

## **INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION**

# **PUBLIC NOTICE** QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DIFFERENT ELECTIVE POSITIONS

NOTICE is hereby given to the public on the qualifications and requirements for candidates contesting for elective positions together with nominees to Party Lists in the upcoming General Election scheduled to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

## A. Candidate for Presidential Election (and Running Mate)

## **Qualifications:**

- 1. Must be a Kenyan citizen by birth;
- 2. Is qualified to stand for election as a member of Parliament;
- 3. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- 4. Must be a registered voter;
- 5. Is a holder of a degree from a University recognized in Kenya;
- 6. Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate;
- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than, President, Deputy President or Member of Parliament;
- 8. Must meet the moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- 9. Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- 10. Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- 11. Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- 12. Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections;
- Must not have been found to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- 14. Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution.

## **Requirements:**

(All requirements for presidential candidate apply to a deputy presidential candidate.)

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

- 1. Certified copies of educational qualification certificates, including a Degree Certificate in accordance with Section 22 of the Elections Act, 2011 and Regulation 47 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012.
- 2. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid

Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter).

- 3. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
- 4. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered Political Party nominating the candidate, duly dated and signed by an authorized official of the party.
- 5. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
- 6. A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including:
  - (a) An original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012 and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)
  - (b) For both Political Party Candidates and Independent Candidates, an electronic and printed copy of <u>not fewer than</u> <u>2000 voters</u> from each of the majority of the counties in the prescribed form.
- 7. For an Independent Candidate:
  - (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections; (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012.
  - (b) An electronic and a printed copy of a list of at least 2000 supporters from each of the majority of the counties in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
  - (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest, prescribed by the Commission.
  - (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission 21 days before Nomination day.
  - (e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address,

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including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission

- 8. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:
  - Kshs. 200,000 for candidates
  - Kshs. 100,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability.

B. Candidate for Governor Election (and Running Mate)

## **Qualifications:**

- Must have been Kenyan citizens for at least 10 years;
- 2. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- Must be eligible for election as a member of the county assembly;
- 4. Must be a registered voter;
- 5. Is a holder of a degree from a University recognized in Kenya;
- 6. Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate;
- 7. Must meet the statutory moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than a member of the County Assembly;
- 9. Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- 10. Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- 11. Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- 12. Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections;
- Must not have been found to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- 14. Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution.

(All requirement for County Governor apply to the Deputy Governor)

Requirements:

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

- 2. Certified copies of educational qualification certificates, including a Degree Certificate in accordance with Section 22 of the Elections Act, 2011 and Regulation 47 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012.
- 3. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
- 4. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
- 5. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered political party nominating the candidate, duly signed and dated by an authorized official of the party
- 6. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
- A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including an original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012) and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)
- 8. For an Independent Candidate:
  - (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections; (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012
  - (b) An electronic and a printed copy of a list of at <u>least 500 supporters</u> in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
  - (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest, prescribed by the Commission.
  - (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission
  - (e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address, including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission.
- 9. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:
  - Kshs. 50, 000 for candidates
  - Kshs. 25,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Must have been a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years before the election;
- 2. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- 3. Must be a registered voter;
- Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate;
- 5. Must meet the statutory moral and ethical

requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;

- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than a Member of Parliament;
- Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- 8. Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- 9. Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- 10. Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections;
- Must not have been found to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- 12. Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution

#### **Requirements:**

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

- 1. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
- 2. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
- 3. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered political party nominating the candidate, duly signed by an authorized official of the party
- 4. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
- A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including an original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012) and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)
- 6. For an Independent Candidate:
  - (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections;(Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012
  - (b) An electronic and a printed copy soft and a hard copy of a list of at least 2000 supporters in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
  - (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest submitted to the Commission in the prescribed form,
  - (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission
  - (e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address,

including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission.

7. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:

- Kshs. 50,000 for candidates
- Kshs. 25,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability
- D. Candidate for National Assembly Election (including Woman County Representative to the National Assembly)

#### **Qualifications:**

- 1. Must have been a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years before the election;
- 2. Must not hold allegiance to a foreign state;
- 3. Must be a registered voter;
- 4. Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate;
- 5. Must meet the statutory moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than a Member of Parliament;
- 7. Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- 8. Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- 9. Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections;
- Must not have been found to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- 12. Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution

#### **Requirements:**

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

- 1. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
- 2. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in electronic and printed copy.
- 3. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered political party nominating the candidate, duly signed by an authorized official of the party
- 4. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
- A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including an original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012) and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)

6. For an Independent Candidate:

- (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections; (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012
- (b) An electronic and a printed copy of a list of at <u>least 1000 supporters</u> in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
- (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest submitted to the Commission in the prescribed form.
- (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission
- (e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address, including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission.
- 7. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:
  - Kshs. 20,000 for candidates
  - Kshs. 10,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability
- E. Candidate for Ward County Election

#### **Qualifications**:

- 1. Must have been a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years before the election;
- 2. Must be a registered voter;
- 3. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- 4. Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate;
- 5. Must meet the statutory moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than a Member of the County Assembly;
- Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- 8. Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- 9. Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- 10. Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections;
- Must not have been found to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- 12. Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution

### Requirements:

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

1. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)

- 2. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in electronic and printed copy.
- 3. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered political party nominating the candidate, duly signed by an authorized official of the party
- 4. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
- A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including an original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012) and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)
- 6. For an Independent Candidate:
  - (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections; (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012.
  - (b) An electronic and printed copy of a list of at least 500 supporters in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
  - (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest submitted to the Commission in the prescribed form.
  - (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission.
  - (e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address, including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission
- 7. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:
  - Kshs. 5,000 for candidates.
  - Kshs. 2,500 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability.
- F. General Requirements for Independent Candidates (Regulation 39 of the Election(General) Regulations, 2012)

A nomination paper submitted by an Independent Candidates to the Commission shall;

- a) Contain the candidate's name as it appears in the Register of Voters.
- b) Be signed by the candidate, proposer and seconded who shall be voters registered in the respective electoral area.
- c) The Proposer and Seconder shall not be members of any political party
- d) Show the respective electoral area for the proposer and Seconder.
- e) Be delivered to the returning officer personally by the candidates himself or herself or by a person authorised by the candidates on the date set for nominations for that election.

Qualifications for Nominees of Party Lists under Articles 97(1) (c) and 98 (1) (b), (c) and (d), and for the members of county assemblies under Article 177 (1) (b) and (c)

## The following

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- (a) Nominees to the National Assembly -
- (b) Nominees to the Senate
- (c) Youth Nominees to the Senate
- (d) Persons with Disability Nominees to the Senate
- (e) Marginalized Group Nominees to the County Assembly
- (f) Gender Special Seats Nominees to the County Assembly (For Gender Top Up)

## **Qualifications:**

- 1. Must have been a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years before the election;
- 2. Must be a registered voter;
- 3. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- 4. Certification of Disability from the relevant institution as prescribed by the Commission;
- 5. Must meet the statutory moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- 6. Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than a Member of the County Assembly or National Assembly as the case may be.
- Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- 8. Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- 9. Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections;
- Must not have been found to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- 12. Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution

## **Requirements:**

A Political Party must submit the following documents to the Commission during the date set for delivery of party lists to the Commission:

- Party Lists containing nominees appointed in accordance with Articles 97(1)(c), 98(1)(b), (c) and 177(1)(c) and (c) of the Constitution in the manner prescribed by the Commission and by authorized signatories of the nominating Political Party.
- 2. Duly signed copies of Letters of Acceptance executed by the Nominees.

The constitution of kenya, 2010; the elections act, 2011; political parties of act, 2011; the leadership and integrity act, 2012; elections (general) regulations, 2012

W. Chebukati - Chairman

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