



PRESS RELEASE

DECLARATION OF DATE FOR THE CONDUCT OF PARLIAMENTARY BYE ELECTIONS IN CONSTITUENCY 005, KAILAHUN DISTRICT AND CONSTITUENCY 073, PORT LOKO DISTRICT ON SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH 2022.

By the powers vested in it under section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No.6 of 1991), and pursuant to the provisions of section 39 of the said Constitution, sections 69 (1) and 70 (1) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No 4 of 2012), the Electoral Commission (EC) makes the following proclamation:

1. **Saturday 26th day of March 2022** is hereby declared as the day for the conduct of Parliamentary Bye Elections in Constituency 005, in **Kailahun District and Constituency 073, in Port Loko District.**
2. According to letters dated 11th January, 2022 from the Deputy Clerk of Parliament, the vacancies occurred as a result of the deaths of the late **Honourable Aloysious Bockarie Ansumana (RIP)**, of Constituency 005, Kailahun District, whose death took place on **Friday 7th January 2022** and the late **Honourable Ahmed Samba Turay (RIP)**, of Constituency 073, Port Loko District, whose death took place on **Monday 10th January 2022.** May the souls of the departed rest in perfect peace.
3. Nomination of Candidates for the said Parliamentary Bye Elections shall take place on **Sunday 16th to Monday 17th February 2022** at the **Electoral Commission District Offices, Mbelebu Section, Kailahun District and 75 Lungi Road, Mayiba, Port Loko District, respectively.**

4. The deadline for Political Parties to submit the List of their Endorsed Candidates for the bye-elections to the Electoral Commission is on Tuesday 15th February 2022; as per Sections 61 and 62 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012).
5. In accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012, the candidates's nomination fee for the said Parliamentary Bye Elections is **TEN MILLION LEONES ONLY(Le. 10,000,000.00)** per Candidate, payable to the District Returning Officers at the above mentioned addresses.
6. Qualifications and disqualifications for Member of Parliament are found in Sections 75 and 76 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991) and any other relevant legislation.
7. The Commission will conduct the said bye elections in accordance with Corona Virus 2019 (Covid-19) prevention guidelines that are approved by the National Covid-19 Response Centre (NACOVERC) for the conduct of electoral activities nationwide.
8. Other details for the nomination and conduct of the said bye elections shall be published by the Electoral Commission in due course.

Signed and dated this 21st day of January, 2022.



Mohamed Kenewui Konneh
Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman
National Returning Officer



ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF SIERRA LEONE (EC- SL)

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KEY DATES FOR PARLIAMENTARY BYE ELECTIONS IN CONSTITUENCY 005 IN KAILAHUN DISTRICT AND CONSTITUENCY 073 IN PORT LOKO DISTRICT.		
No	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
1.	21 st January 2022	Declaration of date for Constituency 005 and 078 Bye- Elections.
2.	21 st Jan- 16 th Mar 2022	Sensitization/Voter Education
3.	24 th Jan 2022	Gazetting of Declaration of Election date
4.	3 rd Feb – 7 th Feb 2022	Procurement of electoral materials
5.	3 rd Feb – 15 th Feb 2022	Submission of approved list of candidates by Political Parties
6.	3 rd Feb – 11 th Feb 2022	Printing of Nomination materials
7.	11 th Feb– 14 th Feb 2022	Packing and Distribution of nomination kits
8.	15 th Feb 2022	Deadline for Political Parties to submit list of approved candidates
9.	15 th Feb 2022	Training of potential candidates
10.		Nomination period (10 am – 5 pm daily)
11.	16 th Feb– 17 th Feb 2022	Nomination of candidates for Constituency 005 and 078 Bye Elections in the NEC District Offices in Kailahun and Port Loko.
12.	16 th Feb– 17 th Feb 2022	Posting of provisional list of nominated candidates
13.	16 th Feb– 17 th Feb 2022	Filing of objections (Not later than 5:00pm on the last day)
14.	17 th Feb, 2022	Objection period ends (5:00 pm)
15.	17 th Feb, 2022	Decision on all objections (not later than 6:00 pm)
16.	17 th Feb, 2022	Appeal against objection decision to the NEC
17.	18 th Feb, 2022	Decision on appeals
18.	21 st Feb, 2022	Final list of nominated candidates published
19.	24 th Feb 2022	Gazetting of Nominated Candidates
20.	22 nd Feb – 25 th Feb 2022	Printing of “Know Your Candidate” posters
21.	26 th Feb – 8 th Mar 2022	Advert/Recruitment of polling staff
22.	5 th Mar 2022	Meeting with stakeholders in Constituency 005 and 078.
23.	6 th Mar – 24 th Mar 2022	Campaign starts
24.	14 th Mar– 22 nd Mar 2022	Accreditation of Candidates/Agents and Observers
25.	14 th Mar– 23 rd Mar 2022	Printing of FRE
26.	14 th Mar– 23 rd Mar 2022	Printing of polling and counting materials – Aide Memoirs and Forms
27.	16 th Mar– 20 th Mar 2022	Packing and distribution of training kits
28.	16 th Mar– 22 nd Mar 2022	Packing and sorting of sensitive materials
29.	16 th Mar– 21 st Mar 2022	Printing of ballot papers
30.	21 st Mar 2022	Training of Party Agents
31.	23 rd Mar 2022	Quality control check
32.	22 nd – 24 th Mar 2022	Training of polling staff
33.	24 th Mar 2022	Political Campaign ends (6:00 pm)
34.	25 th Mar 2022	Cooling off period
35.	26 th Mar 2022	Polling Day (7:00am – 5:00pm) & Retrieval of Polling Materials
36.	27 th Mar 2022	Tallying process and Announcement of Provisional Results at District Office
37.	28 th Mar 2022	Payment of Polling Staff
38.	29 th Mar 2022	Final Announcement of results by National Returning Officer - HQ
39.	29 th Mar 2022	Gazetting of Final Election Results