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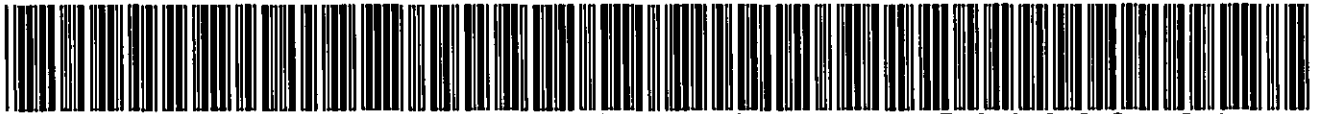
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Election Administration

The constitution and responsibility of the Commission

1. There shall be established an independent commission, to be known as the, "General Elections Commission", having the corporate personality
2. The Commission shall be constituted by a decision of the President of the Republic , with the approval of the National Assembly, of a Chairman and two members, in whom due regard shall be had that they shall be from persons of efficiency, neutrality and propriety, the emoluments of whom shall be specified by the President of the Republic
3. The Commission shall be responsible, to the President of the Republic and the National Assembly, for the performance of the business thereof

Functions and powers of the Commission

The Commission shall have the functions and powers to prepare the General Roll, make the general rules for the elections and referendum, and take the executive measures to conduct the same. The Commission shall solely assume the following functions and powers, to :-

1. prepare the General Electoral Roll, publish, keep and annually revise and approve the same ;
2. prepare the Electorate Roll for indirect elections ;
3. conduct the elections for the President of the Republic, the Governor or the deputies in the National Assembly, the States' Assemblies and Local Councils, up to declaration of the result ;
4. conduct the referendum, as may be prescribed by the Constitution, up to declaration of the result ;
5. specify the geographical constituencies for direct elections ;
6. present the candidates equitably, to the electorate, in the means of public address and communication ;
7. specify the procedure and time tables, for seconding the candidates, evaluating and approving them, for judicial contests and appeals, for the conciliation council business, withdrawal of nomination and the final determination of candidates;
8. organize the introduction of candidates, by presentation to the public opinion, prepare the signs for them for presenting them to the electorate and organize their agents and fix the dates for all such procedure ;
9. specify the measures, rules, time tables and local centres for conducting the polling ;
10. specify the rules of discipline, freedom and justice in the polling procedure and measures of control which secure the same ;
11. control counting cards and rules of control of the final results, the elections and referendum and declare the result of the elections or referendum;
12. postpone any conducting of elections or referendum, for any compelling circumstances and cancel the result, where there has been proved any corruption of the rectitude of procedure, in any site or constituency ; provided that they shall revise the defect and repeat the procedure as soon as possible ;
13. specify the functions, powers, procedure and terms of service of registration officers or the election or referendum;
14. treat any such matters, procedure or rules, as may be necessary for registration, election or referendum .

HIGHER COMMITTEES, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICERS

Constitution of the Higher Committees

The Commission shall constitute higher committees, at the states level, to conduct revision of registration or conduct the elections or referendum or any measure of the functions thereof, from such persons, as in whom they sense neutrality and independence of opinion and truthfulness and honesty.

Functions and powers of the Higher Committees

The Higher Committees shall have the following functions and powers, to:-

1. issue orders, decisions or measures to control the movement of registration, election or referendum, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and such rules, as the Commission any make ;

2. assume the necessary measures for nomination and the general presentation of candidates, to the electorate and organize publication and promotion of the opinions thereof to the electorate;
3. assume the necessary measures for voting and polling;
4. submit the results or any recommendations relating thereto, to the Commission;
5. any such other functions or powers, as the Commission may delegate thereto .

Constitution of Subsidiary Committees

The Higher Committee, with the approval of the Commission, may constitute ad hoc subsidiary committees, in every constituency or indirect election, and specify the functions and powers thereof.

Registration and elections officers

- (1) The Commission shall appoint permanent officers to organize and keep the General Electoral Roll, and temporary officers to revise the same at the constituency or centre of the headquarters of the Subsidiary Committee having competence thereon .
- (2) The Commission shall appoint temporary officers for elections or referendum to preside over any Subsidiary Committee, in any constituency or centre of indirect election .
- (3) The Commission shall appoint ad hoc committees for any measure, inquiry or revision, in relation to the elections, or referendum .

The administrative chart

- (1) The Commission shall lay down the administrative and functional chart, and submit the same, to the President of the Republic, for approval thereof .
- (2) The Commission may appoint officials and employees, in accordance with the functional chart .
- (3) The commission shall specify the terms of service of any temporary employees for the registration, election and referendum operations .

Budget of the Commission

- (1) The Commission shall have an independent budget, to be prepared in accordance with sound accountancy bases, for performing the business and functions thereof, and submit the same, to the President of the Republic, to approve it within the general budget of the State .
- (2) Funds of the Commission shall be deposited in banks, in deposit or current accounts, in accordance with such banking rules, as may be in use in the State .
- (3) The Commission shall keep thorough and comprehensive accounts, and shall also keep books and documents, in accordance with sound accountancy bases .

Auditing

The General Auditing Chambers, or whoever they may authorize therefor, under the supervision thereof, shall audit the accounts of the Commission, at the end of every financial year, to submit the same, to the President of the Republic and placing thereof, before the National Assembly .

Immunity of the Chairman and members of the Commission

Saving cases of red-handedness, no criminal proceedings shall be launched against the Chairman, or any member of the Commission, save upon the permission of the President of the Republic .

Power to seek the help of public means of transport

The Commission, upon the approval of the President of the Republic, in case of maximum necessity, upon conducting the election of the President of the Republic, or a Governor, or referendum, may , in co-ordination with the competent organ in the State, allocate temporarily, to the Commission, the means of transport necessary therefor, from the public sector

Power to make rules

The Commission may make such rules, as may be necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act .

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Constituency Delimitation

Article Twelve: The Commission delineates the circles for direct elections on the condition that the number of people encompassed into the National Circle must not be in excess of or less than 20% of the median standard. The median standard represents the total population of the Sudanese Republic or province or locality divided by the number of members in the National Assembly or the Provincial or Local Assemblies who were elected directly respectively.