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No. 44



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Sierra Leone

An Act to provide for the regulation of the Franchise and the Registration of Electors for the Election of Members to the House of Representatives and to Local. Authorities and for the combination of Registers of Electors for the House of Representatives with Registers of Electors for Local Authorities

[16th October, 1961.] Date of commence-

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Franchise and Electoral Short title. Registration Act, 1961.

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PART I—PRELIMINARY

Interpretation.

Cap. 75.

Cap. 295.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"alien" means a person who is neither a Sierra Leone citizen, nor a British subject nor a British protected person;

"constituency" means a constituency prescribed by the Electoral Commission under the provisions of section 38. of the Constitution:

"election" means any election for membership of the House of Representatives or of a local authority;

"elector" means any person whose name is on any Register of Electors:

'Electoral Commission' means the Commission appointed in accordance with subsection (1) of section 37 of the Constitution;

"Local Authority" means the City Council of Freetown, the Rural Area Council, any rural district council or village committee established under the Rural Area Ordinance. any District Council, the Sherbro Urban District Council, the Bo Town Council and any Town Council established under the Townships Ordinance.

" Minister" means Minister of Internal Affairs:

"provisional list" for any ward means the provisional list prepared in terms of section 16;

"Register of Electors" for any ward means the Register for that ward as determined by section 24;

"Registration Officer" means a Registration Officer appointed under section 9, and includes an Assistant Registration Officer appointed under section 10:

"Revising Officer" means a Revising Officer appointed under section 9:

"voter" means any person who votes at an election;

" ward" means one of the wards into which Sierra Leone is divided under the provisions of section 3.

3. (1) For the purpose of the election of elected members to Division of Sierra Leone local authorities the Minister may by Order divide Sierra Leone into into wards. wards.

> (2) Until such time as the Minister makes an Order under this section, the wards within the city of Freetown as set out in section 6 of the Freetown Municipality Ordinance, the wards within the Sherbro Urban District as set out in subsection (2) of section 3 of the Sherbro Urban District Council Ordinance, and the wards or village areas, as the case may be, delimited under the Rural Area Ordinance, the District Councils Ordinance and the Bo Town Coun-'cil Ordinance, shall constitute wards for the purposes of this Act

Register of

Cap. 65

Cap. 76

Cap. 75

Cap. 79

Cap 80.

4. For each ward a separate Register of Electors shall be prepared, published and revised in the manner prescribed by this. Act or any regulations made under section 27 of this Act.

5. No person shall be registered as an elector for more than Elector may one ward or more than once in any such ward: registered

Provided that if any person is registered more than once once. under the provisions of subsection (3) of section 15, only the registration in the place determined by the provisions of subsection (2) of section 6 shall be valid.

PART II—THE FRANCHISE

6. (1) Subject to the provision of section 8, every person, Qualificawhether male or female who has attained the age of twenty-one tions of years and is ordinarily resident in the ward on the date specified for the Electors years and is ordinarny resident in the ward on the date specified for the entitled to publication of notices inviting claims under section 13, shall be vote for entitled to be registered as an elector in a ward of a constituency representaand, when so registered, to vote in such ward at the election of a tives of conmember to represent such constituency in the House of Represen-stituencies tatives or of a member to represent such ward in a local authority. and wards.

(2) A person's ordinary residence shall be determined by Sixth reference to all the facts of the case and in particular by reference Schedule. to the rules contained in the Sixth Schedulc.

7. (1) Subject to the provisions of section 8, every member Members of of a Tribal Authority in any District shall be entitled to vote Tribal at the election of a member (who shall be a Paramount Chief) to entitled to represent the District in the House of Representatives.

(2) The fact that a member of a Tribal Authority is Paramount entitled to vote or votes under the provision of this section shall represent the not disentitle him to be registered as an elector or to vote in accor- District. dance with the provisions of section 6, nor shall the fact that a person is entitled to vote or votes under section 6 disentitle him from voting in accordance with the provisions of this section.

8. No person shall be registered as an elector or, having been Disqualification of registered as such, shall be entitled to vote at any election whoelectors.

(a) is an alien; or

(b) is a lunatic so found under the laws for the time being in force in Sierra Leone; or

(c) is disqualified from being registered as an elector, or voting under any laws for the time being in force in Sierra Leone relating to offences connected with elections: or

(d) is serving a sentence of imprisonment.

PART III-PROCEDURE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

9. (1) The Minister may from time to time and as often Appoint-9. (1) The Minister may from time to time and as different of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and proper persons to be ment of the ment of the ment of the may deem necessary appoint fit and the may deem necessary appoint fit appoint fit appoint fit and the may deem necessary appoint fit appoint fit appoint fit Registration Officers, and Revising Officers to prepare and publish, Officers and and to revise, as the case may be, Registers of Electors in the manner Revising prescribed by this Act.

(2) Every such appointment or cancellation of any such appointment shall be notified by publication in the Gazette, and shall specify the ward or wards in respect of which such appoint-. ment or cancellation shall apply.

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(3) Registration Officers and Revising Officers shall comply with any general or special directions not inconsistent with this Act or the Regulations made hereunder which may be given by the Electoral Commission with respect to the arrangements to be made by such officers for carrying out their registration and revision duties under this Act.

Franchise and Electoral Registration

Appointment of Assistant Registration Officers.

- 10. (1) Registration Officers may with the approval of the Minister appoint fit and proper persons to be Assistant Registration Officers to assist them in the preparation of the Registers of Electors in accordance with this Act.
- (2) Subject to the authority, direction and control of the Registration Officer, an Assistant Registration Officer shall have all the powers and may perform any of the duties of a Registration Officer under this Act.

Sub-wards.

11. Subject to any general or specific directions which the Electoral Commission may from time to time give in that behalf, a Registration Officer may divide any ward, in respect of which he is appointed, into such voting areas (hereinafter referred to as subwards) within such ward as he may deem necessary for the proper execution of his duties.

Registers of X Electors.

12. The Governor-General may by Order declare that new Registers of Electors shall be prepared either generally or in such wards as may be specified in such Order, and shall specify a date for the publication of notices inviting claims from electors under section

Provided that if no such Order has been made within three months of this Act coming into force, or if no such Order has been issued in a period of two consecutive years since the previous such Order, the Electoral Commission may make such an Order, and any such Order by the Electoral Commission shall be deemed to be an Order made by the Governor-General.

every Registration Officer shall publish in each ward in respect of

which he is appointed, in such manner as he may deem appropriate

days of the publication of such notice, every person, who claims to be

entitled to be registered as an elector in the ward in respect of which the notice is published to deliver to the Registration Officer for such

ward a notice in the Form B in the First Schedule of his claim to be

13. On the date specified in any Order made under section 12,

inviting claims of electors. Form A First a notice in the Form A in the First Schedule requiring, within fifteen &

Notice

Schedule.

registered.

Form B

Notice of claim for registration. Form B First Schedule.

14. Within the period of fifteen days specified in section 13, every person who desires and is entitled to be registered as an elector in any ward shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Registration Officer for that ward, a Notice in the Form B in the First Schedule of his claim to be registered and shall produce to such Registration Officer such evidence as may be necessary to establish such claim.

Registration Officer to

15. (1) The Registration Officer shall examine the qualifications in respect of which such claim is made and shall receive such examine qualifications evidence as may be necessary to satisfy him that the claimant possesses such qualification.

- (2) Where a Registration Officer is satisfied that a claimant is qualified to be registered as an elector in the ward in respect of which the claim is made, he shall register the claimant in the manner hereinaster provided, otherwise he shall disallow the claim.
- (3) When the Registration Officer is satisfied that any person is qualified to be registered as an elector in any ward he may register such person accordingly, notwithstanding that such person has made no claim to be so registered.
- 16. (1) Every Registration Officer shall compile a provisional Copy of list of Electors for each ward in respect of which he is appointed and provisional shall include in such list all persons qualified to be registered under made and the provisions of section 15.
- (2) As soon as it is expedient to do so after the last day upon which a notice of claim specified in section 14 of this Act is allowed to be made, every Registration Officer shall cause to be made and exhibited in such places within the ward as he may deem fit, a copy of the provisional list for that ward:

Provided that if he deems it expedient so to do the Registration Officer may exhibit in any sub-ward such part of the provisional list as relates to that sub-ward.

- 17. (I) For the purpose of compiling provisional lists under Powers of the provisions of section 16 the Registration Officer may-Registration
 - (a) appoint field registrars in order to have a house to house or other sufficient inquiry made as to the persons entitled to be registered; and
 - (b) refer to existing Rate Books, Local Tax Assessment Lists, and all other similar records relating to his area and any officer of a local authority or other person having the custody of any such records shall afford the Registration Officer every facility for consulting such records and making such copies or extracts as he shall require,

and shall include in such provisional lists not only the names of qualified persons who apply for registration as electors, but also of all other persons who appear to him to be entitled to be registered as such in his area.

- (2) Any person who shall hinder or obstruct a field Offences and registrar in the execution of his duties under paragraph (a) of sub-penalties. section (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding six months.
- 18. (1) Any person whose name has been omitted from any Procedure as copy of the provisional list of electors or part thereof, prepared and to omissions exhibited under the provisions of section 16 and who claims to and objechave his name inserted therein shall within ten-days after the exhibi-tions tion of such copy, or part thereof-give notice in writing to the Form D. Registration Officer in the Form D in the First Schedule.
- (2) Any person whose name appears in any such copy of the provisional list, or part thereof, may object to any other person whose name also appears therein as not being entitled to be regis-

Form E

tered as an elector, and shall within ten days after the exhibition of such copy or part thereof, under the provisions of section 16, give notice in writing in the Form E in the First Schedule to the Registration Officer and to the person objected to. For the purpose of giving notice to the person objected to it shall be sufficient to leave a copy of such notice at his usual or last known place of abode.

(3) Within seven days of the expiration of the period of ten days prescribed in subsection (2) the Registration Officer shall cause to be prepared and exhibited, in each place where a copy of the provisional list, or part thereof, has been exhibited under the provisions of section 16, a statement of all such claims and objections in respect of such copy or part, and the names of the persons who have made the same.

Revision courts.

19. (1) An open court shall be held for each ward by a Revising Officer for that ward for the purpose of revising the provisional lists for the ward.

(2) The court shall be held on such day being within fifteen days after the publication of the list of claims and objections, as may be fixed by the Revising Officer, and ten days' notice of the holding of the court and of the place and time at which the same is to be held shall be given in such manner as the Revising Officer may consider appropriate.

Procedure of Revision courts.

- 20. (1) Upon the production in court by the Registration Officer of the provisional lists for the ward and the statement of claims and objections relating thereto, the Revising Officer shall go through the same and shall insert in the list the name of every person who is proved to his satisfaction to be entitled to have his name inserted therein and shall strike out of such list the name of every person who, upon the application of an objector or of the Registration Officer, is proved to the satisfaction of the Revising Officer not to be entitled to have his name retained therein or to be dead.
- (2) If an objector, other than the Registration Officer, appears neither in person nor by counsel nor by some elector duly authorised by him in writing in that behalf, the objection shall be over-ruled and the name of the person objected to shall be retained as an elector in the provisional list.
- (3) The Revising Officer holding a court under this Act may require any person present to give any information in his possession which the Revising Officer may require for the purpose of his duties as a Revising Officer. He may, subject to the provisions of section 23, adjourn the court to such time and as often as may be necessary and shall have the same powers as a Magistrate.
- (4) The Revising Officer shall in open court determine all claims and objections, and shall write his initials against any name struck out of a provisional list or inserted therein, and against any mistake or omission corrected, and shall sign his name to every page of a provisional list, when the same is finally settled.
- (5) If the Revising Officer is of the opinion that the claim or objection of any person is without foundation or is frivolous, he may order such person to pay the actual costs of the inquiry including the cost of witnesses, and such costs shall be recoverable by the Registration Officer in a suit before any court of competent jurisdiction.

21. No appeal or notice of appeal shall be received or allowed Grounds of against the decision of the Revising Officer upon any question of appeal. fact or upon the admissibility or effect of any evidence or admission adduced or made in any case to establish any matter of fact only.

22. (1) Any person whose claim to have his name inserted Who may in a provisional list has been disallowed or who has made any appeal and objection to any other person as not being entitled to have his name procedure on inserted in any such list or whose name has been expunged from any such list or who has made any objection to any other person as not being entitled to be shown in a provisional list, and who is dissatisfied with any decision of the Revising Officer on any point of law material to the result of the case, may, either in person or by some person on his behalf deliver to the Registration Officer within ten days after the decision of the Revising Officer was given, a notice in writing of his desire to appeal to the Supreme Court and such notice shall contain a short statement of the decision against which he desires to appeal. The Registration Officer shall forthwith forward such notice to the Revising Officer.

(2) The Revising Officer shall thereupon state in writing the facts which in his judgment shall have been established by the evidence in the case, and which shall be material to the matter in question and his decision upon the whole case, and also his decision upon any point of law appealed against, and shall sign and date the same.

(3) The Revising Officer shall endorse on the case as stated as aforesaid the name of the ward of the constituency to which the same relates and the respective surnames and other names and places of abode of the appellant and of the respondent (if any) and shall transmit the case so indorsed together with the notice of the appellant to the Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court and also deliver a copy of the case so indorsed to the appellant and respondent (if any) in the appeal, if either requires the same.

(4) The Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court upon receiving a case stated as aforesaid from the Revising Officer shall file the same in court and shall forthwith set down the appeal for hearing. Seven clear days' notice of the date of hearing of the appeal shall be given to the appellant and respondent (if any).

(6) The right of any person whose name is for the time Right to vote being on a Register of Electors to vote at an election shall not be not to be prejudiced by any appeal pending under this section, and any vote affected by given at an election in pursuance of that right shall be as good as if pending no such appeal were pending and shall not be affected by the subsequent decision of the appeal.

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Costs of appeal.

(7) The Supreme Court may make such order as to the payment of costs of any appeal either in whole or in part or in proportion or by way of contribution amongst the parties interested as to the Court seems just: .

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Provided that the Court shall not in any case make any order for costs against or in favour of any respondent unless he appears before the Court in support of the decision of the Revising Officer which is in question.

Settlement of lists.

23. The provisional lists in respect of any ward shall be finally settled and signed by the Revising Officer and such lists shall be delivered by him to the Registration Officer within ten days from the date on which such Revising Officer first commenced to hold his court and revise such lists.

Register of Electors.

- 24. (1) Upon delivery to him of the list as revised by the Revising Officer the Registration Officer shall within such period as the Minister may by Order direct cause the revised list to be kept, ward by ward, in a register to be known as the Register of Electors with every name in each ward and continuing in regular series to the last name in each ward.
- (2) The Register of Electors for the time being in force in any ward shall be conclusive evidence for the purpose of determining whether a person is or is not entitled to vote at the election of a member of the House of Representatives to represent that constituency or the election of an elected member of a local authority to represent that ward.

Remuneration of Registration Officers and Revising Officers. Expenses of preparing lists and registers.

- 25. The Registration Officers and Revising Officers shall receive such reasonable remuneration for their services as the Minister shall see fit to authorise.
- 26. All expenses properly incurred in the preparation of the lists and Registers of Electors under the provisions of this Act, including the remuneration of Registration Officers and Revising Officers, shall be a charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Regulations.

27. The Governor-General may make such Regulations as may be necessary or expedient for giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

Existing Registers.

28. Notwithstanding the revocation effected by subsection (3), of section 29, the existing House of Representatives Register and the existing Registers of Voters, established under the provisions of the Ordinances or Regulations listed in the Second Schedule shall continue in force until the compilation of a new Register of Electors under the provisions of this Act.

Amendment and Repeal Third Schedule

29. (1) The sections of the Ordinances specified in the Third Schedule are hereby amended to the extent specified in the last column of the said Schedule.

Fourth Schedule.

(2) The sections of the Ordinances specified in the Fourth Schedule are hereby repealed.

Fifth Schedule.

. (3) The Regulations specified in the Fifth Schedule are hereby revoked.

(4) The amendments, repeals and revocations effected by this section shall not affect anything lawfully done under any of the enactments so amended, repealed or revoked.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Sec. 13)

FRANCHISE AND FLECTORAL REGISTRATION ACT 1961

NOTICE	TO ELECTORS
	and is entitled to be registered as an elector
in a ward of the	must deliver or
send a written claim to be so reg	
	aton or before
the day	
2. Forms for making the cl Officer at the address given in para	aim may be obtained from the Registration agraph 1 of this Notice.
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Date	Registration Officer.
. 1	FORM B (Sec. 13)
FRANCHISE AND ELECT	TORAL REGISTRATION ACT, 1961
CLAIM TO BE REG	ISTERED AS AN ELECTOR
To: THE REGISTRATION OFFICER	at
I	of hereby
	in the Ward, and
(a) I am not an alien;	AND
, , ,	r registration as an elector in any other ward;
(c) I am not otherwise din the said ward; ANI	squalified from being registered as an elector
	rs of age; AND
*(e) I was resident in the w	ard on the
	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
DATED the day	of19
Witness to mark	Signature (or mark)
N.B.—No person shall be registered	
(a) is an alien; or	•
	under the laws for the time being in force
(c) is disqualified from b	eing registered as an elector, or voting under

any laws for the time being in force in Sierra Leone relating to

offences connected with elections; or

(d) is serving a sentence of imprisonment.

Date of publication of Form A

To:

34	No. 44	Franchise	and Elec	toral Registration	1961
		FORM	Ď		(Sec. 18)
FRZ	ANCHISE	AND ELECTO	RAL RE	GISTRATION AC	CT, 1961
				PROVISIONAL	
Тне	REGISTRAT	TION OFFICER,		-	
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THE REGISTRATION OFFICER,	•
***************************************	,

I,give you notice that	of hereby
	ny name from Provisional List for the nd I claim to have my name inserted in the following grounds
	•••••
DATED this	lay of19
Witness to mark	Signature (or mark)

FORM E (Sec. 18)

FRANCHISE AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION ACT, 1961

1. NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO RETENTION OF NAME IN A LIST : AS AN ELECTOR To: THE REGISTRATION OFFICER,

		• '		
I,		of .		being
person v	whose name appea	rs as an electo Ward hereby gi	r in the Provision ve notice that I ob	nal List for the pject to the name
List as an E	Elector on the groun	ds that:—	•	
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DATED	this	day of	19	

Signature (or mark) Witness to mark

1. NOTICE TO PERSON OBJECTED TO To: of..... I, of being a person whose name appears as an elector in the Provisional List for the...... ward hereby give you notice that I object to your name being retained in that List as an elector on the grounds that:-· And that you will be required to prove your qualification at the time of the revising of the said List. Signature (or mark) Witness to mark SECOND SCHEDULE Sec. 28 The Freetown Municipality Ordinance Cap. 65 The Rural Area Ordinance Cap. 75 The Sherbro Urban District Council Cap. 76 Ordinance The District Councils Ordinance Cap. 79 Cap. 80 The Bo Town Council Ordinance The House of Representatives (Registration of Electors) Regulations 1956 Vol. VI, page 9 ...

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Sec. 29 (1))

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Short title	Section -	Extent of An	
Cap. 65 Freetown Municipality Ordinance	15	Repeal paragraph (b) and substitute "(b) registered as an elect	is entitled to be for under the Fran-
	No. 44 of 1961	chise and Electoral Re and his name is in the for any ward in the	Register of Electors
	24	Substitute "Register "register of voters"	of Electors" for in the fourth line.
	52	Substitute "register" registered voter" is subsection (1).	

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Cap. 75 Rural Area Ordinance	6	Substitute "registered electors" for "registered voters" in the fourth line of subsection (1).
	7	Substitute "registered electors" for "registered voters" in the fourth line of subsection (1).
,	8	Substitute "registered electors" for registered voters" in the fourth line of subsection (1).
•	11	Repeal paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and substitute "(a) is entitled to be
	No. 44 of 1961	registered as an elector under the Franchise and Electoral Registration Act, 1961, and his name is in the Register of Electors for any village area of that local authority."
1	49	Substitute "registered elector" for "registered voter" in the fourth line of subsection (1).
Cap. 76 Sherbro Urban District Council Ordi- nance	8 - No. 44 of 1961	Repeal paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and substitute "(b) is entitled to be registered as an elector under the Franchise and Electoral Registration Act, 1961, and his name is in the Register of Electors for any ward in the District.
	43	Substitute "registered elector" for "registered voter" in the fourth line of subsection (1).
Cap. 79 District Councils Ordinance	6	Substitute "registered electors" for "registered voters" in the third line of paragraph (b) of subsection (1).
	7 No. 44 of 1961	Substitute "an elector under the Franchise and Electoral Registration Act, 1961, and his name is in the Register of Electors" for "a voter under this Ordinance and his name is on the Register of Voters" in the fifth and sixth lines of subsection (1).
*	11	Substitute "registered elector" for "registered voter" in the fourth line of subsection (1).
Cap. 80 Bo Town Council Ordinance	8	Repeal paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and substitute "(b) is entitled to be registered as an elector under the Fran-

	No. 44 of 1961	chise and Electoral Registration Act, 1961, and his name is in the Register of Electors for any ward in the town".
	43	Substitute "registered elector," for "registered voter" in the fourth line of subsection (1).
Cap. 295 Townships Ordinance	No. 44 of 1961	Repeal paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and substitute "(b) is entitled to be registered as an elector under the Franchise and Electoral Registration Act, 1961, and his name is in the Register of Electors for any ward in the town".
	40	Substitute "registered elector" for "registered voter" in the fourth line or subsection (1).

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FOU	JRTH	SCHEDU	JLE	(Sec. 29 (2))	•
Cap.		•		Sections repealed	
65 Freetown Municipality Ordin	ance	••		25, 26, 27	
75 Rural Area Ordinance	••	••	• •	22, 23	
76 Sherbro Urban District Counc	cil Ordi	nance	٠٠,	15, 16	
79 District Councils Ordinance	••;	• •		12, 14	
80 Bo Town Council Ordinance	••	••	••	15, 16	
295 Townships Ordinance			••	11, 12	

		FIFTH SCHEDULE (Sec. 29 (3))
Vol. VI, page 9	••	The House of Representatives (Registration of Electors) Regulations, 1956
Vol. VI, page 588		The Freetown Municipality (Registration of Voters) Regulations
Vol. VI, page 677		The Rural Area (Registration of Voters) Regulations
		The Sherbro Urban District Council
Vol. VI, page 703		(Registration of Voters) Regulations
Vol. VI, page 753		The District Councils (Registration of Voters) Regulations
Vol. VI page 853	••	The Bo Town Council (Registration of Voters) Regulations

SIXTH SCHEDULE

(Sec. 6 (2))

RULES AS TO THE ORDINARY RESIDENCE OF ELECTORS

- 1. The place of ordinary residence of a person is that place where he usually lives, or which has always or generally been his home, or which is the place to which he intends to return when away therefrom.
- 2. Where a person usually sleeps in one place and has his meals or is employed in another place, his place of ordinary residence will be where he
- 3. For the purpose of these rules it will be assumed that a person can have only one place of ordinary residence and that it cannot be lost until it is replaced by another. .
- 4. Temporary absence does not cause a loss, and an absence of less than six months, or which is anticipated to be less than six months, will be regarded as temporary if the intention is to resume actual residence within that period.
- 5. Where after consideration of these rules in respect of an application for registration or objection thereto there appears some doubt as to whether a person's ordinary residence is in one registration area or another, a Registration Officer may decide between such respective areas (and other matters being equal may take into account the probable convenience of the applicant) and his decision shall in such case be conclusive in respect of any application for registration or objection thereto.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 2nd day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

> J. W. E. DAVIES. for Clerk of the House of Representatives.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the House of Representatives and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.

> J. W. E. DAVIES, of the House of Representatives.

In Her Majesty's name I assent to this Act this 27th day of October, 1961.

> MAURICE H. DORMAN. Governor-General.

No. 45



1961

Sierra Leone

An Act to Suspend certain Provisions of the Freetown Municipality Ordinance relating to Annual Elections and the term of Office of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors

[28th October, 1961.] Date of com-

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Freetown Municipality short title. (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1961.