



PRESS RELEASE

DECLARATION OF DATE FOR THE CONDUCT OF PARLIAMENTARY BYE ELECTIONS IN CONSTITUENCY 005, KAILAHUN DISTRICT AND CONSTITUENCY 073, PORT LOKO DISTRICT ON SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH 2022.

By the powers vested in it under section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No.6 of 1991), and pursuant to the provisions of section 39 of the said Constitution, sections 69 (1) and 70 (1) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No 4 of 2012), the Electoral Commission (EC) makes the following proclamation:

- 1. Saturday 26th day of March 2022 is hereby declared as the day for the conduct of Parliamentary Bye Elections in Constituency 005, in Kailahun District and Constituency 073, in Port Loko District.**
- 2. According to letters dated 11th January, 2022 from the Deputy Clerk of Parliament, the vacancies occurred as a result of the deaths of the late Honourable Aloysious Bockarie Ansumana (RIP), of Constituency 005, Kailahun District, whose death took place on Friday 7th January 2022 and the late Honourable Ahmed Samba Turay (RIP), of Constituency 073, Port Loko District, whose death took place on Monday 10th January 2022. May the souls of the departed rest in perfect peace.**
- 3. Nomination of Candidates for the said Parliamentary Bye Elections shall take place on Sunday 16th to Monday 17th February 2022 at the Electoral Commission District Offices, Mbelebu Section, Kailahun District and 75 Lungi Road, Mayiba, Port Loko District, respectively.**

4. The deadline for Political Parties to submit the List of their Endorsed Candidates for the bye-elections to the Electoral Commission is on Tuesday 15th February 2022; as per Sections 61 and 62 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012).
5. In accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012, the candidates's nomination fee for the said Parliamentary Bye Elections is **TEN MILLION LEONES ONLY(Le. 10,000,000.00)** per Candidate, payable to the District Returning Officers at the above mentioned addresses.
6. Qualifications and disqualifications for Member of Parliament are found in Sections 75 and 76 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991) and any other relevant legislation.
7. The Commission will conduct the said bye elections in accordance with Corona Virus 2019 (Covid-19) prevention guidelines that are approved by the National Covid-19 Response Centre (NACOVERC) for the conduct of electoral activities nationwide.
8. Other details for the nomination and conduct of the said bye elections shall be published by the Electoral Commission in due course.

Signed and dated this 21st day of January, 2022.


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Mohamed Kenewui Konneh
Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman
National Returning Officer



ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF SIERRA LEONE (EC- SL)

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| KEY DATES FOR PARLIAMENTARY BYE ELECTIONS IN CONSTITUENCY 005 IN KAILAHUN DISTRICT AND CONSTITUENCY 073 IN PORT LOKO DISTRICT. | | |
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| No | DATE | EVENT/ACTIVITY |
| 1. | 21 st January 2022 | Declaration of date for Constituency 005 and 078 Bye- Elections. |
| 2. | 21 st Jan- 16 th Mar 2022 | Sensitization/Voter Education |
| 3. | 24 th Jan 2022 | Gazetting of Declaration of Election date |
| 4. | 3 rd Feb – 7 th Feb 2022 | Procurement of electoral materials |
| 5. | 3 rd Feb –15 th Feb 2022 | Submission of approved list of candidates by Political Parties |
| 6. | 3 rd Feb –11 th Feb 2022 | Printing of Nomination materials |
| 7. | 11 th Feb– 14 th Feb 2022 | Packing and Distribution of nomination kits |
| 8. | 15 th Feb 2022 | Deadline for Political Parties to submit list of approved candidates |
| 9. | 15 th Feb 2022 | Training of potential candidates |
| 10. | | Nomination period (10 am – 5 pm daily) |
| 11. | 16 th Feb– 17 th Feb 2022 | Nomination of candidates for Constituency 005 and 078 Bye Elections in the NEC District Offices in Kailahun and Port Loko. |
| 12. | 16 th Feb– 17 th Feb 2022 | Posting of provisional list of nominated candidates |
| 13. | 16 th Feb– 17 th Feb 2022 | Filing of objections (Not later than 5:00pm on the last day) |
| 14. | 17 th Feb, 2022 | Objection period ends (5:00 pm) |
| 15. | 17 th Feb, 2022 | Decision on all objections (not later than 6:00 pm) |
| 16. | 17 th Feb, 2022 | Appeal against objection decision to the NEC |
| 17. | 18 th Feb, 2022 | Decision on appeals |
| 18. | 21 st Feb, 2022 | Final list of nominated candidates published |
| 19. | 24 th Feb 2022 | Gazetting of Nominated Candidates |
| 20. | 22 nd Feb – 25 th Feb 2022 | Printing of “Know Your Candidate” posters |
| 21. | 26 th Feb – 8 th Mar 2022 | Advert/Recruitment of polling staff |
| 22. | 5 th Mar 2022 | Meeting with stakeholders in Constituency 005 and 078. |
| 23. | 6 th Mar – 24 th Mar 2022 | Campaign starts |
| 24. | 14 th Mar– 22 nd Mar 2022 | Accreditation of Candidates/Agents and Observers |
| 25. | 14 th Mar– 23 rd Mar 2022 | Printing of FRE |
| 26. | 14 th Mar– 23 rd Mar 2022 | Printing of polling and counting materials – Aide Memoirs and Forms |
| 27. | 16 th Mar– 20 th Mar 2022 | Packing and distribution of training kits |
| 28. | 16 th Mar– 22 nd Mar 2022 | Packing and sorting of sensitive materials |
| 29. | 16 th Mar– 21 st Mar 2022 | Printing of ballot papers |
| 30. | 21 st Mar 2022 | Training of Party Agents |
| 31. | 23 rd Mar 2022 | Quality control check |
| 32. | 22 nd – 24 th Mar 2022 | Training of polling staff |
| 33. | 24 th Mar 2022 | Political Campaign ends (6:00 pm) |
| 34. | 25 th Mar 2022 | Cooling off period |
| 35. | 26th Mar 2022 | Polling Day (7:00am – 5:00pm) & Retrieval of Polling Materials |
| 36. | 27 th Mar 2022 | Tallying process and Announcement of Provisional Results at District Office |
| 37. | 28 th Mar 2022 | Payment of Polling Staff |
| 38. | 29 th Mar 2022 | Final Announcement of results by National Returning Officer - HQ |
| 39. | 29 th Mar 2022 | Gazetting of Final Election Results |