

ACT

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Enacted this 13th day of November, 1990.

J. S. MOMOH,  
President.



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Sierra Leone

The Franchise and Electoral Registration (Amendment) Short title.  
Act, 1990

Being an Act to amend the Franchise and Electoral Registration Act,  
1961

[2nd January, 1990]

Date of  
Commence-  
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in  
this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the Commence-  
ment.  
2nd day of January, 1990.

Amendment of Section 6 (1) of Act No. 44 of 1961. 2. Sub-section (1) of Section 6 of the Franchise and Electoral Registration Act, 1961 is amended by repealing the words "twenty-one years" appearing in the second and third lines and replacing them by the words "eighteen years".

Amendment of Section 9 (1) of Act No. 44 of 1961. 3. Sub-section (1) of Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by replacing the word "Minister" appearing in the first line, by the words "Electoral Commission" and by replacing the word "he" appearing in the second line thereof by the words "that Commission".

Repeal and replacement of Section 10 of Act No. 44 of 1961. 4. Section 10 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following new section:—

"Appointment of Assistant Registration Officers.

10. (1) The Electoral Commission may appoint fit and proper persons to be Assistant Registration Officers to assist them in the preparation of the Registers of Electors in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) Subject to the authority, direction and control of the Electoral Commission, an Assistant Registration Officer shall have all the powers and may perform any of the duties of a Registration Officer under this Act".

Repeal and replacement of Section 13 of Act No. 44 of 1961. 5. Section 13 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following new section:—

"Notice inviting claims of electors.

Form A First Schedule.

13. On the date specified in any order made under Section 12, every Registration Officer shall publish in each ward in respect of which he is appointed, a notice in the Form A in the First Schedule requiring within ten days of the publication of such notice every eligible elector to present himself for registration in the ward in respect of which the notice is published".

Repeal and replacement of Section 14 of Act No. 44 of 1961. 6. Section 14 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following new section:—

"Claim for registration

14. After the period of ten days specified in Section 13, every person who desires and is entitled to be registered as an elector in any ward shall present himself to the Registration Officer and shall produce to that Registration Officer such evidence as may be necessary to establish his eligibility to be so registered".

7. Section 15 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following new section:—

"Registration Officer to examine qualifications."

15. (1) The Registration Officer shall, where necessary, examine the qualifications of any person who desires to be registered and shall receive such evidence as may be necessary to satisfy himself that such person is qualified for registration under this Act.

Repeal and replacement of Section 15 of Act No. 44 of 1961.

(2) Where a Registration Officer is satisfied that any person is qualified to be registered as an elector in the ward in respect of which he presents himself, the Registration Officer shall register that person in the manner hereinafter provided, otherwise he shall disallow such registration".

8. Section 16 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following new section:—

"Copy of provisional list to be exhibited."

16. (1) The Electoral Commission or its Agent shall compile a provisional list of all electors for each ward and shall include in such list all persons qualified to be registered under the provisions of Section 15.

Repeal and replacement of Section 16 of Act No. 44 of 1961.

(2) As soon as it is expedient to do so, after the last day of presentation for registration as specified in Section 14, the Electoral Commission or its Agent shall cause to be made and exhibited in such places within each ward as may be deemed fit, a copy of the provisional list for that ward:

Provided that if it is expedient or deemed necessary to do so, the list or part of it may be exhibited in any sub-ward to which it relates"

9. Section 17 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following new section:—

"Powers of Electoral Commission or its Agent."

17. (1) For the purpose of compiling provisional lists under the provisions of Section 16, the Electoral Commission or its Agents may—

Repeal and replacement of Section 17 of Act No. 44 of 1961.

(a) appoint field registrars in order to have a house to house or other sufficient inquiry made as to the persons entitled to be registered and such field registrars may perform such other duties connected with the registration of electors as may be assigned to them by the Electoral Commission or its Agents; and

(b) refer to existing Rate Books, Local Tax Assessment Lists and all other similar records relating to any area or ward, and any officer of a local authority or other person having the custody of any such records shall afford the Electoral Commission or its Agents every facility as may be required.

**Offences and Penalties**

(2) Any person who hinders or obstructs a field registrar in the execution of his duties under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand leones or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment."

**Repeal and replacement of Section 18 of Act No. 44 of 1961.**

10. Section 18 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following new section:—

**"Procedure as to omissions and objections.**

18. (1) Any person whose name has been omitted from any copy of the provisional list of electors or part thereof, prepared and exhibited under the provisions of Section 16, and who claims to have his name inserted therein shall within ten days after the exhibition of such copy, or part thereof, apply or present himself to the Electoral Commission or its appointed Agents to have his name inserted in such copy.

(2) Any person whose name appears in any copy of the provisional list, or part thereof, may object to any other person whose name also appears therein as not being entitled to be registered as an elector and shall within ten days after the exhibition of such copy or part thereof, under the provisions of Section 16, give notice of this objection to the Electoral Commission or its appointed Agent and to the person objected to, giving reasons for his objection.

(3) Within 14 days of the expiration of the period of 10 days prescribed in subsection (2), the Electoral Commission shall cause to be prepared and exhibited in a place where a copy of the provisional list, or part of has been exhibited under the provisions of Section 16, a statement of all claims and objections in respect of such copy or part thereof, giving the names of the persons who have made the claims or objections".

11. The Form A in the First Schedule to the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following new Form A.

Repeal and replacement of Form A in the First Schedule.

"FIRST SCHEDULE  
FORM A

(Section 13)

FRANCHISE AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION ACT, 1961  
NOTICE TO ELECTORS

1. Every person who desires and is entitled to be registered as an elector in a ward of the..... Constituency is requested to present himself to the Registration Officer at..... on or before the..... day of..... 199.....

Registration Officer

Date....."

Passed in Parliament this 1st day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ninety.

M. T. BETTS-PRIDY,  
Acting Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

M. T. BETTS-PRIDY,  
Acting Clerk of Parliament.