

Electoral Commission's decision to be final.

7. The decision of the Electoral Commission on a question arising in respect of a ballot paper shall be final and shall be subject to review only on an election petition questioning the election.

Revocation of C.I. No. 6 of 2008.

8. The Electoral Commission (Local Government Elections) Regulations, 2008 are hereby revoked.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE
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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TALLY CENTRES REGULATIONS, 2012 Short title.

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon it by section 33 of the Constitution, the Electoral Commission hereby makes these Regulations.

1. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation

“public elections” means local council, parliamentary or presidential elections;

“Regional Tally Centre” or “National Tally Centre” means the place or venue specified as such by Government Notice issued by the Electoral Commission.

2. (1) There is hereby established a Regional Tally Centre for each Province and the Western Area. Regional Tally Centres.

- (2) A Regional Tally Centre shall–
 - (a) tally and compute the results of all public elections held in the Province or the Western Area, as the case may be;
 - (b) submit the computed results of the public elections to the National Tally Centre; and
 - (c) perform other functions that the Electoral Commission may determine.

National Tally Centre.

3. (1) There is continued in existence the National Tally Centre established by the revoked Regulations.

(2) Upon receipt of the results from the Regional Tally Centres, the National Tally Centre shall verify the results and after that compute the summaries of the results.

(3) Upon the completion of the verification and computation under sub-regulation (2), the National Tally Centre shall inform the National Returning Officer of the results of the public elections.

National Returning Officer to declare final results.

4. (1) The National Returning Officer shall, if satisfied by the results referred to in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 3–

- (a) certify the results and forthwith declare the results of the public elections by stating which candidate won in the particular ward, constituency or in the case of Presidential elections, the particular candidate; and
- (b) authorise the designated Returning Officer in each Province and the Western Area to announce the provisional results of the public elections conducted in that Province or the Western Area, as the case may be.

5. (1) The National Returning Officer shall ensure that the results statements, the sealed packages containing the voting papers and all other documents relating to the public elections, whether or not used, are kept by the Electoral Commission for a period not exceeding six months unless there is pending an election petition related to the elections.

Keeping and disposal of election materials.

(2) The Electoral Commission shall, subject to sub-regulation (1) cause the sealed packages to be disposed of in such manner as it thinks proper.

6. The National Returning Officer or an authorized employee of the Electoral Commission shall, upon request supply copies of the results statements of the public elections to any observer or party agent within the meaning of the Electoral Laws Act, 2002.

National Returning Officer to supply copies of results on request.