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GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS**GENERAL NOTICE 80 OF 2023****ELECTORAL COMMISSION****ELECTION TIMETABLE**

The Electoral Commission hereby gives notice that it has in terms of section 11 of the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000, compiled the election timetable set out below to apply to the municipal by-elections to be held on 22 February 2023 in respect of Ward 02 and Ward 05 of the Blue Crane Route [EC102] Local Municipality, as proclaimed by Provincial Notice number 484 of 2023, as published in the Provincial Gazette Extraordinary No: 4867 of the Eastern Cape Province, dated 13 January 2023. A reference to "section" in this election timetable is a reference to that section in the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 (Act No. 27 of 2000).

Cut-off time for act to be performed

- 1 An act required in terms of this Act to be performed by not later than a date in the election timetable must be performed before 17:00 on that date, unless otherwise specified.

Certification of the voters' roll

- 2 By 30 January 2023 chief electoral officer must certify the segments of the voters' roll for the voting districts to be used in the by-elections in terms of section 6(2)(a).

Notice that lists of addresses of voting stations are available for inspection

- 3 By 03 February 2023 the chief electoral officer must give notice that copies of a list of voting stations and their addresses will be available for inspection at the office of the Commission's local representative in terms of section 19(5).

Notice of route of mobile voting stations

- 4 If the Commission decides to use mobile voting stations in the by-elections, the Commission must by 03 February 2023 give notice of the route, including the locations and estimated times of stopping of each mobile voting station in terms of section 22(1).

Pre-inspection and submission of objections to segments of the voters' roll

- 5 The Chief Electoral Officer must make available segments of the voters' roll for pre-inspection and objections to the Commission. The period for pre-inspection and submission of objections to the Commission will be from 16 January 2023 to 23 January 2023.

Commission's decision in respect of pre-inspection objections to the voters' roll

- 6 The Commission will finalise all objections to the pre-inspection of the voters' roll by 27 January 2023.

Cut-off date for nomination of ward candidates to contest an election

- 7 By no later than 30 January 2023 at 17h00, the nomination of a person to contest the by-election in a municipality as a ward candidate must be submitted to the Commission's local representative on a prescribed form and in the prescribed manner in terms of section 17(1).

Cut-off date for compilation and certification of ward candidate lists

- 8 By 06 February 2023 the Commission must compile for each ward a list of ward candidates, certify those lists for that by-election, and keep copies of the lists available at the office of the Commission's local representative in terms of section 18 (1).

Cut-off date for issuing certificates

9. By 06 February 2023 the Commission must issue to each ward candidate contesting the by-election, a prescribed certificate in terms of section 18(1) (d).

Application for special vote

10. 10(1) By no later than 10 February 2023 a voter may apply in terms of Regulation 28B (1) to cast special vote within the voting district where she or he is registered. [Applications for special votes will only be received from 06 February 2023].

(2) On 21 February 2023 voters who had successfully applied to cast their special votes at the voting station, may visit the voting station between 08h00 and 17h00 to cast their special votes.

(3) On 10 February 2023 voting officers must visit voters who had successfully applied to cast their special votes at their places of residence, to afford them the opportunity to cast their votes there.

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