

ELECTION/ POLLING DAY GUIDELINES

OFFENCE TO SELL LIQUOR ON ELECTION DAY

The public is advised that on Election Day, it is an offence to sell, offer, expose for sale or give away any intoxicating liquor at any premises in the constituency to which a license has been issued under the Liquor License Act Cap 182.

In addition, persons are reminded that it is an offence to supply intoxicating liquor to any person on the premises of a club at any time between the opening and closing of the poll.

For more information on Election Day Regulations, persons should call the Electoral and Boundaries Commission at 535-4800.

USE OF PARAPHERNALIA AND NO CONGREGATING ON ELECTION DAY

Members of the public are advised that on Election Day, the use of loud speakers, bunting, bands of music, flags, party badges, or any such paraphernalia as political propaganda, is forbidden.

In addition, during polling hours, no person should assemble or congregate within 100 yards of any polling station.

For more information on Election Day Regulations, persons should call the Electoral and Boundaries Commission at 535-4800.

EBC TO FUNCTION AS INFORMATION CENTRE ON ELECTION DAY

The Electoral Department, Warrens Towers II, Warrens, St. Michael, will function as an Information Centre, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on polling day, to assist electors in locating their polling stations.

For information on the location of the polling station, voters may call 535-4800 or 535-4853 or visit the website www.electoral.barbados.gov.bb. and engage the chatbot.

PRESENTATION OF IDENTIFICATION ON ELECTION DAY

Registered electors are reminded that they should take their Identification Card when attending the polling stations at which they are entitled to vote and to, note that Identification Cards may be used even if they have been issued in excess of 10 years.

Any elector who has lost or misplaced his or her Identification Card may present a valid passport or driving license at the polling station. However, any elector who does not have any of these documents, is still entitled to vote and should attend the polling station.

EMPLOYERS MUST ALLOW EMPLOYEES REASONABLE PERIOD FOR VOTING

Employers are reminded that on polling day, they must allow every elector in their employ a reasonable period of not less than one hour for voting.

Additionally, employers must not make any deductions from wages, salaries or any other remuneration, or impose upon the elector any penalty due to their absence for the period of voting.

Any employer, who directly or indirectly refuses, or by intimidation, undue influence, or in any other way interferes with an elector's right to vote, is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500 or to imprisonment for six months.

For more information on Election Offences, members of the public should call the Electoral and Boundaries Commission at 535-4800 or visit the website www.electoral.barbados.gov.bb .

PROHIBITED DEVICES AT POLLING STATION

Voters are reminded that the use of all communication devices, such as smart phones, smart watches and smart pens, is prohibited in the polling station.

Communication devices and all other personal effects must be left at the desk before proceeding to the polling booth and retrieved on the way out, after the voting.

Voters are reminded that on election day, the polling booth would be positioned so each voter enters with his or her back to the Presiding Officer to allow the Presiding Officer to ensure that voters are not using any concealed electronic communication devices. Voters are assured that privacy and the secrecy of the vote would be maintained.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE DISABLED ON ELECTION DAY

Voters who are blind or otherwise physically incapacitated or who declare they are illiterate, or who are mentally challenged, are advised that they may request assistance from the Presiding Officer at their assigned polling station on Election Day.

The blind or physically incapacitated voter must make an oral declaration at the door of the polling station and a written declaration on a special form. Presiding Officers must record the particulars of such voters.

The Electoral and Boundaries Commission has further advised blind and other physically incapacitated voters that they can also choose to be assisted by a companion at the polling station. Companions, who must be 18 years or older, can assist no more than two persons in any one constituency.

Presiding officers must record the particulars of the companions.

VOTING HOURS ON ELECTION DAY

Voters are reminded that on election day the poll will be opened from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. the police officer or other election official will stand at the end of the line to mark the closure and all persons in line will be allowed to cast their vote.