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LEGAL SUPPLEMENT — B

GUYANA No. 14 of 2023

ORDER

Made Under

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) ACT

(Cap. 28:03)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION BY SECTION 8 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) ACT, THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Local Authorities (Elections) (Preparation of Registers) Order 2023.

Purpose of this Order

2. This Order allows for the preparation of the registers of voters for each local authority area identified for the holding of elections in the Municipal and Neighbourhood Democratic Councils (Participating Local Authorities) Order 2022.

Qualifying date

3. The qualifying date, with respect to which the registers of voters referenced in section 2 of this Order are to be prepared, shall be 22nd May 2023.

The preliminary lists of voters

4. For each local authority area, the names and other particulars persons whose addresses are within that area, as recorded in the National Register of Registrants, shall be extracted and shall comprise the preliminary list of voters for that area.

5. Each of those lists shall be certified in the prescribed form and published no later than 12th February 2023.

Applications and objections

6. A notice shall be published, on the same day as in section 5 above, inviting –

Applications to be registered

(a) every person whose name does not appear in the relevant preliminary list, who believes themselves to be qualified to be registered as a voter for that particular

local authority area, to apply between 13th February 2023 and 19th February 2023 (inclusive) to an assistant electoral registrar to be so registered.

Objections

(b) any person whose name appears on a preliminary list to, between 13th February 2023 and 22nd February 2023 (inclusive),

(i) lodge an objection in writing with an assistant electoral registrar, in the prescribed form, to the inclusion of any person on the ground that, by reason of the facts stated in the objection, such person is not qualified to be registered as a voter for that local authority area, and

Corrections of particulars

(ii) forward by registered post a copy of that objection to the person whose inclusion on the list is being challenged.

(c) any person whose name appears on a preliminary list, whose particulars are incorrectly stated in that list, to lodge an application in writing with an assistant electoral registrar, in the prescribed form, for the appropriate corrections to be made.

Sending of supplementary lists, objections and applications to electoral registrars

7. No later than 24th February 2023, each assistant electoral registrar shall send to the relevant electoral registrar –

(a) a supplementary list of persons registered as voters by that assistant electoral registrar, together with all application forms in that regard and the duplicates of all notices of disallowance issued by that assistant electoral registrar.

(b) all forms of objection received by that assistant electoral registrar, together with all documents received in that regard.

(c) all applications for corrections of particulars by that assistant electoral registrar.

Hearing of objections

8. No later than 26 February 2023, each electoral registrar shall hear and determine all objections and applications for corrections duly lodged in the periods specified by section 6(b) and (c) of this Order.

Correction of preliminary

9. Not later than 8th March 2023, each electoral registrar shall

lists

correct the preliminary list by –

(a) deleting the names of persons –

(i) to give effect to the determination of the relevant objections, and

(ii) who applied to be registered as voters for another local authority area.

(b) making the necessary corrections –

(i) in accordance with the relevant applications for corrections of particulars, and

(ii) by way of rectification of clerical errors, removal of duplicate entries, insertion of names accidentally omitted, amendment of particulars of entries or otherwise.

Correction of supplementary lists

10. Not later than 8th March 2023, each electoral registrar shall correct the supplementary lists by way of rectification of clerical errors, removal of duplicate entries, insertion of names accidentally omitted, amendment of particulars of entries or otherwise.

Made this 8th day of February 2023.

Claudette S. Singh

Justice of Appeal (Rtd)
Claudette Singh
Chairperson
Guyana Elections Commission