

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

JOINT REGULATION

No. 8 of 1975

Establishment
of Electoral
Committees

TO PROVIDE for the establishment of Electoral Committees.

MADE by the Resident Commissioners under the provisions of Articles 2:2, 7 and 62 of the Anglo-French Protocol of 1914.

1. There shall be established by Joint Decision of the Resident Commissioners Electoral Committees for the purpose of compiling provisional electoral records for the preparation of electoral rolls for local government and central government elections, in the manner following -

(a) for the township of Vila, two public officers, one nominated by each Resident Commissioner, as co-Chairmen, and four other persons named in such decision,

as members;

(b) for the township of Santo, the two District Agents ex officio, as co-Chairmen, and four other persons named in such decision,

as members;

(c) for the Northern District (excluding the township of Santo), Central District No. 2, Central District No. 1 (excluding the township of Vila) and Southern District, in each case, the two District Agents ex officio, as co-Chairmen, and four other persons named in such decision,

as members.

Function of
Electoral
Committees

2. (1) The function of each Electoral Committee shall be to compile a provisional record of electors for local government and central government elections, for the purpose of the establishment of an official electoral roll.

(2) For the purpose of compiling the provisional electoral record referred to in subsection (1), the Electoral Committee shall ascertain such information concerning such persons in any place as the Resident Commissioners may from time to time direct.

Electoral
Committees may
appoint Regis-
tration Officers

3. (1) Every Electoral Committee may appoint in writing any servant or agent to act as a Registration Officer in any place.

(2) Every District Agent and every Assistant District Agent shall ex-officio be deemed to be a Registration Officer.

Assistance by
two
inhabitants

4. Every Registration Officer may call upon two suitable inhabitants in any place to assist him in the determination of age or place of residence of any person or persons or of any other material for the purpose of compiling the provisional electoral record and such persons shall render the assistance required.

Duty of persons
to give
information

5. Every person who shall be called upon a Registration Officer to give any information concerning himself for the purpose of determining whether he should be enrolled on the provisional electoral record shall without delay give such information to the best of his knowledge and belief.

6. Whenever a Registration Officer is considering the registration of any person on the provisional electoral record by virtue of his length of residence in any place, such person shall produce a certificate of employment or other documentary evidence to establish such period of residence :

Provided that where no such certificate or other evidence is available, such period of residency may be sufficiently established by the production of a declaration signed by two persons (not related to the person in question) approved by the Registration Officer in the form set out in the Schedule.

New qualification
and transfer of
registration

7. (1) Any person who, not having been qualified for registration on the provisional electoral record at the time of compilation of such list in any year, subsequently becomes so qualified (whether by having attained the prescribed minimum age or by any other cause) may be registered accordingly at the time when the electoral rolls are revised in accordance with the appropriate rules governing the holding of local government or central government elections, as the case may be.

(2) Any person who is duly qualified as an elector in any municipality, rural community or central government constituency, may apply to the appropriate Electoral Committee at the time of the revision of the electoral rolls to be transferred to the electoral list of any other municipality, rural community or constituency, as the case may be, and upon his satisfying the Electoral Committee that he is duly qualified as an elector in such other place the appropriate deletion and transfer of his name shall be effected and his electoral card either amended or withdrawn or re-issued.

Electoral cards

8. Upon or after the registration of any person in the provisional electoral record, the Registration Officer shall, if he is satisfied that such person is qualified as an elector at any election, issue to such person an electoral card in a form approved by the Resident Commissioners which shall identify such person by name and certify that he is so registered as aforesaid. A duplicate of such card shall be made and retained by the Registration Officer for transmission to the Electoral Committee.

Offences

9. (1) Any person who shall wilfully resist, obstruct or hinder any member of an Electoral Committee or any Registration Officer in the lawful execution of his duties under this Regulation or any rules made thereunder shall be guilty of an offence punishable upon a first conviction by a fine not exceeding 10,000 FNH or the equivalent thereof in Australian dollars at the official rate of exchange and upon a second or subsequent conviction by such fine or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who shall wilfully give any false information to any member of an Electoral Committee or any Registration Officer or wilfully make a false certificate, document or declaration under the provisions of section 6 or fraudulently destroy or alter any electoral card issued to any person under the provisions of section 8 shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon conviction to the penalties prescribed in subsection (1).

Compilation etc.
of electoral
rolls

10. (1) When each Electoral Committee is satisfied that it has established a complete provisional record of electors within the area of its competence, in accordance with the provisions of section 2, it shall forward the same in the form of a list or by means of the duplicates of all electoral cards issued to the Resident Commissioners at such time and in such manner as shall be directed by Resident Commissioners, together with a report by the Electoral Committee on the preparation thereof.

(2) The Resident Commissioners shall appoint an Electoral Commission which shall cause electoral rolls to be prepared from such lists or cards, as the case may be, and printed in such numbers and deposited for safe custody in such manner as they shall direct.

(3) The electoral rolls prepared in accordance with subsection (2) shall be revised from time to time in accordance with the appropriate provisions for law by the Electoral Committee concerned and subject to the supervision of the Electoral Commission.

Joint Rules

11. The Resident Commissioners may by joint rules prescribe any procedure or matter necessary for or incidental to the implementation of this Regulation which rules may constitute offences and provide penalties therefor.

Citation and
commencement

12. This Regulation may be cited as the Joint Electoral Committees Regulation No. 8 of 1975 and shall come into operation on the date of its publication in the Condominium Gazette.

SCHEDULE

(section 6)

DECLARATION OF RESIDENCE OF ELECTOR

We the undersigned do hereby declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief

..... (full name of intended elector)

has resided at

..... (name of place)

from (date)

to the present time.

Signatures

.....

Witness

(Registration Officer)

MADE at Vila this tenth day of March 1975

The Resident Commissioner
for the French Republic

Her Britannic Majesty's Assistant
Resident Commissioner (in the
absence of the Resident
Commissioner in pursuance of
the provisions of Sec. 6 (2) (b)
of the New Hebrides Order in
Council 1922)

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