person shall be qualified for appointment as a member of the Commission if -

Qualification

(a) he is not qualified for election as a member of the House of Assembly;

(b) he has within the preceding ten years, been removed from any Office in the public service of the Federation or of the State on a ground of misconduct.

(c) Any person employed in the public service of the State shall not be disqualified for appointment as Chairman or member of the Commission provided that

where such a person has been duly appointed, he shall on his appointment be deemed to have resigned his former Office as from the date of the appointment.

Removal of members.

4. —(1) A member of the Commission shall only be removed from Office by the Governor acting on an address supported by a simple majority of members of the House of Assembly of the State praying that he be so removed for inability to discharge the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause or for misconduct.

(2) Any member of the Commission may resign his membership by giving one month's written notice to the Governor and that member shall, on the expiration of the notice, cease to be a member.

Function of the Commission.

5. The functions of the Commission shall be to —

- (a) organize, undertake and supervise all elections to Local Governments and Local Council Development Areas within the State;
- (b) render such advice as it may consider necessary to the Independent National Electoral Commission on the compilation of the register of voters;
- (c) provide guidelines to political parties stipulating the rules and procedure for the conduct of Local Government elections in the State;
- (d) conduct voter and civic education.
- (e) promote knowledge of sound democratic election processes;
- (f) conduct any referendum or plebiscite required to be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the 1999 Constitution or any law of the State House of Assembly;
- (g) prepare and submits its budget directly to the House of Assembly;
- (h) liaise directly with the Commissioner of Police, Director, State Security Service and other relevant security bodies that may facilitate violence-free and fair elections;
- (i) consult regularly with all registered political parties in the State and ensure free flow of information about the Commission;
- (j) appoint a lawyer to defend the Commission and prosecute anyone who violates the provisions of the law;
- (k) assign poll clerks and orderlies in respect of each polling station or unit to assist at the poll; and
- (l) carry out such other functions as may be conferred on it by Law;

Disqualification of Members from holding Elective Office.

6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Law, a person who holds or has held office as a member of the Commission under this Law shall not be qualified for an elective office in any Local Government in the State until a period of five (5) years has elapsed since he ceased to be a member.

Proceedings of the Commission etc

7. —(1) The Commission shall meet for the conduct of its business at such time, place and on such days as the Chairman may, subject to the provisions of this section, decide.

(2) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Commission but if he is absent from any meeting of the Commission, the members present shall elect one of the members present at the meeting to preside.

(3) If the Chairman is on leave or if the Chairman is otherwise not available or he is unable to perform his functions, the members may appoint by simple majority any one amongst themselves as Acting Chairman for any specified period not exceeding six months until a new Chairman is appointed by the Governor and his appointment confirmed by a resolution of the House of Assembly.

(4) The quorum for the meetings of the Commission shall be four.

(5) Questions put before the Commission at a meeting shall be decided by consensus and where this is not possible, by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

(6) The Chairman shall in the case of an equality of votes have a casting vote.

(7) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Commission shall have power to regulate its proceedings and make orders with respect to the holding of meetings, the notice to convene, the procedure thereat, the keeping of minutes of such proceedings, the custody and production for inspection of such minutes, or confer power or impose duties on any officer or authority for the purpose of discharging its functions.

(8) The validity of any proceeding of the Commission shall not be affected by any vacancy in its membership or by any defect in the appointment of a member.

(9) The Commission may appoint one or more committees to carry out on its behalf any of its functions under this Law.

Committees
of the
Commission

(10) A committee appointed by the Commission under this section, shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Commission but shall not include persons who are not members of the Commission, except the verification Committee.

(11) The Secretary to the Commission who shall be the Accounting Officer shall be appointed by the Governor and shall –

Secretary of
the Commis-
sion.

(a) be a serving or retired Civil Servant of the State;

(b) be the head of the secretariat of the Commission; and

(c) have such qualifications and experience as are appropriate for persons required to perform the functions of his office under this Law.

(12) Subject to the general direction of the Commission, the Secretary shall be responsible for –

(a) the administration and keeping of proper records of the proceeding of the Commission; and

(b) the direction and control of all other employees of the Commission.

(13) The Commission shall have the power to appoint either directly or on secondment from public service of the State such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Commission, be required to assist the Commission in the discharge of any of its functions

under this Law, and shall have power to pay the persons so employed such remuneration including allowances as the Commission may, after consultation with the State Civil Service Commission, determine.

(4) Nothing in sub-section (3) of this section, shall preclude the Commission from appointing persons from outside the Public Service of the State whenever it deems it necessary to do so.

(5) All employees of the Commission appointed pursuant to sub-sections (3) and (4) of this Section, excluding such as are appointed on a temporary basis for an honorarium, shall have the same rights and obligations as the members of the public service of the State.

Remuneration
of Members.

10.-(1) There shall be paid to every member of the Commission such salaries and allowances as may be approved by the House of Assembly, from time to time.

(2) There shall also be paid to every member upon the completion of his period of service, a gratuity calculated in such manner as the House of Assembly may approve.

(3) The salaries, allowances and gratuities payable under this section shall be charged upon and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State.

Establishment
of Office of
the Commis-
sion in each
Local Govern-
ment Area.

11. There shall be established in each Local Government and Local Council Development Area of the State, an Office of the Commission which shall perform such functions as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Commission; provided always that no Office of the Commission shall be located within the palaces of traditional rulers, places of worship or social clubs, or any place that is capable of adversely impacting on its functions, safety and security.

Independence
of the
Commission.

12. In the discharge of its functions under this Law, the Commission shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority.

Dates of
Election and
Voting.

13.-(1) Elections to all the Local Governments and Local Council Development Areas in the State be held on the same day or as the Commission may direct.

(2) The date for holding the Local Government Elections in the State shall be specified by the Commission.

(3) The dates for holding subsequent general elections or by-elections to a Local Government or to all Local Governments in the State shall be appointed by the Commission.

(4) The Commission shall appoint a date for holding an election to fill a vacancy in any Local Government.

(5) Election of members to a Local Government and Local Council Development Areas shall be by a process of Open-secret ballot.

14.-(1) For each Local Government and Local Council Development Area there shall be an Electoral Officer who shall be appointed by the Commission.

(2) An Electoral Officer may be appointed by name or by reference to an Office, and shall hold office until his appointment is revoked.

Appointment
of Electoral
Officer.

(3) The Commission may appoint more than one electoral officer for a Local Government or Local Council Development Area for which each electoral officer is responsible and, in relation to that part of the Local Government Area or and Local Council Development Area the Officer shall have and exercise the functions of an Electoral Officer.

15.-(1) The Commission may appoint a person to be assistant electoral officer for the conduct of an election to a Local Government and a person so appointed may in respect of that election perform such functions imposed or conferred by this Law on the electoral officer.

Appointment
of Other
Officers.

(2) The Commission shall for the purpose of an election appoint such returning officers, assistant returning officers, presiding officers and such other officers as it may deem necessary.

(3) A person appointed as an assistant returning officer may perform the functions imposed or conferred by this Law on a returning officer.

(4) A person may be appointed as a returning officer of one Local Government Area or Ward.

(5) For an election, the electoral officer or the assistant electoral officer may be appointed to act as a returning officer.

16. An electoral officer shall exercise supervision over acts of officers as are appointed under Sections 15 and 17 of this Law in his Local Government Area and Local Council Development Areas and may subject to this Law or any instructions issued by the Commission, give directions to such officers with regards to the performance of their functions.

Supervision
of the Officers
by Electoral
Officer.

17. The Commission may appoint, in respect of a Local Government Area and Local Council Development Areas of the State, an officer or officers to exercise supervisory functions, under the directions of the electoral officer, over the conduct of an election or of elections generally, and that officer shall have such powers and duties as shall be determined by the Commission.

Appointment
of Officers to
exercise the
supervisory
functions over
conduct of
Elections.

18.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the conduct of an election under this Law in any Local Government Area and Local Council Development Areas of the State shall be vested in the electoral officer under the general supervision of the Commission.

Conduct of
Elections.

(2) The electoral officer may -

(a) require information from an officer appointed under Sections 14 - 17 of this Law with respect to a matter relating to the functions of that officer; and

(b) subject to the provisions of this Law, issue instructions to those officers with respect to the performance of their functions under this Law.

19. The forms to be used for the conduct of Local Government and Local Council Development Areas election shall be determined by the Commission through guidelines issued from time to time.

Forms for use
at Elections.

20.-(1) A person shall be eligible to vote in an election if he -

(a) is a citizen of Nigeria.

(b) has attained the age of eighteen years.

(c) is ordinarily resident in the ward or Local Government Area where he intends to vote; and

Eligibility to
vote.

(d) is registered as a voter in the ward where he intends to vote, and subject to subsection (1) paragraph (a) of this Section, has obtained a registration card to be presented at the polling station or unit on the day of election.

(2) A person shall be deemed to be ordinarily resident in a place where he normally lives, sleeps or has his usual abode.

(3) Where a person claims that his name is on the register of voters for the polling station or unit, but that his registration card is missing or has been destroyed, the presiding officer shall, if—

(a) the name of the person is found on the register of voters for the polling station or unit;

(b) he satisfies himself that the person has not voted earlier in that particular election; and

(c) he is satisfied that the person is not impersonating any other person; allow the person to vote.

Notice of Election.

21.—(1) Not less than 60 days before the date of the election, the Commission shall publish a notice—

(a) stating the date of the election;

(b) appointing the place at which nomination papers are to be delivered.

(2) In the case of a bye-election, the commission shall, not later than 14 days before the date appointed for the election, publish a notice stating the date of the election.

(3) The notice shall be published in each ward in respect of which an election or bye-election is to be held.

Nomination of Candidates

22.—(1) Each candidate nominated by a Political Party for the post of—

(a) a councillor shall be nominated in writing by 10 persons whose names appear on the register of voters for the ward in respect of which an election is to be held; and

(b) a Chairman shall be nominated by 20 persons whose names appear on the register of voters in each of at least two-thirds of the wards in the Local Government Area in respect of which the election is to be held.

(2) The nominations shall be made in a format set out in Schedule 4 to this Law and shall be subscribed to by the candidate and by the persons nominating him and contain the following particulars—

(a) the name, address and occupation of the candidate;

(b) the names, addresses and occupation of the nominators of the candidates; and

(c) a certification by the candidate that he is willing and qualified to stand for the election.

(3) The Commission shall provide nomination papers and shall supply political parties with such number of nomination papers as they may require.

(4) The political party shall deliver the nomination papers subscribed to as in subsection (2) of this Section at the place appointed by the Commission under the provisions of this Law not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the twenty-first day before the election.

(5) No person shall subscribe as a nominator to more than one nomination paper at the same election and, if he does, his signature shall be invalid, however, no account shall be taken of the nomination of a candidate who has died before or withdrawn or whose nomination has not been accepted as valid before the delivery of the second nomination paper.

(6) No paper who has subscribed to a nomination paper as a nominator may, so long as the candidate stands nominated, withdraw his nomination.

(7) The political party presenting a candidate for an election shall deliver along with the nomination paper copies of posters containing the photograph of the candidate and symbols of the political party sponsorship him, but the duty of pasting a candidate's poster at the polling station or unit and places shall be that of the candidate or his agent.

23.-(1) Every political party shall, on such day as may be specified by the Commission before the date appointed for the election, deliver to the Commission—

Particulars of
Candidates
for Election

(a) in Form LASIEC 001 set out in Schedule 3 to this Law the personal particulars of the candidates for the elections as supplied by him, and

(b) in Form LASIEC 002 set out in Schedule 3 to this Law lists of all candidates the political party proposes to sponsor at the election in each Local Government Area.

24.-(1) Candidates, their supporters and political parties shall campaign for election in conformity with the guidelines which shall be issued by the Commission or in accordance with the provisions of any enactment relating thereto.

Campaign for
Election.

(2) A candidate who contravenes any guideline issued by the Commission or the provision of any enactment relating to campaign may be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of Two Hundred Thousand naira (₦200,000) or imprisonment of one year or both.

25.-(1) A person shall be qualified to contest a Local Government election if he is qualified as a candidate under the provisions of the Local Government (Administration) Law Cap L. 73 Law of Lagos State 2003.

Qualification
to contest.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Law, a person shall not be qualified to contest a Local Government election unless—

(a) he is educated up to at least Secondary School Certificate level or its equivalent;

(b) he is a member of a political party and is sponsored by that political party;

(c) he is a registered voter in the ward in which he intends to contest the election;

(d) in the case of a candidate contesting as a Councillor, he has been nominated by 10 registered voters in his ward;

(e) in the case of a candidate contesting as a Chairman, he has been nominated by 20 registered voters in each of at least two-thirds of the wards in the Local Government Area.

(f) in the case of a candidate contesting as a Councillor or Chairman, he has paid a non-refundable administrative fee as prescribed by the Commission.

- (g) he has not been dismissed for an offence involving fraud, dishonesty and gross misconduct from the public or civil service of the Federation or of a State or Local Government or from an employment in the private sector.
- (h) he has not been adjudged guilty of treason or treasonable felony by any court or tribunal in Nigeria; and
- (i) in the case of a candidate contesting as Chairman, he has nominated from a ward other than his own, another candidate who shall run as his associate candidate for the office of Vice-Chairman.

(3) No nomination shall be valid unless the non-refundable administrative fee specified in sub-section 2 (f) of this Section is deposited with the Commission and the candidate produces to the electoral officer a receipt for the said sum at the time of delivering his nomination paper.

(4) The sum deposited shall be refunded to the candidates or his personal representative if—

- (a) the nomination of the candidate is invalid for any reason other than that nomination form was delivered by him or on his behalf in more than one ward or constituency as the case may be; or
- (b) the candidate dies before the date of election; or
- (c) there is no contested election; or
- (d) a contested election is declared void; or
- (e) in a contested election, the candidate is unsuccessful or obtains less than one-half of the total number of votes cast for the winning candidate.

Validity of
Nomination

26.—(1) When a nomination paper is delivered and a non-refundable administrative fee is paid in accordance with this Law, the candidate shall be deemed to stand nominated unless and until:

- (a) the Commission decides that the nomination paper is invalid; or
- (b) proof is given to the satisfaction of the Commission of the candidate's death; or
- (c) he withdraws his candidature.

(2) The Commission shall be entitled to hold the nomination paper invalid only on once or more of the following grounds—

- (a) that particulars of the candidate or his nomination are not as required by Law; or
- (b) that the nomination paper is not signed as required by Law; or
- (c) that the candidate has been nominated in more than one ward or constituency, as the case may be; or
- (d) that the nominators of the candidates or one or more of them are not persons whose names appear on the register of voters in respect of the appropriate ward; or
- (e) that the candidate is not validly nominated under the provisions of this Law or the Local Government (Administration) Law Cap. L 73 Laws of Lagos State 2003.

(3) The Commission's decision that the nomination of a candidate is invalid shall be binding.

(4) Subject to the provisions of section 23(3) of this Law whenever the Commission decides that a candidate has not been validly nominated it shall endorse and sign on the nomination paper the fact and reasons for its decision and that decision shall only be subject to review by the Local Government of Local Council Development Area Election Tribunal.

(5) A Political Party whose candidate's nomination paper is adjudged to be invalid by the Commission shall be permitted to submit a second and final nomination within a specified time as prescribed by the election guidelines.

27. The Commission shall, not later than 7 days before the day of election, publish the names, address and occupation of all nominated candidate and the persons nominating them, by displaying it or causing it to be displayed at the place or places appointed for the delivery of nominated papers and in such other manner it may think fit.

Publication of statement of persons nominated.

28.—(1) A Political Party may withdraw the nomination of its candidate by notice in writing signed by the Secretary of the political party and delivered in person, to the Commission not later than twelve o'clock in the afternoon of the fourteenth day before the verification exercise.

Withdrawal of Candidates.

(2) A candidate may withdraw his candidature by notice in writing signed by him and delivered in person to the Political Party that nominated him for the election and the Political Party shall convey such withdrawal to the Commission not later than 7 days to the election.

29. If after the latest time for the delivery of nomination papers and before the commencement of the poll, a nominated sole candidate dies, the Commission shall, on being satisfied of the fact of the death countermand the poll and appoint another date for the election.

Death of a sole candidate.

30. If a nomination form signed by a candidate and by the persons nominating him is lodged in more than one ward, his candidature shall be void in each of such wards.

Invalidity of Double Nomination.

31.—(1) If at the close of nomination in an election to the office of Chairman —

(a) only one candidate has been nominated; or

(b) a candidate is the only candidate by reason of invalid nomination withdrawal, incapacitation, disappearance or death of the other candidate, the Commission shall extend the time for nomination; by 7 days, however, where after the extension only one candidate remains nominated, there shall be no further extension.

Extension of Time of Nomination of Chairman.

(2) If after the latest time for the delivery of nomination papers, the withdrawal of candidates and the extension of time as provided in sub-section (1) (a) and (b) of this Section for election to the office of Chairman, only one candidate remains duly nominated, that candidate shall be declared returned unopposed.

32.—(1) A candidate for an election to the Office of the Chairman shall be deemed to have been elected where, there being only two candidates for the election he has —

(a) a majority of the votes cast at the election; and

(b) not less than one-quarter of the votes cast at the election in each of at least two-thirds of all the wards in the Local Government Area, and Local Council Development Areas as the case may be.

Contested Election of Chairman.

(2) A candidate for an election to the Office of Chairman shall be deemed to have been duly elected where, there being more than two candidates for the election –

(a) he has the highest number of votes cast at the election; and

(b) he has not less than one-quarter of the votes cast at the election in each of at least two-thirds of all the wards in the Local Government Area and Local Council Development Areas as the case may be.

(3) If no candidate is duly elected in accordance with sub-section (2) of this Section there shall be a second election in accordance with subsection (4) of this Section at which the only candidates shall be –

(a) the candidates who scored the highest number of votes at the election held under sub-section (2) of this Section; and one among the remaining candidates who has the second majority of votes cast at the election shall be the second candidate for the election.

(4) The Commission shall, within 14 days of the result of the election in which no candidate is duly elected under sub-section (2) of this Section, arrange for another election between the two candidates in sub-section (3) of this Section and a candidate shall be deemed duly elected if –

(a) he has a majority of the votes cast at the election; and

(b) he has not less than one-quarter of the votes cast at the election in each of at least two-thirds of the wards in the Local Government Area, and Local Council Development Areas as the case may be.

(5) If no candidate is duly elected under sub-section (4) of this section, the Commission shall, within 7 days of the result of the last election, arrange for another election between the two candidates referred to sub-section (3) of this Section, and a candidate at this last election shall be deemed duly elected if he scores the majority of votes cast at the election.

Uncontested
Election of
Councillor

33. If after the latest time for the delivery of nomination papers and the withdrawal of candidates for an election to the office of Councillor only one candidate remains duly nominated, that candidate shall be declared returned unopposed.

Contested
Election of
Councillor.

34. If after the last date prescribed by the Commission for the delivery of nomination papers and for withdrawal of candidates for an election to the office of Councillor, more than one person remains nominated, a poll shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

Issuance of
Certificate of
Return.

35. Where a candidate is declared elected unopposed, a certificate of return shall be issued to him by the Commission and the return shall be published along with the returns of other successful candidates at the election.

Lack of
nominated
candidates.

36. Where no candidate remains nominated in any ward on the date appointed for the election, the Commission shall fix another date for the election.

Ascertainment
of result.

37. The result of the poll shall be ascertained by counting the votes, cast for each candidate at the election.

Arrangement
for contested
Election.

38.-(1) For every contested election under this Law a poll shall be taken and a presiding officer appointed by the Commission shall be in charge of each polling station or unit.

(2) The Commission shall –

- (a) appoint sufficient number of polling stations or units in each ward in respect of which a poll is to be taken and allot the voters of the wards to the various polling stations or units;
- (b) ensure that in each polling station or unit there is a place in which voters can cast their vote in secret;
- (c) furnish each presiding officer with such ballot boxes or other containers and ballot papers as may be required for the polls;
- (d) provide each polling station with pens, ink pads, appropriate register of voters and such other things as may be required for the polls; and
- (e) do such other acts and things as may be necessary for conducting the election in the manner prescribed by this Law;

(3) The Commission shall –

- (a) designate polling stations or units in respect of each ward in which the election is to be held; and
- (b) allot voters of the ward or constituency to the appropriate polling station or unit, in a way that no voter shall be made to travel an unreasonably long distance to cast his vote.

39. Every ballot paper shall –

- (a) be a printed having on it the symbol adopted by the candidate's political party;
- (b) be attached to a counterfoil bearing the same serial number as is printed or stamped on its back.

Form of
Ballot Paper.

40.-(1) Each Political Party may appoint one person to be referred to as a Party Agent to be in attendance at each polling station or unit in the area for which it is contesting an election for the purpose of ensuring that the interests of its candidates are protected.

(2) Notice in writing of the appointment of party agents, stating their names, address and the polling stations or units to which they have been assigned shall be given by a political party to the Commission not later than 7 days before the day fixed for the election.

(3) If a Party Agent dies or becomes incapable of acting as a party agent, the political party may appoint another party agent in his place, and shall forthwith give to the electoral officer notice in writing of the name and address of the party agent so appointed.

41.-(1) The Commission shall not later than 7 days before an election cause to be published in every ward or constituency in which the election is to be held, in such manner as it may think fit, a notice specifying –

- (a) the day and the hours fixed for the poll.
- (b) the full names, arranged in alphabetical order of their surnames, place of residence and occupation of each candidate; and
- (c) the location of the polling station or unit in the ward and an indication of the persons entitled to vote at the polling station or unit.

Notice of
Poll.

(2) The hours fixed for the taking of the poll shall be a continuous period as may be determined by the Commission.

- Ballot Boxes.** 42. The presiding officer shall cause to be placed in the polling station ballot boxes which shall be a transparent one and so constructed in such a way that the ballot papers can be put in them by the voter but cannot be withdrawn by him.
- Scaling of Boxes.** 43. Immediately before the commencement of the voting, the presiding officer at the polling station or unit shall show the empty ballot boxes to such persons as may lawfully be present so that they may see that they are empty and shall then close back the ballot boxes in such manner as to prevent their being opened without key.
- Conduct of Poll.** 44.-(1) The voting at an election shall be conducted in the following manner -
- (a) the poll clerk shall deliver ballot papers to every voter who presents himself at the polling station or unit at which he is entitled to vote after satisfying himself that the voter is a person whose name appears on the register of voters, provided he has not already voted.
 - (b) before delivering the ballot papers to a voter, the presiding officer may direct that the voter be searched for the purpose of ensuring that a ballot paper relating to the election is not in his possession and a voter who refuses to be searched shall not be entitled to receive the ballot papers;
 - (c) a female voter shall be searched by a female person.
 - (d) in order to satisfy the poll clerk that he is entitled to vote, a voter shall produce a registration card properly issued to him.
 - (e) immediately before the poll clerk delivers the ballot papers to a voter;
 - (i) the ballot papers shall be punched or stamped with an official stamp;
 - (ii) the number, name, address and occupation of the voter as stated in the copy of the register of voters or part of the register of voters, shall be called out;
 - (iii) the number of the voter in the register of voters shall be marked on the counterfoil; and
 - (iv) a mark shall be placed against the number of the voter in the copy of the register of voters or part of the register of voters to denote that ballot papers have been received by the voter but without showing the serial numbers of the ballot papers which have been received;
 - (f) a poll clerk may, if required by a candidate or a polling agent, put to any person applying for ballot papers at the time of his application, but not afterwards, the following questions or either of them -
 - (i) "Are you the person whose name is on the register of the voters as follows?"
 - (ii) "Have you already voted at the present election at this or any other polling station or unit?"
 - (g) a voter shall, on receiving the ballot papers, go immediately into the screened compartment in the polling station or unit and there secretly record his vote by placing his thumb print against the party symbol of the candidate of his choice;

- (h) a voter shall, after recording his votes, put the ballot papers in the ballot box in full view of the presiding officer and all others present;
- (i) a voter shall not record more than one vote in favour of a candidate or place on a ballot paper any writing or mark by which he may be identified.
- (j) a voter who mistakenly defaces a ballot paper issued to him shall deliver the defaced ballot paper to the presiding officer who shall promptly mark the ballot paper as cancelled and issue another ballot paper to the voter;
- (k) immediately after recording his vote, a voter shall submit to having the fingernail of his left thumb marked with ink sufficiently indelible to leave a mark for a period of approximately ten hours;
 - (1) a voter who suffers from blindness or from any other physical disability may be accompanied by such friend or relative as he may choose, who shall, after informing the presiding officer, be permitted in the presence of the voter alone to place the voter's thumbprint against the candidate of the voter's choice.
 - (2) A vote shall not be recorded for a voter unless he attends the polling station in person and record his vote in accordance with this Section.

45.-(1) No voter shall be permitted to vote at a polling station or unit other than the one to which he is allotted.

Voters to vote in polling station allocated to them.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall regulate the admission of voters to the polling station or unit, and shall exclude all other persons except candidates, party agents, polling clerks and other persons who in his opinion have lawful reason to be admitted.

46.-(1) If at the time a person applies for a ballot paper, or after he has so applied and before he has left the polling station, a polling clerk declares to the presiding officer that he has reasonable cause to believe that person has committed the offences of impersonation and undertakes to substantiate the charge in a court of Law, the presiding officer may order, a police officer to arrest that person, and the presiding officer's order shall be sufficient authority for the police officer to do so.

Impersonation by Applicant for Ballot Paper.

(2) A person in respect of whom a polling clerk makes a declaration in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of this Section shall not, by reason of the declaration, be prevented from voting, but the presiding officer shall cause the words "protested against for impersonation" to be placed against his name in the marked copy of the register of voters or part of the register of voters.

(3) Where a person against whose name the words specified in sub-section (2) of this Section are placed admits to the presiding officer that he is not the person he held himself out to be, he shall not be permitted to vote if he has not already voted, and if has already voted, the presiding officer shall make a note of the number of the ballot paper delivered to him and, on the count being taken that ballot paper shall be invalidated.

(4) A person arrested under the provisions of this Section shall be deemed to be a person taken into custody by a police officer for an offence in respect of which he may be arrested without warrant.

47.-(1) If a person presenting himself to be a voter named in the register of voters applies for a ballot paper another voter has voted as that person, the person shall, on giving satisfactory answer to the question set out in section 44 (1) (f) of this Law, be entitled if he wishes to receive a ballot paper in the same manner as any other voter.

Tendered Ballot Boxes.

(2) A ballot paper received under sub-section (1) of this Section (referred to in this section as a "tendered ballot paper") shall, instead of being put into a ballot box –

- (a) be given to the presiding officer and endorsed by him with the name of the voter and his number in the register of voters; and
- (b) be set aside in one of a number of separate packets each of which shall correspond to and bear the same mark as one of the ballot boxes provided in accordance with section 46 (3) of this Law and shall not be counted by the presiding officer.

(3) The name of the voter and his number on the register of voters shall be entered on a list to be called the tendered voters list, and this list shall be admissible in any legal proceeding arising out of the election.

Conduct in
Polling Station.

48.—(1) The presiding officer shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Law at the polling station or unit.

(2) If a person misconducts himself in a polling station or unit or fails to obey a lawful order of the presiding officer, the presiding officer may order the person to be removed from the polling station or unit by any police officer or by any other person authorized in writing by the presiding officer in that behalf.

(3) A person so removed shall not, without the permission of the presiding officer, again enter the polling station or unit during the day of the election and if charged with the commission of an offence in that station, the person shall be deemed to be a person taken into custody by a police officer for an offence in respect of which he may be arrested without warrant.

(4) The provisions of sub-section (3) of this Section shall not be enforced so as to prevent a voter who is otherwise entitled to vote at a polling station or unit from having an opportunity to vote.

Adjournment
of Poll in
case of not.

49.—(1) When the proceedings at a polling station or unit are interrupted or obstructed by riot or violence, the presiding officer shall inform the Commission of the situation and the proceedings may then be adjourned to a date and time to be announced by the Commission.

(2) Where a date has been appointed for the holding of an election and there is reason to believe that a serious breach of the peace is likely to occur if the election is proceeded with on that date or it is impossible to conduct the election as a result of natural disaster or other emergencies, the Commission may postpone the election and shall in respect of the area or areas concerned, appoint another date for holding the postponed election.

Closing of
Poll.

50. When the prescribed hour for the closing of the poll has been reached, the presiding officer shall declare the poll closed and no more persons shall be admitted to the polling station or unit, but those persons already inside the polling station or unit shall be permitted to vote.

Counting of
Votes.

50.—(1) The presiding officer shall, after the close of poll, open the ballot box and empty its contents in the presence of the polling clerk, poll orderly, candidates or their agents and begin to count the votes with the ballot papers kept face upwards.

(2) During the counting of votes all rejected ballot papers shall be put in a special envelope.

(3) The votes scored by each candidate shall be entered in a statement of result form

presiding officer and endorsed by the candidates or their agents, where available, at the polling station or unit.

(4) The presiding officer shall give a copy of the statement of result form to the police officer, if any, at the polling station or unit and take the original copy to the returning officer at the ward collation centre together with the ballot boxes, the relevant envelopes and all other election materials including the stamp, stamp pad and endorsing ink.

(5) The result of the councillorship election shall at the ward collation centre be entered in a form prepared by the Commission for that purpose.

(6) The ward returning officer shall after the collation of the result of the councillorship election announce the result of that election and declare the winner.

(7) The result of the Chairmanship election shall at the ward collation centre be entered in a form prepared by the Commission for that purpose and the result shall be announced by the returning officer at each ward.

(8) The result of the Chairmanship election as announced in sub-section (7) of this Section, shall be -

- (a) taken by the ward Returning Officer to the Local Government or Local Council Development Area collation centre;
- (b) compiled and entered in a form prepared by the Commission for that purpose; and
- (c) announced by the Local Government Returning Officer or Local Council Development Area Returning Officer.

52. Every result form completed at the Ward, Local Government and Local Council Development Area levels in accordance with the provisions Law or any guidelines issued by the Commission shall be stamped, signed and counter-signed by the presiding officer or by the relevant officers and party agents at those levels and copies given to police officers and the party agents, if available.

Endorsement
by Presiding
Officer.

53.—(1) The presiding officer shall endorse the word "rejected" on any ballot paper which does not bear the official mark and such ballot paper shall not be counted.

Endorsement
on Rejected
Ballot Paper.

(2) If an objection to the decision of a presiding officer to reject a ballot paper is raised by a candidate or a party agent as at the time the decision is made, the presiding officer shall add to the word "rejected" the phrase "but objected to".

(3) The presiding officer shall prepare a statement on rejected ballot papers, stating the number rejected, the reason for rejection, and shall on request allow a candidate or a party agent to copy the statement, but the party agent shall not be allowed to record the serial number of the rejected ballot papers.

54. The decision of the returning officer on any question arising from or relating to -

- (a) unmarked ballot paper.
- (b) rejected ballot papers; and
- (c) declaration of scores of candidates and the return of a candidate shall be final and subject to review only by an election tribunal in an election proceeding under this Law.

Decision of
Returning
Officer is
Final.

- Recounting of Votes, 55. A candidate or a party agent may, if present at the polling station or unit when the counting of votes is completed by the presiding officer, demand to have the votes recounted, but the presiding officer may refuse to do so, if in his opinion, the demand is unreasonable.
- Equality of Votes, 56. If two or more candidates have equal number of votes at the poll, the returning officer shall not return any of the candidates and a fresh election shall be held for the candidates on a date to be appointed by the Commission.
- Declaration and Publication of Election result, 57.—(1) In an election to the office of Chairman or Councillor, the candidates who satisfy the requirements of Sections 32, 33 and 34 of this Law shall be declared elected by the appropriate Returning Officer.
- (2) The Commission shall cause to be pasted at the State or Local Government Area or and Local Council Development Area offices of the Commission, as the case may be, a notice showing—
- (a) the candidates at the election and the score; and
- (b) the person declared as elected or returned at the elections.
- Custody of Document, 58. The returning officer shall deliver all documents relating to the conduct of the election to the electoral officer who shall ensure their safe custody.
- Authorization of Poll Clerk by Presiding Officer, 59. A poll clerk may be authorized by the presiding officer to do an act which the presiding officer is required or authorized to do at a polling station or unit by this Law except that he may not order the arrest of a person, or the exclusion or removal of a person from the polling station or unit.
- Non-attendance of Agent not to invalidate proceeding, 60. Where in this Law an act or a thing is required or authorized to be done by or in the presence of the agents of the candidates, the non-attendance of an agent at the time and place appointed for the purpose shall not, if the act or thing is otherwise properly done, invalidate the act or thing done.
- Sealed Certificate of Return to be issued to successful Candidate, 61. A sealed certificate of return at an election shall be issued to every candidate who has won an election under this Law.
- Political Parties Activities, 62.—(1) Every registered political party shall give to the Commission at least 21 days notice of any convention, congress, conference, primaries or meeting convened for the purpose of electing members of its executive committees, other governing bodies or nominating candidates for any of the elective offices specified under this Law.
- (2) The Commission may with or without prior notice to the political party monitor and attend any convention, congress, conference, primaries or meeting which is convened by a political party for the purpose of:
- (a) electing members of its executive committees or other governing bodies;
- (b) nominating candidates for an election at the Local Government level.
- (3) The Commission may seek information or clarification from any registered political party in connection with any activities of the political party which may be contrary to the provisions of the Constitution or any law, guidelines, rules or regulations made pursuant to any Law of the State House of Assembly.

(4) A political party which fails to provide the required information or clarification under subsection (3) of this Section or fail to carry out any lawful directive given by the Commission in conformity with the provisions of this Section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than ₦200,000 and not more than ₦2,000,000.

63.-(1) If a person—

- (a) to whom this Section applies; or
- (b) who is for the time being under a duty to discharge any of the functions of that person, without reasonable cause, commits an act or omission in breach of his official duty, he commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Fifty Thousand Naira (₦50,000.00) or to imprisonment for a term of 6 months or to both.

(2) The person to whom this Section applies are—

- (a) an electoral officer and an assistant electoral officer.
- (b) a presiding officer and an assistant presiding officer;
- (c) returning officer and an assistant returning officer;
- (d) a poll clerk and an assistant poll clerk;
- (e) an orderly, and
- (f) any other officer appointed under this Law.

64.-(1) A person to whom this section applies, who is for the time being under a duty to discharge a function relating to an election shall, if he, without reasonable cause, before or during an election or at any time thereafter—

- (a) fails to perform or discharge that duty; or
- (b) performs that duty fraudulently, negligently or recklessly; or
- (c) does an act or omits to do an act in breach of that duty commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of One Hundred Thousand Naira. (₦100,000.00) or imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or both.

(2) The persons to whom this section applies are—

- (a) police officers;
- (b) members of the State Security Services;
- (c) officials and members of staff of the Commission;
- (d) party agents; and
- (e) any other officer or officers by whatsoever name called appointed to discharge a function relating to the election.

65.-(1) Every electoral officer, assistant electoral officer, returning officer, assistant returning officer, presiding officer, assistant presiding officer, polling clerk, assistant polling

Breach of
Official Duty.

Offences by
Law
Enforcement
Agents etc.

Requirement
of Secrecy.

clerk, poll orderly or any officer appointed under this Law concerned in the conduct of Local Government and Local Council Development Area election in the State and every polling agent or candidate in attendance at a polling station or unit, at the counting of votes, shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting.

(2) No officer, agent or candidate referred to under sub-section (1) of this Section shall, except for same purpose authorised by Law, communicate to a person before the poll is closed, information as to the name or number on the register of voters of a voter who has or has not voted at the place of voting.

(3) No person shall –

- (a) interfere with a voter when casting his vote unless invited by the voter for assistance; or
- (b) otherwise obtain or attempt to obtain, in the place of voting, information as to the candidate for whom a voter in that place is about to vote or has voted unless while assisting the voter to record his vote; or
- (c) communicate to a person information obtained while assisting a voter as to the candidate for whom the voter has voted or is about to vote: or

(4) A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Naira (N25,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one (1) year or both.

Corrupt Practices.

66.-(1) A candidate is guilty of a corrupt practice if he commits any of the offences defined as a corrupt practice under sub-section (3) of this Section or if any of those offences is committed with –

- (a) his knowledge or consent; or
- (b) the knowledge or consent of a person who is acting under the general or special authority of the candidate with reference to the election.

(2) If a corrupt practice as defined in sub-section (3) of this Section is committed by any candidate elected at an election held under this Law, the election of that candidate shall be invalidated.

(3) The expression “corrupt practice” as used in this Law, includes any of the following offences –

- (a) impersonation;
- (b) treating;
- (c) undue influence;
- (d) bribery; or
- (e) aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of any of the offences specified in paragraphs (a) to (d) of this sub-section.

Impersonating and Punishment for Impersonation

67.-(1) A person who at an election –

- (a) applies for a ballot paper in the name of some other person, whether that name is the name of a person living or dead, or of a fictitious person; or

(b) having voted once at an election, applies at the same election for a ballot paper in his own name or in the name of any other person, living or dead or of a fictitious person commits the offence of impersonation.

(2) A person who at an election –

(a) votes in the name of some other person, whether that name be the name of a person living or dead, or of a fictitious person; or

(b) having voted once at an election, votes a second time in his own name, or in the name of any other person living or dead or of a fictitious person commits the offence of impersonation.

(3) A person who impersonates, aids, abets, counsels or procures the commission of the offence of impersonation, is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Naira (₦25,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding (3) three months or both.

(4) A person charged with the offence of impersonation shall not be convicted except on the evidence of not less than two witnesses.

68.-(1) A person who corruptly either before, during or after an election, directly or indirectly gives or provides or pays wholly or in part, the expenses of giving or providing any food, drinks, entertainment or provisions to or for any person –

Treating.

(a) for the purpose of corruptly influencing that person, or any other person to vote or refrain from voting; or

(b) on account of that person or any other person, having voted or refrained from voting, at the election commits treating.

(2) A voter who corruptly accepts or takes any food, drink entertainment or provision to which sub-section (1) of this Section in order to be influenced at an election commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Twenty Five Thousand Naira (₦25,000.00) or one (1) year imprisonment or both.

69. A person who directly or indirectly.

Use of force, violence and undue Influence.

(a) makes use of or threatens to make use of any force, violence, or restraint, or

(b) inflicts or threaten to inflict by himself or by any other person, any injury, damages, harm or loss, on or against a person in order to induce or compel a person to vote or refrain from voting, or on account of that person having voted; or

(c) by abduction, duress, or a fraudulent device or connivance impedes or prevents the free use of the vote by a voter or thereby compels, induces or prevails on a voter to give or refrain from giving his vote at an election, commits undue influence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Twenty five Thousand Naira (₦25,000.00) or one (1) year imprisonment or both.

70.-(1) A person who –

Bribery.

(a) directly or indirectly;

(i) gives, lends or agrees to give or lend, or offers or promises to procure or to endeavour to procure, any money or valuable consideration to or for any voter, or for any person, in order to induce the voter to vote or refrain from voting, or

- (ii) corruptly does an act referred to in sub-paragraph (i) of this Section on account of that voter having voted or refrained from voting, or
- (b) directly or indirectly corruptly;
 - (i) gives, procures, promises to procure or to endeavour to procure, any office, place, employment to or for a voter or for a person, in order to induce the voter to vote or refrain from voting; or
 - (ii) does an act referred to in sub-paragraph (i) of this Section on account of a voter having voted or refrain from voting; or
- (c) directly or indirectly, makes any gift, loan, offer, promise, procurement or agreement to or for any person or community in order to induce the person or community to procure, or to endeavour to procure the return of a person as a member of a Local Government or the vote of a voter; or
- (d) in consequence of any gift; loan, offer, promise, procurement or agreement, procures or engages or promises or endeavour to procure, the return of any person as a member of a Local Government or the vote of a voter; or
- (e) advances or pays, or causes to be advanced or paid any money to or for the use of a person, with the intent that the money, or any part thereof, shall be expended in bribery; or
- (g) knowingly pays, or causes to be paid, any money to a person, in discharge or repayment of any money wholly or in part expended in bribery; and
- (h) after an election, directly or indirectly, receives, any money or valuable consideration or on account of any person having voted or refrained from voting, or having induced any other person to vote or refrain from voting at an election, commits the offence of bribery.

(2) A voter who, before or during an election, receives, agrees or contracts for any money, gift, loan or valuable consideration, office, place or employment, for himself or for any other person for voting or agreeing to vote or for refraining from voting at an election commits the offence of bribery;

(3) The provisions of this Section shall not extend or be construed to extend to any money paid or agreed to be paid for or on account of any legal expenses incurred at or concerning an election.

Punishment
for treating,
undue
influence and
bribery, etc

71.—(1) A person who is guilty of treating undue influence or bribery, or of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of any of these offences, is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Naira (N25,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one (1) year or both.

(2) A person who is guilty of impersonation, treating, undue influence or bribery or of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of any of these offences shall, in addition to any of the punishment, not be eligible, during a period of three (3) years from the date of his conviction, to be elected as a member of a Local Government, or if elected before his conviction, to retain his seat.

72.-(1) A person who—

- (a) forges or fraudulently defaces or fraudulently destroys a nomination paper, or delivers to the officer charged with the conduct of an election, a nomination paper, knowing the same to be forged; or
- (b) forges or counterfeits or fraudulently destroys a ballot paper or the official mark on a ballot paper or a statement of result; or
- (c) without due authority, supplies a ballot paper to a person; or
- (d) fraudulently puts into a ballot box a paper which he is not authorized by Law to put in; or
- (e) fraudulently takes out of the polling station a ballot paper; or
- (f) without due authority, destroys, takes or otherwise interferes with a ballot box or ballot papers then in use for the purpose of an election commits an offence.

Offences in respect of nomination papers, ballot papers and boxes etc.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to a fine of Twenty Five Thousand Naira (₦25,000.00) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one (1) year or both.

(3) For any offence committed under this Law in relation to a nomination paper, ballot box, ballot paper or the marking instruments at an election held under this Law, the property in the paper, box or instrument shall be stated to be that of the officer charged with the conduct of the election.

73. A person who —

- (a) votes or induces or procures any person to vote to vote at an election knowing that he or that person is prohibited by this Law or by any other Law, from voting at the election; or
- (b) before or during the election, knowingly or recklessly publishes a false statement of the withdrawal of a candidate, at the election for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of another candidate; commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Twenty Five Thousand Naira (₦25,000.00) or imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or both.

Punishment of persons guilty of certain illegal practices.

74. A person who wilfully votes at a Local Government election in a Ward where his name does not appear on the register of voters commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Ten Thousand Naira (₦10,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three (3) months or both.

Voting when not registered.

75.-(1) A person who, having been issued with a ballot paper in a polling station or unit takes or attempts to take that ballot paper out of the polling station or unit commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Ten Thousand Naira (₦10,000.00) or imprisonment for a term of three (3) months or both.

Fraudulent use of Ballot Papers.

(2) A person who, at an election, brings into a polling station or unit a ballot paper relating to the election issued to another person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Ten Thousand Naira (₦10,000.00) or imprisonment for a term of three (3) months or both.

(3) For the purpose of sections 68 and 69 of this Law, the expression "refrain from voting" includes taking a ballot paper out of a polling station or unit contrary to sub-section (1) of this Section.

(4) If the presiding officer in a polling station or unit has reason to suspect that a person who has been issued with a ballot paper and is about to leave a polling station or unit has the ballot paper in his possession, the Presiding Officer or a person acting under his directions may search that person.

Offences
Relating to
Statement of
Result.

76. A person who, being a presiding officer at an election—

- (a) gives a certificate or statement of result which, to his knowledge, is false in a material particular; or
- (b) perversely and without lawful excuses, refuses to render a statement of result relating to that election to the officer to whom it is required to be delivered; or
- (c) does anything that impedes or obstructs the proper counting or obtaining of the correct result of the election; commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Fifty Thousand Naira (₦50,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years or both.

Disqualifica-
tion of person
convicted of
certain offen-
ces.

77. A person who is convicted of an offence under Sections 65, 69, 70, 71, 72, or 73 of this Law shall, in addition to any other punishment, not be eligible, during the period of three (3) years from the date of his conviction to be elected as a member of a Local Government, or if elected before his conviction, to retain his seat.

Disorderly
conduct at
election.

78. A person who, at any polling station or unit or place being used for the counting of votes, acts or incites others to act in a disorderly manner commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Fifty Thousand Naira (₦50,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one (1) year or both.

Polling day
offences.

79.—(1) No person shall on the date or dates on which a poll is taken in an election in respect of a Local Government—

- (a) operate any megaphone, amplifier or any other public address apparatus in the Local Government Area; or
- (b) operate any megaphone, amplifier or any other public address apparatus in that Local Government Area for the purpose of making announcement concerning the election except where the apparatus is operated by an officer, appointed under this Law, for the purpose of making official announcements relating to the election.

(2) No person shall, on the date or dates on which a poll is to be taken at a polling station or unit—

- (a) canvas for votes, or
- (b) solicit the vote of a voter, or
- (c) persuade a voter not to vote for a particular candidate; or
- (d) persuade a voter not to vote at the election; or
- (e) shout, exhibit or tender a notice, sign, symbol, slogan, badge, photograph or party card referring to the election; or

(f) shout slogans concerning the election; within the polling station or unit or in a public or private place within a distance of two hundred metres from the polling station or unit.

(3) No candidate or any other person, with the connivance of a candidate, shall, whether on payment or otherwise, use, hire or procure any vessel or vehicle for the conveyance of a voter, other than the candidate himself or his agent, to or from a polling station or unit.

(4) No person shall bring alcohol into or consume alcoholic liquor in a polling station or unit or in a place being used for the counting of votes.

(5) A person who contravenes the provisions of sub-sections (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this Section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Ten Thousand Naira (₦10,000.00) or imprisonment for a term of three (3) months or both.

80.—(1) No person shall provide for the use of any other person, any government vehicle or boat, belonging to a public corporation for the purpose of conveying such person to the registration office or to a polling station except in respect of a person who is ordinarily entitled to use such vehicle or boat or in an emergency involving an Electoral Officer.

Improper use
of Govern-
ment Vehicle.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of Fifty Thousand Naira (₦50,000.00) or to imprisonment for six months or both.

81. A candidate or an agent who records the serial number of a rejected ballot paper or of a ballot paper in contravention of the provisions of this Law is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand Naira (₦10,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three (3) months or both.

Offences
relating to
counting or
Votes.

82. A person who at a lawful public meeting to which this Law applies –

Disturbance
at Public
Meetings.

(a) acts or incites another to act in a disorderly manner for the purpose of preventing the transaction of the business for which the meeting was called; or

(b) has in his possession an offensive weapon or missile commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Fifty Naira (₦50,000.00) or imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or both.

83. Where a person is convicted of an offence under this Law which disqualifies him from being elected as a member of a Local Government, the Court by which he was convicted shall send to the Commission the judgment of the Court and where the person convicted has appealed, the court which heard the appeal shall within three (3) months send the judgment of the appeal to the Commission.

Conviction
of Disqualify-
ing offence
to be
reported etc.

84. An attempt or a conspiracy to commit an offence specified in this Law shall be punishable in the same manner as the offence.

Punishment
for attempts
or conspiracy
to commit or

85.—(1) An offence committed under this Law shall be triable in a Magistrate Court in the State.

Offences,
Trial of
Offences

(2) A prosecution under this Law shall be undertaken by –

(a) the Attorney-General of the State or by a State Counsel in the State Ministry of Justice; or

- (b) an office of the Nigeria Police.
- (c) any other relevant Security Agents empowered by this Law.

Swearing into
Office.

- 86.** Persons elected into any of the offices and seats referred to in this Law shall be shown—
- (a) in the case of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Local Government or and Local Council Development Area by the Governor of the State.
 - (b) in the case of the Councillors of the Local Government or and Local Council Development Area by the Chairman of the Local Government or and Local Council Development Area provided that where the Chairman is unable to swear them into office, the Governor or any person delegated by him shall have the power to swear in elected Local Government Councillors.

Repeal

- 87.** The Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission Law Cap. 28 Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2003 is repealed.

Interpretation

- 88.** In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Commission.
 - “Commission” means the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission established by Section I of this Law;
 - “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999;
 - “Election” means the Chairmanship and Councillorship election under this Law;
 - “Functions” includes powers and duties of the Commission;
 - “Governor” means the Governor of Lagos State.
 - “House of Assembly” means the Lagos State House of Assembly;
 - “Member” means a member of the Commission and includes the Chairman;
 - “Misconduct” means breach of the oath of allegiance or oath of office of a member or a breach of the provisions of the Constitution or bribery or corruption or false declaration of assets and liabilities or conviction for treason or treasonable felony;
 - “Register of Voters” in relation to a ward means the list of voters registered and eligible to vote in an election in the ward.
 - “Return” means the declaration by a Returning Officer of a candidate in an election under this Law as being the winner of that election;
 - “Returning Officer” means an officer appointed to return candidates who have won the election;
 - “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Commission appointed pursuant to Section 9 of this Law”
 - “State” means the Lagos State of Nigeria.

“Local Government” means Local Government and Local Council Development Areas”.

“Open-secret ballot” means voting in secret and casting ballot in public”.

89. This Law may be cited as the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission Law and shall come into force on the 2nd day of June 2008.

Citation and Commencement.

SCHEDULE I (A)

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Local Government Area</i>
1.	Agege
2.	Ajeromi / Ifelodun
3.	Alimosho
4.	Amuwo-Odofin
5.	Apapa
6.	Badagry
7.	Epe
8.	Eti-Osa
9.	Ibeju/Lekki
10.	Ifako/Ijaiye
11.	Ikeja
12.	Ikorodu
13.	Kosofe
14.	Lagos Island
15.	Lagos Mainland
16.	Mushin
17.	Ojo
18.	Oshodi/Isolo
19.	Somolu
20.	Surulere

SCHEDULE 1 (B)

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Local Council Development Area</i>
1.	Agbado Oke-Odo
2.	Agboyi-Ketu
3.	Apapa-Iganmu
4.	Ayobo-Ipaja
5.	Badagry-West
6.	Bariga
7.	Coker-Aguda
8.	Egbe-Idimu
9.	Ejigbo
10.	Eredo
11.	Eti-Osa East
12.	Iba
13.	Ifelodun
14.	Igando-Ikotun
15.	Igbogbo-Baiyeku
16.	Ijede
17.	Ikorodu North
18.	Ikorodu West
19.	Ikosi-Ejinrin
20.	Ikosi-Isheri
21.	Ikoyi
22.	Imota
23.	Iru/Victoria Island
24.	Isolo
25.	Itire-Ikare
26.	Lagos Island East
27.	Lekki
28.	Mosan-Okunola
29.	Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye
30.	Ojodu
31.	Ojokoro
32.	Olorunda
33.	Onigbongbo
34.	Oriade
35.	Orile Agege
36.	Oto Awori
37.	Yaba

**SCHEDULE 2
OATH**

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I.....do solemnly swear/ affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will preserve and defend the Law, including the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

So help me God/Allah.

**OATH OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT / LOCAL COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT AREA**

I.....do solemnly swear /affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that as the Chairman of..... Local Government, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Local Government Law Cap. L73 Laws of Lagos State 2003, and always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will strive to preserve the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy contained in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will exercise the authority vested in me as Chairman. So as not to impede or prejudice the authority lawfully vested in the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria so as not to endanger the continuance of Federal Government in decision; that I will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will abide by the code of conduct contained in the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act 1990; that in all circumstances, I will do right to all manner of people, according to Law, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will; that I will not directly or indirectly, communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as Chairman of.....Local Government, except as may be required for the discharge of my duties as Chairman: and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria.

So help me God/Allah.

Section 25(1) (j)

OATH OF OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT / LOCAL COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT AREA

I.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that as the Vice-Chairman of.....Local Government, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Local Government Law Cap. L 73 Laws of Lagos State 2003, and always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will strive to preserve the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy contained in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will exercise the authority vested in the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria so as not to endanger the continuance of Federal Government in decision; that I will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will abide by the code of conduct contained in the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act 1990; that in all circumstances, I will do right to all manner of people, according to Law, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will; that I will not directly or indirectly, communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as Vice-Chairman of.....Local Government, except as may be required for the discharge of my duties as Vice-Chairman; and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria.

So help me God/Allah.

Section 84(b)

OATH OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT/LOCAL COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT AREA

I.....do solemnly swear /affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that as the member of.....Local Government, I will perform my functions honestly to the best of my ability, faithfully in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and rules of the Local Government; and always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will strive to preserve the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy contained in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will abide by the code of conduct contained in the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act 1990.

So help me God/Allah.

SCHEDULE 3

CONFIDENTIAL

LASIEC. 001

LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Data Form for Persons seeking Elections to the Membership of Local Government Council

PART 1

A. PERSONAL PARTICULARS

- 1. Surname (in block letters).....
- 2. Maiden Name (where applicable).....
- 3. Other Names (in block letters).....
- 4. Have you ever changed your names? If so, what was your former name?
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- 5. Residential Address.....
- 6. Marital Status.....
- 7. Postal Address.....
- 8. Nationality.....
- 9. Did you change nationality in the past? If so, what was your former Nationality?
- 10. Place of Birth.....
- 11. Date of Birth.....
- 12. Local Government Area.....
- 13. State.....
- 14. How long have you stayed in your present place of abode?
- 15. What is your present occupation?.....

(a) B. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED WITH DATES

1. Primary Schools.....
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2. Secondary Schools (including Teachers, Commercial, Technical and Equivalent institutions):.....
3. Tertiary Institutions (including Universities and Colleges)
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C. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION WITH DATES
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.....

D. WORKING EXPERIENCE WITH DATE (State employer, nature of work, reason for leaving)
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E. POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

(State political activities involved in, in the past public offices held, reason for leaving office, dates.) etc
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F. GENERAL

1. Have you ever been tried in a Court or Tribunal for any criminal offence? If yes, give details of case and the findings of the Court or Tribunal, Including punishment, if any
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2. Have you ever been tried by the Code of Conduct Tribunal? If yes, State details of the charges and the findings of the Tribunal, including punishment, if any
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3. Have you ever been involved in any investigation or inquiry regarding lunacy? If yes, state nature of inquiry or investigation, including the findings.
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4. State with full details the names and address of Clubs, Societies, Associations or Unions you belong to or have belonged to in the past?
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- 5. Have you ever been involved in any bankruptcy proceedings, If so, state where proceedings took place and the findings of the inquiry;
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- 6. Have you ever been arrested by the Police or other security agency? If so, state reasons for arrest, where and the outcome of the investigation.
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- 7. Are you a member of a Political Party? If so, state the name of your Political Party, when you joined the Political Party and your position in the party.
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- 8. Has your party agreed to sponsor you or is the Party's sponsorship being contested? State other known Contestants:
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- 9. Have you ever been involved in any investigation or trial relating to narcotic drugs or any psychotropic substance? If so, place of investigation or trial, date and outcome of the investigation or trial;
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- 10. Are you a registered voter? If so, state place of registration, registration number and the registration area code number:
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- 11. Give any other information about your person and the reason for which you intend to contest the election.
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G. DECLARATION BEFORE A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS IN THE MAGISTRATE OR HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE

- 1. I, solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars given above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

2. Before making the declaration, I verified the facts and cross-checked them as to their veracity.

.....
DEPONENT

Sworn to at the Magistrate /

High Court Registry.....

this.....day of.....200.....

BEFORE ME

.....
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

PART II

For Official use of the Commission
(Here record any independent information obtained or available about the subject).

Section 23(2) (7)

LASIEC. 005

LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COUNCIL ELECTION

APPEAL AGAINST NON-VERIFICATION BY THE VERIFICATION COMMITTEE

Date:.....

- 1. Name of Candidate.....
- 2. Home Address:.....
- 3. Ward of Constituency:.....
- 4. Local Government Area/Area Council:.....
- 5. State:.....
- 6. Political Party-Sponsorship Candidate:.....
- 7. Post Sought to Contest:.....
- 8. Reason for Non-Verification by the Verification Committee, if known
- 9. Grounds on Appeal:.....
- 10. Further Personal Particulars or Information likely to explain away cause of non-verification
Attach Documents if necessary
- 11. Remark by party Official (Chairman or Secretary of the party).
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Signed.....
Chairman/Secretary

(Affix official Rubber Stamp)

I.....
Affirm that the additional information given above towards my clearance to contest the election is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of Applicant

12. Decision of Verification Appeal Committee.
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Section 23(2) (6)

LASIEC. 006

LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

ELECTORAL OFFICERS RULING AS TO VALIDITY OF NOMINATION

TO:

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Take notice that a nomination paper received by me on.....in your favour
(has been accepted/rejected by me upon the following grounds)

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Dated this.....day of.....200.....

.....
Chairman
Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission

*Strike out words not applicable.

LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

**FORMS FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CHAIRMANSHIP ELECTION**

To:
The Chairman
Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission
Lagos.

Date:.....

I.....
of.....
(Address)

.....
(Occupation)

State that:

I am the candidate to whom this nomination paper relates and I am willing to stand for election to the office of Chairman for.....Local Government Area.

I am a Nigerian citizen of not less than 30 (thirty) years of age.

My name appears in the Register of voters for the ward in which I reside namely;
.....ward.....

My educational qualifications are:.....

My political affiliation and party is:
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.....

Signed:.....

Candidate:.....

We the undersigned are the nominators of the above candidate and we are registered as voters for the constituency for which the candidate seeks election;

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of First Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Second Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Third Nominator

Name:.....
Address:.....
Party Affiliation (if any):.....
Occupation:.....
Voter's Registration Particulars:
Number:.....
Local Government:.....
Ward:.....
Registration Unit:.....
Date:.....

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Signature of Fourth Nominator

Name:.....
Address:.....
Party Affiliation (if any):.....
Occupation:.....
Voter's Registration Particulars:
Number:.....
Local Government:.....
Ward:.....
Registration Unit:.....
Date:.....

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Signature of Fifth Nominator

Name:.....
Address:.....
Party Affiliation (if any):.....
Occupation:.....
Voter's Registration Particulars:
Number:.....
Local Government:.....
Ward:.....
Registration Unit:.....
Date:.....

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Signature of Sixth Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Seventh Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Eight Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Ninth Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any):.....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Tenth Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any):.....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Eleventh Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any):.....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Twelfth Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Thirteenth Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Fourteenth Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Fifteenth Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Sixteenth Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Seventeenth Nominator

Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Party Affiliation (if any).....
 Occupation:.....
 Voter's Registration Particulars:
 Number:.....
 Local Government:.....
 Ward:.....
 Registration Unit:.....
 Date:.....

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Signature of Eighteenth Nominator

Name:.....
Address:.....
Party Affiliation (if any).....
Occupation:.....
Voter's Registration Particulars:
Number:.....
Local Government:.....
Ward:.....
Registration Unit:.....
Date:.....

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Signature of Nineteenth Nominator

Name:.....
Address:.....
Party Affiliation (if any).....
Occupation:.....
Voter's Registration Particulars:
Number:.....
Local Government:.....
Ward:.....
Registration Unit:.....
Date:.....

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Signature of Twentieth Nominator

LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF RESULT OF POLL FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL.

Polling Station.....Code No.....

Ward.....Code No.....

Local Government Area.....Code No.....

State.....Code No.....

No. of Voters on the Register in Figures.....

No. of Voters on the Register in Words.....

No. of Voters on the Register in Figures.....

No. of Voters on the Register in Words.....

Serial Number of Voting Cards allocated to the Polling Station
.....To.....

Serial Numbers of Voting Cards Issued to Voters:
.....To.....

Serial Numbers of the Balance of Voting Cards
.....To.....

Name of Presiding Officer.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

NB:- The number of spaces for agents and political parties would be subject to the number of political parties participating in the election.

I.....hereby certify

1. That I was the Presiding Officer for the election held on.....day of.....at the above polling station.

2. That the election was CONTESTED/UNCONTESTED

3. That the candidate received the following votes:

(a) votes scored by Candidate (i) Figure.....

(ii) Words.....

(b) votes scored by Candidate (i) Figure.....

(ii) Words.....

(c) votes scored by Candidate (i) Figure.....

(ii) Words.....

Votes scored by all candidates in figures.....

Votes scored by all candidates in words.....

Dated this.....day of.....200.....

Name of Presiding Officer.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

NB:- The number of spaces for agents and political parties would be subject to the number of political parties participating in the election.

I,hereby certify

1. That I was the Presiding Officer for the election held on.....day of.....at the above polling station.

2. That the election was CONTESTED/UNCONTESTED

3. That the candidate received the following votes:

- (a) votes scored by Candidate (i) Figure.....
(ii) Words.....
- (b) votes scored by Candidate (i) Figure.....
(ii) Words.....
- (c) votes scored by Candidate (i) Figure.....
(ii) Words.....

Votes scored by all candidates in figures.....

Votes scored by all candidates in words.....

Dated this.....day of.....200.....

Name of Presiding Officer.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

NB:- The number of spaces for agents and political parties would be subject to the number of political parties participating in the election.

LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF RESULT OF POLL FOR ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.

Polling Station.....Code No.....
 Ward.....Code No.....
 Local Government Area.....Code No.....
 State.....Code No.....
 No. of Voters on the Register in Figures.....
 No. of Voters on the Register in Words.....
 No. of Voters on the Register in Figures.....
 No. of Voters on the Register in Words.....
 Serial Number of Voting Cards allocated to the Polling Station
To.....
 Serial Numbers of Voting Cards Issued to Voters:
To.....
 Serial Numbers of the Balance of Voting Cards
To.....
 Name of Presiding Officer.....Signature/Stamp.....
 Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....
 Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....
 Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....
 Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

NB:- The number of spaces for agents and political parties would be subject to the number of political parties participating in the election.

I,.....hereby certify

1. That I was the Presiding Officer for the election held on.....day of.....at the above polling station.

2. That the election was CONTESTED/UNCONTESTED

3. That the candidate received the following votes:

- (a) votes scored by Candidate (i) Figure.....
(ii) Words.....
- (b) votes scored by Candidate (i) Figure.....
(ii) Words.....
- (c) votes scored by Candidate (i) Figure.....
(ii) Words.....

Votes scored by all candidates in figures.....

Votes scored by all candidates in words.....

Dated this.....day of.....200.....

Name of Presiding Officer.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

Name of Agent.....Signature/Stamp.....

NB:- The number of spaces for agents and political parties would be subject to the number of political parties participating in the election.

LASIEC 10 (a)

**LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
SUMMARY RESULTS FROM POLLINGS STATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE
OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

STATE.....

L.G.A.....

LEVEL OF COLLATION.....

WARD.....

NAME OF WARD.....

CODE NO.....

S/N	CODE	NAME	No. of Registered Votes Fig. Ws	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	
				Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws
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Total No. of Votes												
No. of Votes B/F												
Total No. of Votes carried Over												

NAME OF WARD

RETURNING OFFICER..... SIGNATURE..... DATE/STAMP.....

NAME AND SIGNATURE OF PARTY AGENT

N.B. The number of columns for candidate will depend on the number of Political Association or Parties presenting candidate for the election

**LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
SUMMARY RESULTS FROM POLLINGS STATIONS FOR ELECTION TO COUNCILLOR**

STATE.....

L.G.A.....

LEVEL OF COLLATION.....

WARD.....

NAME OF WARD.....

CODE NO.....

S/N	CODE	NAME	No. of Registered Votes									
				Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	Name of Candidate	
				Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	Fig. Ws	
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Total No. of Votes												
No. of Votes B/F												
Total No. of Votes carried Over												

NAME OF WARD

RETURNING OFFICER..... SIGNATURE..... DATE/STAMP.....

NAME AND SIGNATURE OF PARTY AGENT

N.B. The number of columns for candidate will depend on the number of Political Association or Parties presenting candidate for the election

Section 54(1) (C)

LASIEC 11

LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

PART I

(To be completed by the Returning Officer)

I,.....hereby certify

1. That I was the Returning Officer for the election held on.....day of.....200.....
for.....
2. That the election was CONTESTED/UNCONTESTED
3. That the candidate received the following votes:

S/N	Name of Candidate	Name of Party	Total Votes in Figures	Total Votes in Words

PART II

**(To be completed by the Resident Electoral Officer or any other person Designed by the
Chief Electoral Officer of the State)**

That.....of.....having complied with the requirement of the law and score the majority
of votes is elected and returned.

Signature of returning officer.....

Dated this.....day of.....200.....

Section 54(1) (C)

LASIEC 12

LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR

PART I

(To be completed by the Returning Officer)

I,.....hereby certify:

1. That I was the Returning Officer for the election held on.....day of.....200.....
for.....
2. That the election was CONTESTED/UNCONTESTED
3. That the candidate received the following votes:

S/N	Name of Candidate	Name of Party	Total Votes in Figures	Total Votes in Words

PART II

**(To be completed by the Resident Electoral Officer or any other person Designed by the
Chief Electoral Officer of the State)**

That.....of.....having complied with the requirement of the law and score the majority
of votes is elected and returned.

Signature of returning officer.....

Dated this.....day of.....200.....

This printed impression has been compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Lagos State House
of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

A. T. OLATUNJI
Clerk of the House of Assembly

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COMMISSION LAW 2008 (CAP L36 LAWS OF LAGOS STATE 2015)
AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES



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COMMISSION LAW 2008 (CAP L36 LAWS OF LAGOS STATE 2015)
AND FOR CONNECTED PURCISES**

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THE LAGOS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY *enacts as follows*—

Commence-
ment

1. The Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission Law 2008 (Cap L36 Laws of Lagos State 2015) (referred to as the "Principal Law") is amended as follows-

Amendment
to the
Principal
Law

2. The Principal Law is amended by deleting Section 5 and replacing it as follows-

Amendment
to Section 5.

 - (1) The Functions of the Commission shall be to-

Functions
of the
Commission

 - (a) organise, undertake and supervise all elections to Local Government Areas and Local Council Development Areas within the State;
 - (b) render such advice as it may consider necessary to the Independent National Electoral Commission on the compilation of the register of voters;
 - (c) prescribe guidelines to political parties stipulating the rules and produce for the conduct of Local Government elections in the State.
 - (d) conduct voters' and civic education;
 - (e) promote knowledge of sound democratic election processes;
 - (f) conduct any referendum or plebiscite required to be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Constitution of Nigeria 1999 as Amended or any Law of the State House of Assembly;
 - (g) prepare and submits its budget directly to the House of Assembly;
 - (h) liaise directly with the Commissioner of Police, Director, State Security Service and other relevant security bodies in order to facilitate violence-free and fair elections;
 - (i) consult regularly with all registered political parties in the State and ensure free flow of information about the Commission;
 - (j) appoint Counsel to defend the Commission and prosecute anyone who violates the provision of the Law;
 - (k) assign polls clerks and orderlies in respect of each polling station or unit to assist at the polls; and
 - (l) perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by Law.

- (2) (a) Subject to the provisions of the Independent National Electoral Commission Act, the Commission shall divide each Local Government Area into such number of Wards, not less than ten (10) or more than twenty (20), as the circumstances of each Local Government may require.
- (b) The boundaries of each ward shall be such that the number of inhabitants of the Ward is as nearly equal to the population quota of the ward as is reasonably practicable.
- (c) The Commission shall review the division of every Local Government into wards at intervals of every ten (10) years and may alter such wards in accordance with the provisions of this Section to such extent as it may consider desirable.
- Amendment to Section 21(1) 3. Section 21 (1) of the Principal Law is amended by deleting the phrase "sixty (60) days" and replacing it with "ninety (90) days".
- Amendment to Section 40. 4. Section 40 of the Principal Law is amended by inserting a new subsection (4) as follows-
- "Where in this Law, an act is required to be done by or in the presence of a party agent, the omission of the party agent to do the act or the fact that the party agent is not present shall not invalidate the act if properly done".
- Death of the Chairman of a Local Government Area before Swearing-in 5. The Principal Law is amended by creating a new Section 62 as follows-
- (1) *Where a person duly elected as Chairman of a Local Government Area of a Local Government Area dies before subscribing to the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office, the person elected with him Vice-Chairman shall be sworn in as Chairman.*
- (2) *The Chairman shall subject to the approval of majority of the members of the Legislative Council nominate a Vice-chairman*
- (3) *Where the Vice-Chairman is appointed from amongst the Councillors, the Commission shall conduct a bye-election to fill the vacancy created by the appointment.*
- Death of both Chairman and Vice-Chairman 6. The Principal Law is amended by creating a new Section 63 as follows-
- "Where the person duly elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman die, the Commission shall conduct an election to fill the vacancies."

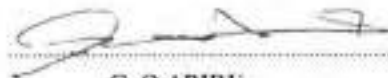
7. The Principal Law is amended by creating a new Section 64 as follows-
- "In determining the tenure of a Chairman/Vice-Chairman where a re-run election is ordered by the tribunal, and the person earlier sworn-in as Chairman/Vice Chairman wins the re-run election, the time he had spent in office before the election was annulled shall be taken in account."*
8. The Principal Law is amended by renumbering all Sections Accordingly.
9. This Law may be cited as the Lagos State Independent Electoral (Amendment) Law 2016 and shall come into force on ___ day of ___ 2016.

Tenure of
office after
re-run

Renumbering
of the
Principal
Law.

Citation and
Commencement

This printed impression has been compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Lagos State House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.



G. O. ABIRU

Clerk of the House of Assembly

Assented to by me, this 5th day of MAY 2016.



MR. AKINWUNMI AMBODE

Governor of Lagos State

Assent withheld by me, this..... day of..... 20.....

MR. AKINWUNMI AMBODE

Governor of Lagos State

Passed again by the Lagos State House of Assembly by two-thirds majority,

this.....day of.....20.....

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RT. HON. MUDASHIRU A. OBASA
Speaker of the House of Assembly

**A LAW TO FURTHER AMEND THE LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT
ELECTORAL COMMISSION LAW (CAP. L36 LAWS OF LAGOS
STATE 2015) AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES**

**A LAW TO FURTHER AMEND THE LAGOS STATE
INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION LAW
(CAP.L36 LAWS OF LAGOS STATE 2015)
AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES**

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| 1. | The Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission Law Cap. L36 Laws of Lagos State 2015 (referred to in this law as the Principal Law) is further amended as follows: | Amendment to the Principal Law |
| 2. | The Principal Law is amended by creating a new section 27 to read as follows:

Section 27. The Commission shall conduct a Verification Exercise of all candidates presented by the Political Parties in the State before the election. | Creation of New Section 27

Verification Exercise |
| 3. | The Principal Law is further amended by deleting Section 28 and replacing it with a new Section 28 as follows:
(1) A Political Party may withdraw the nomination of its candidate by a notice in writing signed by the State Secretary to the Political Party and delivered in person to the Commission not later than 12.00 noon, three (3) days before the election.

(2) A candidate may withdraw own's candidature by a notice in writing signed by the candidate and delivered in person to the Political Party that nominated the candidate for election and the Political Party shall convey such withdrawal to the Commission not later than three (3) days to the election. | Amendment to Section 28 |
| 4. | The Principal Law is further amended by deleting Section 62(1) and replacing it with a new Section 62(1) as follows:
(1) Every registered Political Party shall give to the Commission within a reasonable time notice of any convention, congress, conference, primaries or meeting convened for the purpose of electing members of its executive committees, other governing bodies or nominating candidate for any of the elective offices specified under the provisions of this Law. | Amendment to Section 62(1) |

5 All sections of the Principal Law are renumbered accordingly

Amendment
to the
Principal Law

6 This Law may be cited as the Lagos State Independent Electoral (Further Amendment) Law 2017 and shall come into force on the..... day of..... 2017

Citation and
Commencement

This printed impression has been compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Lagos State House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

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MR. AZEEZ A. SAANI
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Assented to by me, this 17th day of JULY 2017

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MR. AKINWUNMI AMBODE
Governor of Lagos State

Assent withheld by me, this..... day of..... 20.....

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MR. AKINWUNMI AMBODE
Governor of Lagos State

Passed again by the Lagos State House of Assembly by two-thirds majority, this..... day of..... 20.....

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RT. HON. MUDASHIRU A. OBASA
Speaker of the House of Assembly

**A LAW TO FURTHER AMEND THE LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
LAW, CAP. L36 LAWS OF LAGOS STATE OF NIGERIA 2015.**

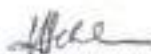
**A LAW TO FURTHER AMEND THE LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL
COMMISSION LAW, CAP.136, LAWS OF LAGOS STATE OF NIGERIA, 2015**

THE LAGOS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY enacts as follows:

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| Amendment to the
Principal Law. | 1. The Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission Law, Cap. L36, Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2015 (referred to in this Law as the "Principal Law") is further amended as follows: |
| Amendment to Section 2. | 2. Section 2 of the Principal Law is further amended by creating a new subsection (5) as follows:

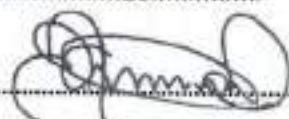
(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this Section, the Governor may subject to the approval of the House, extend the tenure of office of members of the Commission for a period not exceeding six (6) months after the expiration of their tenure, where it is expedient to do so. |
| Citation and
Commencement. | 3. This Law may be cited as the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission (Further Amendment) Law and shall come into effect on the day of2021. |

This printed impression has been compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Lagos State House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.



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MR. OLALEKAN B. ONAFEKO
Ag. Clerk of the House of Assembly

Assented to by me, this 24TH day of JUNE 2021



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MR. BABAJIDE OLUSOLA SANWO-OLU
Governor of Lagos State

Assent withheld by me, this..... day of..... 20.....

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MR. BABAJIDE OLUSOLA SANWO-OLU
Governor of Lagos State

Passed again by the Lagos State House of Assembly by two-thirds majority, this.....
day of..... 20.....

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RT. HON. MUDASHIRU A. OBASA
Speaker of the House of Assembly

**A LAW TO FURTHER AMEND THE LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT
ELECTORAL COMMISSION LAW, CH. L36 LAWS OF LAGOS STATE 2015,
AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES.**

A LAW TO FURTHER AMEND THE LAGOS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION LAW CH. L36 LAWS OF LAGOS STATE 2015 AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES.

THE LAGOS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY enacts as follows:

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| <i>Amendment to the Principal Law.</i> | 1. | The Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission Law Ch. L36 Laws of Lagos State 2015 (referred to in this Law as "the Principal Law") is further amended as follows: |
| <i>Amendment to Section 88 of the Principal Law</i> | 2. | The Principal Law is further amended in section 88 by inserting the words "Physical Disability" immediately after the definition of the word "Misconduct" to mean -
"Physical Disability" refers to a condition or impairment that affects a person's physical functioning and mobility such as paralysis, amputation, visual impairment etc. It includes the definition of physical disability in the Special People's Law Ch. S 9 Laws of Lagos State 2015". |
| <i>Creation of a New Section 14.</i> | 3. | The Principal Law is further amended by creating a new section 14 as follows - |
| | 14, | As from the commencement of this Law, all funds due and accrued to the Commission for the conduct of the Local Government elections shall be released to the Commission at least one hundred and eighty (180) days before the elections. |
| <i>Creation of a New Section 15.</i> | 4. | The Principal Law is further amended by creating a new section 15 as follows - |
| | 15, | (1) There shall be elected for each Local Government Area and Local Council Development Area in the State, a Chairman and Vice Chairman. |
| | | (2) There shall be elected a Councillor for each electoral ward in a Local Government Area and Local Council Development Area of the State. |
| <i>Amendment to Section 18(1) of the Principal Law.</i> | 5. | Section 18 (1) of the Principal Law is further amended by deleting and replacing it as follows -

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the conduct of an election under this Law into each of the twenty (20) Local Government Areas listed in the Constitution and the thirty-seven (37) Local Council Development Areas shall be vested in the electoral officer under the general supervision of the Commission. |

- (2) The electoral officer may—
 - (a) require information from an officer appointed under sections 14-17 of this Law with respect to a matter relating to the functions of that officer, and
 - (b) subject to the provisions of this Law, issue instructions to those officer with respect to the performance of their functions under this Law.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Commission shall conduct elections into the twenty (20) Local Government Areas listed in the Constitution, the thirty-seven (37) Local Council Areas and the three hundred and seventy-seven

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STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL
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relating to campaign shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of Two Million Naira (N2,000,000.00) or one (1) year custodial sentence or both.

*Creation of a
New Section 25A
in the
Principal Law.*

9. The Principal Law is further amended by creating a new section 25A as follows—

*Submission of
Unqualified
Candidate for
Election.*

25A. (1) As from the commencement of this Law, no Political Party shall submit an unqualified candidate to the Commission for election.

(2) Any Political Party that contravenes the provision of subsection (1) above shall be liable to a fine of Ten Million Naira (N10,000,000.00) and shall forfeit the opportunity to submit a replacement.

*Amendment to
Section 28 of the
Principal Law.*

10. The Principal Law is further amended by deleting section 28 and replacing it as follows -

*Withdrawal of
Candidate.*

28. (1) A Political Party may withdraw the nomination of its candidate by notice in writing signed by the Secretary of the Political Party and delivered in person, to the Commission not later than 12.00pm in the afternoon of the fourteenth (14th) day before the verification exercise.

(2) A candidate may withdraw the candidature by notice in writing signed by the candidate and such notice shall be delivered in person to the Political Party that nominated the candidate for the election and the Political Party shall convey such withdrawal notice to the Commission not later than fourteen (14) days to the election.

(3) No Political party shall be allowed to change or substitute its candidate whose name has been submitted to the Commission, except in the case of death or withdrawal by the candidate.

(4) In the case of such death or withdrawal of a candidate, the Political Party affected shall within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence of such event, hold a fresh primary election to produce and submit a fresh candidate to the Commission.

(5) Where a party missed the deadline of fourteen (14) days replacement of nomination such Political Party may appeal to the Commission stating the extra ordinary reasons

for the Political party's inability to meet the deadline for replacement and the Commission may after considering the extra ordinary reason decide to grant or refuse such appeal.

(6) A person who is aggrieved by the substitution of the candidature by the Political Party may before election petition the Courts for redress.

*Creation of a
New Section 29A.*

12. The Principal Law is further amended by creating a new section 29A (1) and (2) to read -

*Death of a
Chairman of
a Local
Government
Area before
Swearing In.*

(1) Where a duly elected Chairman of a Local Government dies before taking the Oath of Office-

- (i) the Vice Chairman shall assume the position of the Chairman and shall be duly sworn in as Chairman.
- (ii) a new Vice Chairman shall be nominated by the party and be duly sworn in as Vice Chairman.

(2) Where the Vice Chairman is appointed from the Councillors as the new Vice Chairman, the Commission shall conduct a bye-election to fill the vacant seat created in the Ward from which the new Vice Chairman has been appointed.

(3) Where the persons duly elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman of a Local Government area dies after taking and subscribing to the Oath of Office, the Commission shall within sixth (60) days conduct an election for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Local Government Area in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

*Amendment to
Section 44 (2) of the
Principal Law.*

13. The Principal Law is further amended in section 44(2) by deleting subsection (2) and replacing it as follows

44. (2)

Where a voter is physical disabled or is with any disability, such voter may be accompanied to the polling booth by a polling unit officer or a family representative of the physically disabled person's choice to cast a vote in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

Creation of New
Sections 17-23

14. The Principal Law is further amended by creating new sections 17 to 23 as follows -

*Procedure
for
Nomination.*

17. (1) If after the expiration of time for the delivery of nomination papers and the withdrawal of candidate for Councillors under this Law, only one candidate remains duly nominated, that candidate shall be declared returned unopposed.
(2) If after the expiration of time for the delivery of nomination paper(s) and the withdrawal of candidates for election of Councillors under this section more than one candidate remains duly nominated, a poll shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

(3) Where at the close of nomination for election to the Office of Chairman, only one candidate—

- (a) has been nominated; or
- (b) remains nominated by reason of the disqualification, withdrawal, incapacitation, disappearance, or death of the other candidate, the Commission shall extend the time for nomination by seven (7) days:

Provided that where after the extension, only one candidate remains validly nominated there shall be no further extension.

*Date of Local
Government
Areas Election and
Method of Voting*

18. (1) Election into Local Government Area shall be held on the same date throughout the State.
(2) Bye-elections to fill vacancies that occur in Local Government Areas shall be held within thirty (30) days from the date the vacancy occurred.
(3) Voting shall be by open-secret ballot.

*Election of Local
Government
Chairman.*

19. (1) A candidate for an election to the Officer of Chairman shall be deemed to have been duly elected to the office where being the only candidate nominated for the election, the candidate has—
- (a) a majority of YES votes over NO votes cast at the election and
 - (b) not less than one-third of the votes cast at the election in each of at least two

thirds of all the wards in the Local Government Area.

(2) A candidate for an election to the Office of the Chairman shall be deemed to have been elected where there are only two candidates for the election the candidate has -

- (a) a majority of the votes cast at the election; and
- (b) not less than one-quarter of the votes cast at the election in each of at least two-thirds of all the wards in the Local Government Area, as the case may be.

(3) If no candidate is duly elected under subsection (2), the Commission shall within fourteen (14) days conduct a second election between the two candidates, and the candidate who scored the majority of votes cast at the election shall be deemed duly elected at the election.

(4) A candidate for an election to the Office of Chairman shall be deemed to have been duly elected where, there being more than two candidates for the election, the candidate has -

- (a) the highest number of votes cast at the election; and
- (b) not less than one-quarter of the votes cast at the election in each of at least two-thirds of all wards in the Local Government area, as the case may be.

(5) If no candidate is duly elected in accordance with subsection (4), there shall be a second election in accordance with subsection (6) at which the only candidate shall be—

- (a) the candidate who scored the highest number of votes at the election held under subsection (4); and
- (b) one among the remaining candidates who has the majority of votes in the highest number of wards so that where there is more than one candidate, the one among them the highest total number of votes cast at the election shall be the second candidate for the election.

(6) In default of a candidate duly elected under the above subsections, the Commission shall within fourteen (14) days of the result of the election held under the said subsections conduct another election between the two candidates and a candidate at such an election shall be deemed to have been duly elected to the office of a Chairman of the Local Government Area if the candidate has—

- (a) a majority of the votes cast at the election; and
- (b) not less than one-quarter of the votes cast at the election in each of at least two-thirds of all the wards in the Local Government Area, as the case may be.

(7) If no candidate is duly elected under subsection (6), arrangements shall be made within fourteen (14) days of the result of the previous election, for another election between the two candidates specified in subsection (6), and a candidate at this last election shall be deemed duly elected to the office of Chairman of the Local Government Area and Local Council Development Area if the candidate has scored a simple majority of votes cast at the election.

Pre-election Matters.

20. (1) A pre-election matter shall be filed in court at least fourteen (14) days from the date of occurrence of the event, decision or action complained of.

(2) The decision of the High Court in respect of pre-election matters shall be final.

Post-election Matters.

21. (1) A post-election petition shall be filed not later than twenty-one (21) days after the declaration of the result of election.

(2) All petition arising from post-election matters shall be heard by the Election Tribunal established by the Local government Election Tribunal law, Ch. L90 llaws of Lagos State, 2015.

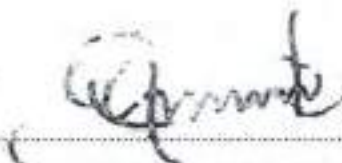
(3) An election petition shall be heard and determined within thirty (30) days from the date on which the petition is filed.

- Jurisdiction of Election Tribunals.* 22. An Election Tribunal shall not hear or determine a petition outside its jurisdiction.
- Appeal.* 23. (1) An appeal from the decision of the Election Tribunal shall lie to the Election Appeal Tribunal in accordance with the Local Government Election Tribunal Law Ch. L90, Laws of Lagos State, 2015.
- (2) An appeal arising from the decision of Election Tribunal on an election petition shall be heard and determined within twenty-one (21) days from the date of filing.
- Renumbering of the Principal Law.* 15. The Principal Law is further amended by renumbering all sections, subsections, paragraphs, sub paragraphs etc. accordingly.
- Citation and Commencement.* 16. This Law may be cited as the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission (Further Amendment) Law 2025 and shall come into force on theday of.....2025.

This printed impression has been compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Lagos State House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.


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MR. OLALEKAN B. ONAFEKO
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Assented to by me, this ^{5th} day of ^{July} 20²⁵.....


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MR. BABAJIDE OLUSOLA SANWO-OLU
Governor of Lagos State

Assent withheld by me, this.....day of.....20.....

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MR. BABAJIDE OLUSOLA SANWO-OLU
Governor of Lagos State

Passed again by the Lagos State House of Assembly by two-thirds majority,
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RT. HON. MUDASHIRU A. OBASA
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