



Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

COMMUNIQUE

TO

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ON THE UPCOMING BY-ELECTIONS

Nairobi, Kenya: Wednesday, 03rd September 2025

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) published the date of the upcoming by-elections on 8th and 11th August 2025

HIGHLIGHTS FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

1. Candidates intending to participate in the by-elections as independent candidates shall not be members of any political party at least three (3) months prior to the date of the by-elections.
2. An independent candidate is expected to **obtain and submit** to the Commission a clearance certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that they have not been a member of any political party for at least three months prior to the date of the by-election.

A. Submission of the independent candidate's name and symbol

3. An independent candidate shall submit the name and symbol they intend to use during the by-elections to the Commission on or before Wednesday, 17th September 2025.
4. The submission is to be made in the prescribed Forms 11N and 11P of the schedule to the Elections (General) Regulations, 2012, in an electronic and print format, and shall be delivered at Anniversary Towers, 21st Floor, between 8:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. (templates attached).
5. The Commission shall, after approval of the symbol submitted by an independent candidate, publish in the Gazette, the symbols at least fourteen (14) days before the nomination/registration of candidates.

B. Nomination/Registration of candidates

6. The pre-nomination/registration meeting with the aspirants shall be held on **Friday, 3rd October, 2025** with the respective Returning Officers.
7. An independent candidate contesting in the **Senate by-election** shall submit to the Returning Officer:
 - A duly filled nomination form;
 - List of names of supporters, their signatures, and national identity card/passport numbers of two thousand registered voters in the County; and
 - Copies of the identity cards of the voters.

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8. An independent candidate contesting for the **National Assembly by-elections** shall submit to the Returning Officer:
 - A duly filled nomination form;
 - List of names of supporters, their signatures, and national identity card/passport numbers of one thousand registered voters in the Constituency; and
 - Copies of the identity cards of the voters.
9. An independent candidate contesting for the **County Assembly by-elections** shall submit to the Returning Officer:
 - A duly filled nomination form;
 - List of names of supporters, their signatures, and national identity card/passport numbers of five hundred registered voters in the ward; and
 - Copies of the identity cards of the voters.
10. The nomination/registration of independent candidates and candidates presented by political parties for the by-elections shall be on **Wednesday, 8th October 2025** and **Thursday 9th October 2025**. The nomination papers shall be delivered by the candidates to the respective Returning Officer between 8.00am and 1.00pm and 2.00pm and 4.00pm at the place designated by the Commission.

C. Campaign period

11. The campaign period for purposes of the **Thursday 27th November 2025** by-elections shall commence on **Wednesday, 8th October 2025**, and cease on **Monday 24th November 2025**, being 48 hours before the by-election day.
12. The campaign time shall run daily from **7.00a.m. to 6.00p.m.** during the campaign period.

D. Submission of agents

13. An independent candidate is expected to submit to the Commission the names of their agents at least 14 days before the date of the by-elections to facilitate the processing of their details and training.

E. Compliance with the Electoral Code of Conduct

14. For the purposes of the upcoming by-elections, the Electoral Code of Conduct **shall apply from the date of publication of the by-election notices until the swearing in of elected candidates.**



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Every political party, candidate and person who will participate in the election shall subscribe to and observe the Electoral Code of Conduct set out in the Second Schedule to the Elections Act, 2011.

F. Dispute resolution

15. IEBC dispute resolution committee shall hear and determine disputes from **Wednesday, 8th October 2025 to Friday 17th October 2025**.
16. IEBC Electoral Code of Conduct Committee shall hear and determine matters relating to breach of the Code from the date of publication of the notice of the by-election to the date of gazettelement of the persons elected.

NB: Persons intending to participate as independent candidates are expected to adhere to the stipulated timelines.

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FORM11N

(r. 15(b))

INTENTION TO CONTEST AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

I,ID No./ Passport No.....

do hereby make an application to contest as an Independent Candidate in the Election for

.....President / Senate /Woman Representative / Member of National Assembly

/ Governor / Member of County Assembly in.....

County / Constituency / County Assembly Ward to be held on theday of.....

20.....

Contacts

Physical address:

Tel:

Email:

Signature:

Dated:20.....



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FORM11P

(r.10)

SUBMISSION OF PARTICULARS AND SYMBOL BY AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

I,ID No. / Passport No.

having made an application to contest as an Independent Candidate in the

Election forPresident /

Senate /County Woman Member to the National Assembly / Member of National Assembly /

Governor / Member of County Assembly in

County / Constituency / County Assembly Ward to be held on theday of

.....20do hereby submit my symbol for approval by the Commission.

Name of Symbol:

Signature:

Dated:.....20.....

(Attach print and electronic copy of the symbol)



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SUPPORTERS OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION OF MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

We, the undersigned, being registered voters, do hereby support the nomination of
.....as a candidate for election as a Member of National
Assembly for the.....Constituency.

No.	Name	I.D Card No./ Passport No.	County	Constituency	Signature/Thumb Print
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

NB: a total of at least 1000 supporters from the constituency must be submitted to the Returning officers for every independent candidate.



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SUPPORTERS OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR SENATE ELECTION

We, the undersigned, being registered voters, do hereby support the nomination
of.....as a candidate for election as Senator of the
.....County.

No.	Name	I.D Card No./ Passport No.	County	Constituency	Signature/Thumb Print
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

NB: A total of at least 2,000 supporters from the county for the Senate must be submitted to the Returning officers for every independent candidate.



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SUPPORTERS OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION OF MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY

We, the undersigned, being registered voters, do hereby support the nomination

of.....as a candidate for election as Member of County

Assembly Ward for theWard in

No.	Name	I.D Card No./ Passport No.	County	Constituency	Signature/Thumb Print
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

NB: A total of at least 500 supporters from the County Assembly ward must be submitted to the Returning officer for every independent candidate.