

## THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) ACT 31 OF 1996

I assent,

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H. F. COOKE,

Governor-General

19th day of December, 1996.

AN ACT to Amend the Representation of the People Act.

**[ 20th December, 1996 ]**

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

### **1 Short title and construction**

This Act may be cited as the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1996, and shall be read and construed as one with the Representation of the People Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

### **2 Amendment of section 2 of principal Act**

Subsection (1) of section 2 of the principal Act is amended in the definition of "election officer" by deleting the words "election clerk" and substituting therefore the words "assistant returning officer"

### **3 Amendment of section 5 of principal Act**

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by inserting next after subsection (5) the following as subsection (6)-

" (6) Any person who attempts to be registered as an elector in a polling division more than once or for more than one polling division shall be guilty of an offence and upon summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years."

### **4 Insertion of new section 6A in principal Act**

The principal Act is amended by inserting next after section 6 the following as section 6A-

#### **6A. "Establishment of registration centres.**

The Chief Electoral Officer shall establish in each constituency a centre (in this Act referred to as a registration centre) for the purpose of the registration of voters so, however, that he may from time to time, establish such other registration centres in a constituency as he considers necessary."

### **5 Section 7 of the principal Act is amended-**

(a) in subsection (1) by deleting the words "during the enumeration period" and substituting therefore the words "every six months or at such other intervals as the Minister may, on the advice of the Committee, from time to time, prescribe";

(b) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting therefore the following as subsections (2), (3) and (4)-

" (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1), the Minister, acting on the advice of the Committee, may from time to time prescribe an enumeration period for the purposes of section 5.

(3) Where an enumeration period has been prescribed under subsection (2), the Chief Electoral Officer may, on the recommendation of the Committee, prescribe in respect of each constituency, a date during that period, on which registration of persons as electors is to commence.

(4) In this Act "enumeration period" means a period of twelve months commencing on such date as the Minister, acting on the advice of the Committee, may from time to time prescribe."

### **6 Section 8 of the principal Act is amended-**

Amendment of section 8 of principal Act.

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefore the following-

" (1) With a view to the preparation of the official list of electors in a polling division the Chief Electoral Officer shall-

(a) have a house-to-house enquiry made in such polling division as to the persons entitled to be registered as electors in accordance with subsection (1) of section 5 and those who have been so registered pursuant to that subsection; and

(b) take account of the electors who have died in such polling division, whose names appear on the list referred to in subsection (3).";

(b) by inserting next after subsection (2) the following as subsection (3)-

" (3) The Registrar General shall, at intervals of three months, transmit to the Chief Electoral Officer a list specifying

the names, addresses and occupations, of all adults, who have died during that three months."

#### **7 Amendment of section 11 of principal Act**

Section 11 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) in subsection (1)-

(i) by deleting the word "Governor-General" and substituting therefore the word "Committee";

(ii) by deleting the word "he" and substituting therefore the word "it";

(b) in subsection (3)-

(i) by deleting the word "Governor-General" and substituting therefore the word "Committee";

(ii) by deleting the word "him" and substituting therefore the word "it";

(iii) by deleting the word "one" and substituting therefore the word "ten".

#### **8 Amendment of section 12 of principal Act**

Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by inserting next after subsection (3) the following as subsection (4)-

" (4) Notwithstanding that a political party fails to satisfy the requirements of subsection (1), that political party shall be entitled to appoint scrutineers pursuant thereto if-

(a) it satisfies the Committee that one of its principal objectives as stated in its written constitution is the contesting of elections for membership to the House of Representatives;

(b) its officers are elected at an annual meeting called for that purpose;

(c) it satisfies the Committee that it has a membership of at least five thousand persons; and

(d) it submits to the Committee a petition regarding the right of the political party to have scrutineers, signed by at least fifty thousand persons aged eighteen years or over who support the entitlement and whose ages and addresses are stated in the petition."

#### **9 Amendment of section 13 of principal Act**

Section 13 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting therefore the following-

" (2) Each enumerator shall, in the polling division or polling divisions assigned to him by the returning officer-

(a) carry out a house-to-house enquiry of persons who have not been registered at a registration centre; and

(b) verify the addresses of persons who have been registered at a registration centre.";

(b) in subsection (3)-

(i) by inserting immediately after the word "enquiry" where it first appears the words "or when verifying an address";

(ii) by inserting immediately after the word "enquiry" where it appears a second time the words "or for the purpose of verifying an address, as the case may be";

(c) in subsection (4)-

(i) by deleting the word "one" and substituting therefore the word "ten";

(ii) by deleting the words "twelve months" and substituting therefore the words "three years";

(d) in subsection (6)-

(i) by inserting immediately after the words "to any person" the words "in a registration centre or";

(ii) by inserting immediately after the words "of any other person" the words "in that registration centre or";

(e) in subsection (7) by deleting the word "one" and substituting therefore the word "twenty";

(f) by inserting next after subsection (7) the following as subsection (8)-

" (8) Where an enumerator is convicted of an offence under subsection (4) or (7) or a person is convicted of an offence under subsection 4, the Resident Magistrate may, in addition to imposing a penalty thereunder, order that such enumerator or persons as the case may be, be disqualified from holding any post as an election officer for a period of seven years from the date of conviction."

#### **10 Section 14 of the principal Act is amended-**

Amendment of section 14 of principal Act.

(a) in subsection (1)-

(i) by inserting immediately after the word "may" the words "be present at a registration centre at any time when enumeration is being carried out and may also";

(ii) by inserting immediately after the words "enumerator is" the words "verifying an address or";

(b) in subsection (3)-

- (i) by inserting immediately after the word "shall," the words "at a registration centre or";
  - (ii) by inserting immediately after the words "any person" the words "at the registration centre or";
  - (iii) by inserting immediately after the words "other person" the words "at the registration centre or";
- (c) in subsection (4)-
- (i) by inserting immediately after the words "contravention of" the words "subsection (2) or";
  - (ii) by deleting the words "one thousand dollars" and substituting therefore the words "ten thousand dollars; and where a scrutineer is convicted of an offence under subsection (3) the Resident Magistrate may, in addition to imposing a fine, order that the scrutineer be disqualified from carrying out duties as a scrutineer for a period of seven years from the date of conviction".

#### **11 Insertion on new section 15A in principal Act**

The principal Act is amended by inserting next after section 15A-

##### **15A "Report by elector of loss of thumb, etc.**

(1) If a person is enumerated as an elector and he loses a thumb, other finger or hand, he shall report the fact of the loss, in such manner as may be authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer, at a registration centre either in his polling division or nearest to his place of residence.

(2) Where an elector makes a report pursuant to subsection (1) at a registration centre, the returning officer for the constituency in which the elector is registered shall forward a copy of the report to the Chief Electoral Officer who shall appropriately record the information contained in the report."

#### **12 Amendment of section 16 of principal Act**

Section 16 of the principal Act is amended-

- (a) in subsection (1) by deleting the word "one" and substituting therefore the word "five";
- (b) in subsection (2)-
  - (i) by deleting the word "four" and substituting therefore the word "twenty";
  - (ii) by deleting the words "twelve months" and substituting therefore the words "three years".

#### **13 Repeal and replacement of section 17 of principal Act**

Section 17 of the principal Act is deleted and the following substituted therefore-

17. The current official list of electors in respect of any polling division in any constituency prepared and published by the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with the provisions of section 7. shall be the official list of electors for that polling division in respect of elections to the House of Representatives:

Provided that a new list shall not be published between nomination day and election day."

#### **14 Amendment of section 21 of principal Act**

Subsection (1) of section 21 of the principal Act is amended by deleting all the words appearing after the words "more than" and substituting therefore the words "seven days after publication of the notice".

#### **15 Amendment of section 23 of principal Act**

Section 23 of the principal Act is amended-

- (a) in subsection (1) by deleting the word "noon" wherever it appears and substituting therefore in each case the words "two o'clock in the afternoon";
- (b) in paragraph (b) of subsection (5) by deleting the words "one hundred" and substituting therefore the words "three thousand".

#### **16 Amendment of section 39 of principal Act**

Section: 39 of the principal Act is amended-

- (a) by deleting the words "one hundred" and substituting therefore the words "ten thousand";
- (b) by deleting the words "six months" and substituting therefore the words "twelve months; and the Resident Magistrate may, in addition to imposing a fine or a term of imprisonment, order that such presiding officer be disqualified from holding any post as an election officer for a period of seven years from the date of conviction".

#### **17 Amendment of section 55 of principal Act**

Subsection (1) of section 55 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "one hundred thousand" and substituting therefore the words "three million".

#### **18 Amendment of sections 65 and 66 of principal Act**

Sections 65 and 66 of the principal Act are amended-

- (a) in the marginal note thereto by deleting the words "election clerk" wherever they appear and substituting therefore in each case the words "assistant returning officer";

(b) by deleting therefrom the words "election clerk" wherever they appear and substituting therefore in each case the words "assistant returning officer".

#### **19 Amendment of section 76 of principal Act**

Section 76 of the principal Act is amended-

- (a) in subsection (3) by deleting the words "one hundred" and substituting therefore the words "forty thousand";
- (b) in subsection (4) by deleting the words "not exceeding fifty dollars" and substituting therefore the words "not less than five thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars".

#### **20 Amendment of section 77 of principal Act**

Section 77 of the principal Act is amended-

- (a) in subsection (1) by-
  - (i) inserting immediately after the word "congregate" the words "or have in his possession any weapon or noxious substance which is capable of inflicting or causing injury";
  - (ii) by deleting the words "yards of any building" and substituting therefore the words "metres of any premises";
- (b) in subsection (2)-
  - (i) by inserting a semi-colon at the end of paragraph (c);
  - (ii) by inserting next after paragraph (c) the following as paragraph (d)-  
"(d) to any member of the-
    - (i) Jamaica Constabulary Force;
    - (ii) Island Special Constabulary Force;
    - (iii) Rural Police; or
    - (iv) Jamaica Defence Force, who is lawfully at a polling station in the execution of his duty.";
- (c) in subsection (3) by deleting all the words appearing after the word "conviction" and substituting therefore the following words-  
"before a Resident Magistrate-

(a) in the case of a person who assembles or congregates, to a fine not less than five thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment; or

#### **21 Insertion of new section 77A in principal Act**

The principal Act is amended by inserting next after section 77 the following as section 77A-

"77A Failure of member to comply with lawful request of presiding officer.

(1) Where at a polling station a Act presiding officer requests the assistance of a member of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, the Island Special Constabulary Force, the Rural Prince or the Jamaica Defence Force who is lawfully at that polling station in the execution of his duty and the member willfully fails to give such assistance, that member shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding thirty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years; and the Resident Magistrate may, in addition to such fine or imprisonment, order that the member be disqualified from carrying out any duties at any polling station and from being employed in any position of election officer for a period of at least seven years from the date of conviction.

(2) No proceedings under subsection (1) shall be commenced without the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions."

#### **22 Amendment of section 78 of principal Act**

Section 78 of the principal Act is amended-

- (a) in subsection (1) by deleting the words "yards of any building" and substituting therefore the words "metres of any premises";
- (b) by inserting next after subsection (1) the following as subsection (1A)-  
" (1A) No person who is a member of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, the Island Special Constabulary Force. the Rural Police or the Jamaica Defence Force shall, while acting in the execution of his duty during an election, seek to influence any elector to vote for any candidate or in any manner seek to improperly influence the outcome of any election.";
- (c) in subsection (2)-
  - (i) by deleting the words "not exceeding five hundred" and substituting therefore the words "not less than ten thousand";

(ii) by deleting the word "six" and substituting therefore the word "twelve";

(d) by inserting next after subsection (2) the following as subsection (3)-

" (3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1A) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not less than fifty thousand dollars nor more than two hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both such fine and imprisonment."

**23 Amendment of section 81 of principal Act**

Section 81 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefore the following-

" (1) No person shall, during an election, call together, hold or address any election meeting or hold an election march or election motorcade in any public place-

(a) unless notice of the intention to do so has been given not less than eight hours before the commencement thereof to the Officer or Sub-officer of Police in charge of the parish in which that place is situated or to the Sub-officer of Police in charge of the Police Station nearest to that place; or

(b) within twenty-four hours of the time fixed for the opening of the poll on election day.";

(b) by deleting from subsection (3) the words "not exceeding ten dollars" and substituting therefore the words "not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than forty thousand dollars".

**24 Amendment of section 82 of principal Act**

Section 82 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "not exceeding two hundred dollars" and substituting therefore the words "not less than five thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars".

**25 Repeal of section 83 of principal Act**

Section 83 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

**26 Amendment of section 84 of principal Act**

Subsection (3) of section 84 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "not exceeding one hundred dollars" and substituting therefore the words "not less than five thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars".

**27 Amendment of section 85 of principal Act**

Subsection (1) of section 85 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "not exceeding two hundred dollars" and substituting therefore the words "not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than forty thousand dollars".

**28 Amendment of section 86 of principal Act**

Section 86 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) by deleting the word "four" and substituting therefore the word "twenty"; and

(b) by deleting the words "twelve months" and substituting therefore the words "two years".

**29 Amendment of section 87 of principal Act**

Subsections (1) and (2) of section 87 of the principal Act are amended by deleting the word "four" wherever it appears and substituting therefore in each case the word "twenty".

**30 Amendment of section 88 of principal Act**

Section 88 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) by inserting immediately after the word "electors" the words "or who attempts or aids and abets any person to damage or destroy or without lawful authority to take away any such camera or other equipment, article or material of whatsoever kind";

(b) by inserting immediately after the words "shall be liable to" where they first appear the words "a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars and to";

(c) by deleting the word "two" and substituting therefore the word "three";

(d) by deleting the word "four" and substituting therefore the word "fifty";

(e) by deleting the words "five hundred" and substituting therefore the words "ten thousand".

**31 Amendment of section 88A of principal Act**

Section 88A of the principal Act is amended-

(a) by deleting the comma appearing at the end of paragraph (b) and substituting therefore a semi-colon and the word "or";

(b) by inserting next after paragraph (b) the following as paragraph (c)-

"(c) attempts to commit or aids and abets any person in the commission of an offence under paragraph(a) or(b),";  
(c) by deleting the words "four hundred" and substituting therefore the words "twenty thousand";  
(d) by deleting the words "twelve months" and substituting therefore the words "three years".

### **32 Amendment of section 89 of principal Act**

Section 89 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) by deleting the words "one hundred" and substituting therefore the words "ten thousand";  
(b) by deleting the word "six" and substituting therefore the word "twelve".

### **33 Amendment of section 90 of principal Act**

Section 90 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) in subsection (1)-  
(i) by deleting the word "two" and substituting therefore the word "three";  
(ii) by deleting the words "four hundred" and substituting therefore the words "twenty thousand";  
(b) in subsection (2)-  
(i) by deleting the words "six months" and substituting therefore the words "three years";  
(ii) by deleting the words "five hundred" and substituting therefore the words "ten thousand".

### **34 Amendment of section 94 of principal Act**

Section 94 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) by deleting the words "not exceeding one thousand dollars" and substituting therefore the words "not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than eighty thousand dollars";  
(b) by deleting the words "not exceeding one year" and substituting therefore the words "not less than three years nor more than five years; and the Resident Magistrate may, in addition to such fine and imprisonment order that the person be disqualified from holding any post of election officer for a period not less than seven years from the date of conviction."

### **35 Amendment of section 95 of principal Act**

(a) by deleting the words "imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for a term not less than six months hard labour, for a term not less than six months nor more than two years and in addition to such imprisonment shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars" and substituting therefore the words "liable to a fine not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than forty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not less than two years nor more than five years";  
(b) by deleting the words "imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding five years and in addition to such imprisonment shall be liable to such fine as the Court may impose" and substituting therefore the words "a fine not less than fifty thousand dollars nor more than two hundred thousand dollars nor more than two hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for such term as the Court may impose being not less than five years".

### **36 Amendment of section 97 of principal Act**

Section 97 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) by deleting the words "not exceeding four hundred dollars" and substituting therefore the words "not less than fifty thousand dollars nor more than two hundred thousand dollars";  
(b) by deleting the words "not exceeding twelve months" wherever they appear and substituting therefore in each case the words "not less than three years".

### **37 Amendment of section 98 of principal Act**

Section 98 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) and (2)-

(a) by deleting the words "not exceeding one thousand dollars" wherever they appear and substituting therefore in each case the words "not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than eighty thousand dollars";  
(b) by deleting the words "not exceeding two years" wherever they appear and substituting therefore in each case the words "not less than three years nor more than five years".

### **38 Amendment of section 99 of principal Act**

Subsection (4) of section 99 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour" and substituting therefore the words "before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than eighty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not less than three years nor more than five years; and the Resident Magistrate may, in addition to such fine or imprisonment, order that the person be disqualified from holding any post of election officer for a period not less than seven years from the date of conviction".

### **39 Amendment of section 100 of principal Act**

Section 100 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years" and substituting therefore the words "a fine not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than eighty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for such term as the Court may impose, being not less than three years; and the Court may order that the person be disqualified from holding any post of election officer for a period not less than seven years from the date of conviction".

### **40 Repeal and replacement of section 101 of principal Act**

Section 101 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefore-  
101. "Offences by election agents and candidates.

(1) Every election agent who-

(a) contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of section 60;

(b) in any return made under section 60 makes an entry which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true, commits an offence.

(2) Every candidate who-

(a) at an election contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (5) of section 60;

(b) in any declaration made under subsection (5) of section 60 makes any statement which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true, commits an offence.

(3) Every election agent who commits an offence under subsection (1) or candidate who commits an offence under subsection (2) shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction before a Circuit Court be liable to a fine not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than eighty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for such term as the Court may impose being a term not less than three years; and the Court may, in addition to such fine or imprisonment, order that the election agent or candidate be disqualified from holding any post of election officer for a period not less than seven years from the date of conviction".

### **41 Amendment of section 102 of principal Act**

Section 102 of the principal Act is amended by deleting all the words appearing after the words "to a fine" and substituting therefore the words "not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than eighty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not less than three years nor more than five years; and the Resident Magistrate may, in addition to such fine or imprisonment, order that the person be disqualified from holding any post of election officer for a period not less than seven years from the date of conviction".

### **42 Amendment of section 103 of principal Act**

Section 103 of the principal Act is amended-

(a) by deleting the word "five" and substituting therefore the word "ten";

(b) in the proviso thereto-

(i) by inserting immediately after the word "Provided" the word "further";

(ii) by deleting the word "five" and substituting therefore the words "ten years, as the case may be,"

(c) by inserting next before the proviso as amended the following proviso-

"Provided that where the person convicted is a candidate-

(a) the reference to ten-years shall be a reference to fifteen years; and

(b) he shall be disqualified from holding any post of election officer for a period of fifteen years."

### **43 Insertion of new section 114 in principal Act**

The principal Act is amended by inserting next after section 113 the following as section 114-

114. "Finger prints to be used for electoral purposes only.

(1) Any fingerprint recorded on a fingerprint card shall not be used for any purpose except in relation to the registration of any person enumerated under this Act or for the purpose of that person voting at a polling station.

(2) Any election officer who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment."

### **44 Amendment of Schedules to principal Act**

The Schedules to the principal Act are amended in the manner specified in the Schedule to this Act.

SCHEDULE

(Section 44)

## Provisions Amendments

First Schedule 1. Insert next after Rule 6 the following as Rule 6A-

"6A. A person who is enumerated at a registration centre shall not be registered as an elector unless and until the address which he has given at the time of enumeration as the place where he resides is verified by the returning officer or his nominee and such persons as are appointed scrutineers."

2. In Rule 7 insert immediately after the words "enumeration period" the words "or, as the case may be, at the time of enumeration at a registration centre in the constituency in which the polling division is situated";

3. In Rule 8 (1) insert immediately after the words "enumeration period" the words "or on the date prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer under section 7 (3)";

4. Insert next after Rule 19 the following as Rules 19A, 19B and 19C-

"19A-(1) Every enumerator and scrutineer shall be required to make the appropriate fingerprint impression in relation to the polling division to which they are assigned as such and the provisions of Rule 29 shall apply in relation thereto.

(2) Where an enumerator or scrutineer has made the appropriate fingerprint impressions he shall, for the purpose of verifying information under Rule 19C, designate a fingerprint to be used in relation thereto.

19B The provisions of Rules 7B, 8 (3) to (9), 9, 11, 13, 13A and 14 shall apply to enumeration carried out at a registration centre as they apply to house-to-house enumeration.

19C Where enumeration is carried out at a registration centre, the scrutineers assigned to the polling division for which the person is enumerated shall be entitled to verify the information received from the person enumerated at that registration centre and shall, after such verification, sign and affix their designated fingerprints to the registration record card

5 In Rule 20-

(a) in the definition of "registration officer" insert immediately after the word "division" the words "or at a registration centre";

(b) in paragraph (a), insert immediately after the word "division" the words "or registration centre".

6. In paragraph (1) of Rule 22, paragraph (b) of Rule 23, Rule 30, paragraph (3) of Rule 31 and paragraph (1) of Rule 32 delete the words "thumb print" wherever they appear and substitute therefore in each case the word "fingerprint".

7. In Rule 25-

(a) delete from paragraphs (1A), (3) and (4) the words "thumb print" wherever they appear and substitute therefore in each case the word "fingerprint";

(b) delete from paragraph (5) the words "thumb printing" and substitute therefore the word "fingerprinting".

8. In Rule 29-

(a) in paragraph (1)-

(i) delete the words "thumb print" and substitute therefore the word "fingerprint";

(ii) delete the words "one or more" and substitute therefore the words "the appropriate";

(iii) delete sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) and substitute therefore the following-

"(a) with his right and left thumbs; or

(b) with any other finger in place of a thumb, should he not have one thumb; or

(c) with any other two fingers in place of the thumbs should he not have any thumb.";

(b) in paragraph (2) delete the words "upon the thumb print" and substitute therefore the words 'and the missing finger, upon the fingerprint;

(c) in paragraph (3) by deleting the words "thumb print" and substitute therefore the word "finger print".

9. In paragraph (3) of Rule 35 delete the words "before the expiration of the period of twelve months during which such official list is prepared" and substitute therefore the words "every six months".

10. Insert immediately after Rule 35 the following as Rule 35A-

"35A. In preparing the official list the Chief Electoral Officer shall take into account the information contained in the quarterly list furnished by the Registrar-General pursuant to section 8 (3)."

11. In paragraphs (1) and (3) of Rule 38 delete the words "twelve days next following" wherever they appear and substitute therefore in each case the words "five days next before".

12. Delete Part V.

13. In Rule 40A, insert in paragraph (:2) immediately after the words "see out" the words "as Form 18".

14. Delete Forms Nos. 16 and 16A and substitute therefore the following-

"FORM No. 16



FORM NO. 16A

Provisions Amendments

15. Delete Form 19.

Second Schedule, { 1. Delete the diagram wherever it appears on Form 11, Schedule }

substitute therefore in each case the following-to the Rules appearing after the Third and Fourth Schedules }

2. In paragraph 2 of the Notes-

(a) delete the words "one or more" wherever they appear and substitute therefore in each case the words "the appropriate";

(b) delete sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) wherever they appear and substitute therefore in each case the following-

"(i) with his right thumb; or

(ii) with any other finger in place of a thumb, should he not have one thumb; or

(iii) with any other two fingers in place of the thumbs. should he not have either thumb."