



National Electoral Commission (NEC)

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PRESS RELEASE

DECLARATION OF DATE FOR THE CONDUCT OF PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL COUNCIL BYE ELECTIONS IN CONSTITUENCY 010 AND WARD 012 RESPECTIVELY IN KAILAHUN DISTRICT, SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY, 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991); and pursuant to provisions of Section 39 of the said Constitution, Sections 69 (1) and 70 (1) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012); and Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 2004 (Act No. 1 of 2004), the National Electoral Commission (NEC) makes the following proclamation:

1. Saturday, 27th February, 2021 is hereby declared as the day for the conduct of Parliamentary and Local Council bye elections in Constituency 010 and Ward 012 respectively in the Kailahun District.
2. According to letters from the Clerk of Parliament and the Chief Administrator of the Kailahun District Council respectively, the vacancies occurred as a result of the death of the late Hon. Samuel Genewai Panda, former Member of Parliament for Constituency 010 and late Md. Nancy Lilian Gbadegoi Coomber, former Councillor for Ward 012, Kailahun District Council. May their souls rest in peace.
3. Nominations of Candidates for the said Parliamentary and Local Council bye elections shall take place from 1st- 2nd February 2021 at the NEC District Office in Kailahun District.
4. The deadline for Political Parties to submit the list of their endorsed candidates for the bye-elections to the National Electoral Commission (NEC) is 30th January, 2021; as per Sections 61 and 62 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012).
5. In accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012, the candidates' nomination fee for the said Parliamentary bye election is **TEN MILLION LEONES (Le.10,000,000.00)** and Local Council bye election is **ONE MILLION LEONES (1,000,000.00)** per candidate, payable to the District Returning Officer in Kailahun District.

6. Qualifications and disqualifications for Member of Parliament are found in Sections 75 and 76 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991) and qualifications and disqualifications of Councillors are found in Section 6 of the aforementioned Local Government Act, 2004; and any other relevant legislation.
7. The Commission will conduct the said bye elections in accordance with Corona Virus 2019 (Covid-19) prevention guideline that is approved by the National Covid-19 Response Centre (NACOVERC) for the conduct of electoral activities nationwide.
8. Other details for the Nomination of candidates, conduct of the Parliamentary and Local Council bye elections shall be published by the National Electoral Commission in due course.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2021.

Signed:



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Mohamed Kenewui Konneh
Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman
National Returning Officer