

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 37 OF 2010

**The Electoral Act, 2006**  
(Act No. 12 of 2009)

**The Electoral (Voter Education) Regulations, 2010**

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IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section *one hundred and twenty-nine* of the Electoral Act, 2006, the following Regulations are hereby made:

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY

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| Title          | 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral (Voter Education) Regulations, 2010.  |
| Interpretation | 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—  |
| Cap. 1         | “ Commission ” means the Electoral Commission of Zambia established under Article 76 of the Constitution;  |
| Cap. 281       | “ council ” means a district, municipal or city council established under the Local Government Act;  |
|                | “ District Voter Education Committee ” means a committee established at the district level pursuant to regulation 3;   |
|                | “ member ” means a person appointed as a member of a voter education committee;  |
|                | “ National Voter Education Committee ” means a committee established at the national level pursuant to regulation 3;   |
|                | “ secretariat ” means the members of staff of the Commission assigned by the Commission as <i>ex-officio</i> members to a voter education committee;   |
|                | “ voter education ” means all forms of information, education and communication whose purpose is to inform or educate the members of the public of their rights and responsibilities in the electoral process; and |
|                | “ voter education committee ” means the National Voter Education Committee, a District Voter Education Committee or a sub-committee of those committees.   |

## PART II

### VOTER EDUCATION COMMITTEES

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| Establishment of voter education committee | 3. (1) The Commission shall establish the following voter education committees: |
|  | (a) the National Voter Education Committee; and                                 |
|  | (b) the District Voter Education Committees.                                    |

(2) The Commission may establish such sub-committees of the voter education committees as the Commission may consider necessary for the purposes of these Regulations.

(3) The Commission may assign the members of staff of the Commission or members of a council to a voter education committee.

(4) A person shall, upon being appointed as a member of a voter education committee, sign the declaration set out in the Schedule.

4. (1) The National Voter Education Committee shall consist of the following members appointed by the commission:

National  
Voter  
Education  
Committee

- (a) not more than ten persons from civil society organisations determined by the commission;
- (b) not more than five representatives of Government ministries and institutions; and
- (c) the secretariat, as ex-officio members.

(2) The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the National Voter Education Committee shall be elected by the members from amongst themselves.

5. (1) The National Voter Education Committee shall advise the Commission on the design and dissemination of voter information and education relevant to the participation of the citizens in the electoral and referendum processes.

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National  
Voter  
Education  
Committee

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-regulation (1), the National Voter Education Committee shall—

- (a) formulate policies for voter education and information dissemination;
- (b) coordinate voter education and information dissemination;
- (c) provide communication strategies;
- (d) provide voter education curriculum;
- (e) develop voter education materials;
- (f) monitor and evaluate the voter education programmes; and
- (g) Collaborate with other stakeholders on voter education.

- District Voter education Committee
6. (1) The District Voter Education Committees shall consist of the following members:
- (a) not more than eight persons from civil society organisations determined by the Commission
  - (b) not more than four representatives of the Government ministries and institutions in the district; and
  - (c) the secretariat, as *ex-officio* members.
- (2) The members of a District Voter Education Committee shall be appointed by the District Electoral Officer, on behalf of the Commission.
- (3) The members shall elect the chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from amongst themselves.
- Functions District Voter education Committee
7. (1) The District Voter Education Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the National Education Committee and the Voter Education Programmes.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-regulation (1), the District Voter Education Committee shall —
- (a) formulate district voter education programmes;
  - (b) recruit and deploy voter education facilitators;
  - (c) supervise and monitor voter education facilitators; and
  - (d) evaluate the district voter education activities and programmes.
- Tenure of office and vacancy of member
8. (1) A member shall be appointed for a term of three years, and is eligible for appointment for further term of three years.
- (2) A member may resign upon giving one month's notice in writing to the Commission.
- (3) The Commission may remove a member if the member contravenes the provisions of the Act or any rules made thereunder or breaches the electoral (Code of Conduct) Regulations, 2006.
- (4) Where the position of a member becomes vacant before the expiry of the term of office of that member, the Commission may appoint another member in the place of the member, but such member shall only serve for the unexpired period of the term.
- S.I. No. 90 2006
- Proceedings of committees
9. (1) Subject to other provisions of these Regulations, a voter education committee may regulate its own proceedings.

(2) Half the members of the National Voter Education Committee shall form a quorum at a meeting of the National Voter Education Committee.

(3) Half the members of the District Voter Education Committee shall form a quorum at a meeting of the District Voter Eductaion Committee.

10. A member shall be paid such allowances as the Commission Allowances may determine.

SCHEDULE

(Regulations 3 (4))



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

The Electoral Act, 2006

The Electoral (Voter Education) Regulations, 2010

DECLARATION

I .....do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

- 1. I am a Zambian citizen, my National registration Card Number being .....
- 2. I have been appointed as member of the National Voter Education Committee / District Voter Education committee by the Electoral Commission of Zambia
- 3. Shall only perform such functions as are mandated to me by these Regulations or by the Commission.
- 4. I shall be non partisan, objective and transparent in the discharge of my functions.
- 5. I shall not make any press statement or make any promise for, or on half of, the Commission.
- 6. I shall abide by the provisions of the Electoral Act or any rules made thereunder and the Electoral (Voter education) Regulations, 2010 and Electoral (Code of Conduct) Regualtions 2006.

I make this solemnly declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signed:.....

\*Subscribed and solemnly declare beffore me this.....day of.....2.....

Signed:.....

Name in Block Letters.....

Signature:.....

Official Date Stamp

District: .....

\*Magistrate/Local Magistrate/Electoral Officer/Returning Officer/Head of a Government School/ Principal of a College/Commissioner for Oaths.

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Made by the Electoral Commission of Zambia at Lusaka this 5th day of May, 2010.

JUSTICE F. N. N. MUMBA,  
*Chairperson*

G. M. MULAPESI,  
*Member*

J. I. JALASI,  
*Member*

JUSTICE E. E. CHULU,  
*Member*

LUSAKA  
5th May, 2010  
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