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GUIDE TO THE SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATE LISTS FOR NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

1. Introduction

South Africa's 6th National and Provincial Elections are scheduled to take place on 8 May 2019. Parties intending to contest these elections are required to submit lists of candidates in accordance with the requirements of section 27 of the Electoral Act, Act 73 of 1998 (the Act), and the requirements set out in Schedule 1A of the Act.

In terms of section 26 of the Act (requirements for parties to contest and election), a party may contest elections only if that party is registered and has submitted a list of candidates in terms of section 27 of the Act (submission of lists of candidates).

Furthermore, in accordance with section 27(1) of the Electoral Act, a registered party intending to contest an election must nominate candidates and submit a list/s of those candidates for that election to the Electoral Commission's Chief Electoral Officer by no later than the date stated in the election timetable.

The following must be submitted to contest the 2019 National and Provincial Elections:-

- The list/s of candidates must be submitted :-
 - in the case of the **national list** for the **National Assembly** in a form similar to **Appendix 1 – National list;**
 - in the case of the **regional list** for the **National Assembly** in a form similar to **Appendix 2 – Regional list;**
 - in the case of the **provincial list** for a **Provincial Legislature** in a form similar to **Appendix 3 – Provincial list;**

- Acceptance of nomination and undertaking, signed by each candidate in a form similar to **Appendix 4 – Acceptance of Nomination; and**
- A deposit.

2. National Assembly

A Registered party contesting an election of the National Assembly must nominate candidates for such election on lists of candidates prepared in accordance with the Act.

- a. A party's list/s of candidates must consist of:-
- Both a national list (**Appendix 1 – National list**) and a list for each of the regions (**Appendix 2 – Regional list**);
- OR**
- Where a national list is not submitted, a list for each region (**Appendix 2 – Regional list**).
- b. The list/s of candidates submitted by a party must not contain more names than the number of seats in the National Assembly (**see table below for number of seats available per region**), and each list must reflect the fixed order of preference of the names as the party may determine.
- c. **In respect to the allocation of seats, if a party has submitted a national or regional list containing fewer names than the number of seats it would have filled from such a list, it will forfeit the number of seats equal to the deficit!**

Table 1: National and Regional Lists (number of Regional Seats as per NPE 2014)

Region/Province	List Type		
	National List	Regional List	Grand Total
National	200		200
Eastern Cape		26	26
Free State		11	11
Gauteng		48	48
KwaZulu-Natal		40	40
Limpopo		19	19
Mpumalanga		15	15
North West		13	13
Northern Cape		5	5
Western Cape		23	23
Grand Total	200	200	400

3. Provincial Legislatures

A registered party contesting an election of a provincial legislature must nominate candidates for election to such a provincial legislature on provincial lists prepared in accordance with the Act.

Each party is entitled to submit only one list per province, which must contain the names of not more than the number of seats in the provincial legislature, and each list must reflect the fixed order of preference of the names as the party may determine **(Refer to the table below for number of seats available per provincial legislature).**

In the allocation of seats, if a party has submitted a national or regional list containing fewer names than the number of seats it would have filled from such a list, it will forfeit the number of seats equal to the deficit!

Table 2: Seats per Provincial Legislature

Region/Province	Seats
Eastern Cape	63
Free State	30
Gauteng	73
KwaZulu-Natal	80
Limpopo	49
Mpumalanga	30
North West	33
Northern Cape	30
Western Cape	42

4. Submission of Lists

Parties may submit the above-mentioned lists as early as the date on which the election is proclaimed and by no later than the date and time stated in the election timetable.

Lists may either be submitted:

- i. Online using the Online Candidate Nomination System:-
(<https://www.elections.org.za/MyIEC/Account/Login>); or
- ii. Delivered by hand **only** to the office of the Chief Electoral Officer situated at **Election House, Riverside Office Park, 1303 Heuvel Avenue, Die Hoewes, Centurion.**

5. Deposits

The amount to be deposited in terms of section 27(2) of the Act is:-

- i. Two hundred thousand rand (**R200 000**) in respect of an election of the National Assembly; and
- ii. Forty-five thousand rand (**R45 000**) in respect of an election of a Provincial Assembly.

The deposit may be paid using any of the following methods:

- i. Bank guaranteed cheque in favour of the Electoral Commission;
- ii. Use of the payment gateway found on the Online Candidate Nomination System; and
- iii. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit into the Electoral Commission's bank account.

6. Election Timetable

The election timetable sets out the dates on which any task and obligations in respect of the party need to be carried out or met. It is important that political parties adhere to these dates since ***no extensions can be granted by the Electoral Commission in respect of deadlines that are missed or not met by a political party.***

An act required to be performed in terms of the Act in accordance with the election timetable must be performed before 17:00 on that specific date.

7. Queries

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