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General and Regional Elections

WARNING

MOLESTATION OF ELECTORS AND PRESERVATION OF ORDER AT POLLING PLACES

The following are extracts from sections 78 and 79 (2) (3) of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03.

No person shall anywhere within a distance of two hundred yards of a polling place, annoy, molest or otherwise interfere with an elector or attempt to obtain any information as to the list of candidates for whom any elector in the Polling Place is about to vote, or has voted, either on his own behalf or as proxy on behalf of another elector.

The Presiding officer, may for the purpose of maintaining order at the polling place issue such directions as may be necessary for such purpose.

If any person (whether entitled to enter or not) misconducts himself at a polling place or fails to obey any lawful directions, requirement or order of the presiding officer, whether given or made under this or any other section, he may immediately, by order of the presiding officer, be removed therefrom by a member of the police force or by any other person authorised in writing by the presiding officer to remove him, and the person so removed shall not, without the permission of the presiding officer, again enter the polling place on election day; provided that the powers conferred by this subsection shall not be so exercised as to prevent an elector entitled to vote at a polling place having an opportunity to vote thereat.

Any person removed from a polling place under subsection (2) may, if charged with the commission of an offence at or any where within a distance of two hundred yards of the polling place, be dealt with as a person taken into custody by a police officer for an offence without warrant.

R. A. JACOBS

Chief Election Officer.