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**[PROVINCIAL NOTICE NO.76 OF 2024]****ELECTORAL COMMISSION****FREE STATE 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 14 February 2024 in respect of Ward 11 of Nala [FS185] Local Municipality, as proclaimed by Provincial Notice number 76 of 2023, as published in the Provincial Gazette No: 81 of the Free State Province, dated 05 January 2024. 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 22 January 2024 the 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 26 January 2024 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 26 January 2024 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 08 January 2024 to 15 January 2024.

**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 19 January 2024.

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

- 7 By no later than 22 January 2024 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 29 January 2024 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).
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**Cut-off date for issuing certificates**

- 9 By 29 January 2024 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 02 February 2024 a voter may apply in terms of Regulation 28B (1) to cast a special vote within the voting district where she or he is registered. [Applications for special votes will only be received from 29 January 2024].
- (2) On 13 February 2024 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 13 February 2024 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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