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Government Notice No. 347 of 1999

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

(SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS) ACT (Cap. 02:01)

Appointment of Authenticating Officers

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Secretary to the Independent Electoral Commission by section 7 (1) of the Presidential Elections (Supplementary Provisions) Act, notice is hereby given that the persons named in the Schedule have been appointed authenticating officers for the purposes of the Act, in respect of the 1999 General Elections.

SCHEDULE

Station Commander, Botswana Police - Kang
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Masunga
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Shoshong
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Kutlwano
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Maunatlala
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Borakanelo
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Tlokweng
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Woodhall
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Goodhope
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Gumare
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Kasane Airport
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Molepolole
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Takatokwane
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Takatokwane
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Sojwe
Station Commander, Botswana Police - Mogoditshane

DATED the 2nd day of September, 1999.

T.G.G.G. SEELETSO Secretary, Independent Electoral Commission Bill No. 17 of 1999

ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 1999

(Published on 3rd September, 1999)

MEMORANDUM

A draft of the above Bill, which it is proposed to present to the National Assembly, is set out below.

- 2. The main object of the Bill is to amend the Electoral Act to make provision to enable voters who registered in the period between 3rd May and 31st July, 1999, to vote at the coming General Election. Under the existing law, the Secretary to the Electoral Commission is prohibited, among other things, from preparing or certifying any roll, other than the election roll after a writ of election is issued. When the writ of election for the General election was issued on 26th August, the rolls of voters who registered between 3rd May and 31st July, 1999, had not yet been certified. The effect of the issue of the writ of election would, if the law is not amended, be the disenfranchisement of about 67,000 voters who registered during the period referred to above.
- 3. Clause 2 of the Bill therefore proposes that the Electoral Act be amended to make provision to enable voters who registered during the period mentioned in paragraph 2 to vote at the General Election on 16th October, 1999.
- 4. Clause 3 proposes to amend section 32(5)(b) to provide that no candidate for a local authority election may be nominated in more than one polling district. This is to make it possible to nominate a person while he is a member of a council. The present law prohibits the nomination of a person while he is a member of a council.

Lt. Gen. SERETSE KHAMA IAN KHAMA, Vice-President and Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration.

A BILL - entitled -

An Act to amend the Electoral Act.

Date of Assent:

Date of Commencement:

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

1. This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1999.

2. The Electoral Act (in this Act referred to as "the Act") is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 27 thereof, the following new section —

Short title

Insertion of section 27A in Cap. 02:07 "Additional rolls to be included in election roll

- 27A. (1) For the purposes of the 1999 General Election and notwithstanding the provisions of sections 11 and 27, the Secretary shall prepare, publish and certify in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) rolls, to be included in the election roll, of voters who registered in the period between 3rd May and 31st July, 1999.
- (2) The rolls shall be prepared and published, in accordance with the provisions of sections 12 and 13 and shall thereafter be certified as soon as practicable after any objections have been heard:

Provided that the Secretary may, if at the expiration of 7 days after the publication of the rolls any objection to the rolls has not yet been determined, certify the rolls in the manner provided in Form E."

Amendment of section 32 of the Act

3. Section 32 of the Act is ameded by substituting for subsection (5) (b) thereof, the following new provision —

"(b) in more than one polling district in the case of a member of a council."