



# Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (EC-SL)

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Suspension of the conduct of Local Council bye election in Ward 239, Port Loko District.

The Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 declared the date for the conduct of Local Council bye election in Ward 239, Port Loko District Council as a result of a letter received from the Chief Administrator of the said council informing the Commission of the said vacancy.

Nomination of candidates for the said Ward was supposed to have commenced today Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. However, the Commission has received another letter from the Chief Administrator of Port Loko District Council dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, requesting for the suspension of the conduct of the said election as a result of non-compliance of due process in the declaration of the vacancy. This is to allow the investigation to be completed and due process of the laws of Sierra Leone are fully complied with.

In view of the above, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No.6 of 1991) and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7, 69(1), 70(1) and 105 of the Public Elections Act, 2004 (Act No 4 of 2004) the Commission has suspended the conduct of Local Council bye election in Ward 239, Port Loko District until the matter under investigation is resolved.

Signed and dated this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2022.

  
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Chief Electoral Commissioner/Chairman  
National Returning Officer

