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NOTICE
MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2018

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT- SECTION 39

INFRINGEMENT OF SECRECY

The Elections and Boundaries Department wishes to draw the attention of the general public to section 157 of the Cities and Town Councils Regulations which states:

- (1) Every officer, clerk and agent in attendance at a polling station shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting in that station, and shall not communicate to any person, except for some purpose authorised by these Regulations before the poll is closed, any information as to the name or number on the register of electors of any voter who has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at that station, and no person whatsoever shall interfere or attempt to obtain in the polling station any information as to the candidate for whom any voter there is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number on the back of the ballot paper given to any voter there.
- (2) Every clerk and agent in attendance at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting and shall not attempt to ascertain at the counting the number on the back of any ballot paper or communicate any information obtained at the counting as to the candidate for whom any vote is given in any particular ballot paper.
- (3) No person shall directly or indirectly induce any voter to display his ballot paper after he has marked known to any person the name of the candidate for or against whom he has marked his vote.
- (4) Any person acting in contravention of the provisions of this regulation shall be liable, on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

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