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ELECTORAL ACT [CHAPTER 2:13]

Delimitation of Constituencies, Wards and Other Electoral Boundaries

WHEREAS, it is provided in terms of section 161(1) of the Constitution that, once every ten years, on a date or within a period fixed by the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission...

AND WHEREAS it is provided in terms of section 37A(1) of the Electoral Act [Chapter 2:13] that before fixing and reviewing the boundaries of the constituencies and other electoral divisions, the Commission shall cause a notice of its intention to do so to be published in the Gazette and in such other manner as the Commission thinks appropriate;

AND WHEREAS the population census commenced on the 21st of April, 2022 and the collection of data was completed on the 5th of May, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission in terms of section 161(1) of the Constitution as read with section 37A(1) of the Electoral Act [Chapter:13], aforementioned hereby makes the following notice: —

1. This notice may be cited as the Delimitation of Constituencies, wards and other electoral boundaries Notice, 2022.

2. The public is hereby notified of the Commission's intention to commence the delimitation of boundaries and other electoral boundaries.

3. Notwithstanding the date of publication of this Notice, the process of boundary delimitation shall commence from the 1st of June, 2022, and continue into the culmination of the drafting of a preliminary report or until the 31st of December, 2022, whichever occurs first.

4. In terms of section 161(7) of the Constitution, at the conclusion of the boundary delimitation, the Commission shall produce and submit to the President a preliminary report which shall contain—

- (a) a list of the wards and constituencies, with the names assigned to each and a description of their boundaries;
(b) a map or maps showing the wards and constituencies; and
(c) any further information or particulars which the Commission considers necessary.

5. For the purpose of the boundary delimitation, the voters roll shall be deemed to be closed on the 30th of May, 2022, voter registration shall, however, remain open for purposes of any by-elections that may become necessary and the 2023 general elections.

6. A voters roll inspection exercise shall be conducted on dates to be notified and thereafter the Commission shall issue a notice specifying the national and provincial voter population figures to be used for purposes of the boundary delimitation exercise.

7. The Commission shall, so far as is practicable, entertain representations from voters, political parties and other interested persons and bodies at national, provincial and district level through the various committees that have been established at each level.

8. The Commission shall establish a toll free line to hear and receive representation from members of the public.

P. M. CHIGUMBA, Chairperson, Zimbabwe Electoral Commission.

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