

## **Parliamentary candidates nominated by political parties**

Political parties presenting Parliamentary candidates in the 2018 elections must submit a list of candidates that the party has endorsed, using the Political Party List of Endorsed Parliamentary Candidates (NEC Form OMP 01). This list must be sent to the NEC headquarters not later than **10<sup>th</sup> January, 2018** and include for each candidate;

- The Surname, First Name and initials for Middle name(s)
- Voter ID Card number, and
- Constituency

This list must be signed by the National Chairperson and the National General Secretary. *Any political party that does not send such a list will not be presenting any candidates in the 2018 Parliamentary elections.*

Only persons included on this list will be accepted as candidates standing for the political party in question. Persons who are not on any political party list can only register as independent candidates. Each party can only endorse one person per constituency, and no person can be endorsed in more than one constituency.

Please note that if a person is on a list sent to the NEC by a political party, the person will still need to be nominated in accordance with the process described above.

## **Independent Parliamentary Candidates**

Any person who declares himself/herself as being independent, or who is not on the list submitted by any political party, will be nominated as an independent candidate. No person can be nominated in more than one constituency.

Each person being nominated as an independent candidate will choose a symbol to be placed on the ballot paper next to his/her name. Only the symbols included on a list provided by the NEC are available to the independent candidates, and each symbol can only be used by one candidate in each constituency. The candidates will choose a symbol in the order that they presented their nomination papers. Once the candidate has chosen a symbol, the number of that symbol will be noted on the nomination paper.

## **7. PUBLICATION OF PROVISIONAL LIST OF CANDIDATES**

At the end of the prescribed nomination period for the Parliamentary Election, the District Returning Officer will immediately publish the Provisional List of Parliamentary candidates through Government Notice and other means that the NEC might find appropriate. The Provisional List will detail:

- Full names, addresses and occupations;
- Name of the political party to which the Parliamentary candidate belong;
- Name, addresses and occupations of the three nominators of the political party which nominated the Parliamentary candidate.

**For further information, please refer to Sections 60 to 97 of the Public Elections Act 2012.**

## **8. OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS**

### **Who Can File an Objection?**

Any voter in the electoral area (Constituency) in question may file an objection to the nomination of a Parliamentary candidate. Objections must be filed in person with the Returning Officer in the District using the NEC Form OMP04, which will be available with the Returning Officer.

**For further information, please refer to Section 63 of the Public Elections Act 2012.**

### **Where and When Should Objections Be Filed?**

Objections should be filed at NEC District Office not later than **27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 5: 00 pm**. The recipient of the objections is the Returning Officer in the District.

**The time for objections is in accordance with Section 63 of the Public Elections Act 2012.**

### **Grounds for Objections**

- Nomination Forms are not filled in correctly;
- Candidate is not a Sierra Leonean citizen or otherwise naturalised;
- Candidate is not a registered voter;
- Candidate is not twenty-one years of age or older;
- One or several of the nominators are not qualified to be a nominator;
- Deposit of Le. 10,000,000/00 not paid;
- Candidate is not qualified to be a Member of Parliament under Section 76 of the 1991 Constitution

**For further information, please refer to Section 76 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 and Section 63(2) of the Public Elections Act 2012.**

### **Decision on Objections**

The District Returning Officer shall decide on an objection not later than **4: 00 pm on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**.

**The time for the decision on objections is in accordance with Section 63 (3) Public Elections Act 2012.**

### **Appeals**

Any candidate not satisfied with the decision of the District Returning Officer has the right to appeal to the NEC Headquarters in Freetown not later than **4.00pm on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018** using the attached form (NEC PBE/PCMP 07).

The District Returning Officers can provide additional information on the appeals process. The NEC will give a decision on any received appeals not later than **4.00 p.m. on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**.

The decision of the NEC regarding appeals can itself only be appealed by way of an election petition through the High Court (Section 63(6) of the Public Elections Act, 2012).

**For further information, please refer to Section 78 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991, Section 63 (5) of the Public Elections Act 2012 and the decision by the NEC taken in accordance with Section 63(6) of the Public Elections Act 2012.**

## **9. PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES**

As soon as decisions on any appeals regarding Parliamentary nominations have been made, and in any case not later than ten (10) days before the election date, the NEC will publish the full names, addresses and occupations of the candidates and of their nominators (where appropriate, their Parties). This will be done by Government Notice, and by other appropriate means in the district and constituency.

**For further information, please refer to Section 67 of the Public Elections Act 2012.**

## **10. DEATH OF A NOMINATED CANDIDATE**

In the event of the death of a Parliamentary candidate prior to Election Day, the District Returning Officer shall withdraw the notice of the poll and report the matter to the NEC.

The Electoral Commission shall in such a case appoint a new election day in the constituency in question and the appropriate procedures shall start afresh.

In the case of the death of an Independent Parliamentary candidate, no substitution will be allowed; and the election will proceed as scheduled.

**For further information, please refer to Section 66 of the Public Elections Act 2012.**

## **11. WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATED CANDIDATE**

Any Parliamentary candidate may withdraw his nomination by notice in writing signed by and delivered by her/him to the District Returning Officer not later than **4:00 pm** of the tenth day (**25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**) before election day.

However, such a withdrawal shall not take place/effect if such a withdrawal would result in there being no candidate to contest the election in the constituency. If only one candidate is nominated after the close of nominations, then no election will be held; and that candidate will be declared duly elected by the NEC.

**For further information, please refer to Section 64 of the Public Elections Act 2012.**

## **13. ELECTION OF A SOLE CANDIDATE**

Where only one candidate is nominated after close of nomination or should a candidate withdraw, and only one candidate remains, no election will be held and the sole candidate will eventually be declared as a Member of Parliament.

**For further information, please refer to Section 68 of the Public Elections Act 2012.**

**APPENDIX A.**

**DISTRICT: LOCATION/ADDRESS**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
<b>EAST</b>	Kailahun	GEL Compound, Mbelebu Section, Kailahun Town
	Kenema	59 Wanmann Abu Road, by SLTU Office, Kenema City
	Kono	8 Gandhi Fania Street, Koidu City
<b>NORTH</b>	Bombali	Azzolini Highway, Makeni City
	Koinadugu	158A Main Makeni Road-One Mile, Kabala Town
	Tonkolili	15 Boys School Road, Magburaka Town
	Falaba	Mongo Town
<b>NORTH- WEST</b>	Port Loko	75 Lungi Road, Port Loko City
	Kambia	District Council Area, Kambia 2, Kambia Town
	Karene	Kamalo Highway, Kamakwie Town
<b>SOUTH</b>	Bo	79 Tikonko Road, Bo City
	Bonthe	144 Bo Road, Mattru Jong, Bonthe Mainland
		13/13A Claffin Lane, Bonthe Island
	Moyamba	8 Kpangbavie Street, Moyamba Town
Pujehun	8 Sesay Street, Fernandopo, Pujehun Town	
<b>WEST</b>	Western Rural	Chukuma Johnson Drive, Waterloo
	Western Urban	National Stadium (Presidential Lounge), Freetown
	Headquarter	OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown

## **APPENDIX B.**

### **FORMS**

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#### **Forms for Parliamentary candidates**

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| 1. Political Party List of Endorsed Parliamentary Candidates                           | NEC Form OMP 01      |
| 2. Checklist for Parliamentary Candidates  | NEC Form OMP/PCMP 02 |
| 3. Nomination Form of Ordinary Member of Parliament                                    | NEC Form OMP 03(A)   |
| 4. Nomination Form of Paramount Chief Member Of Parliament                             | NEC Form OMP 03(B)   |
| 5. Objection form regarding Parliamentary Candidates                                   | NEC Form OMP 06      |
| 6. Appeal against upheld objections to the nomination of Parliamentary /PCM Candidates | NEC Form OMP/PCMP 07 |
| 7. Code of Election Campaign Ethics  | NEC Form OMP/PCMP 08 |