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**Regulations on Establishing Electoral Districts**

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**Monrovia, Liberia**

### **Preamble**

**Whereas**, Article 89 of the January 6, 1986 Constitution of the Republic of Liberia established the Elections Commission as autonomous public Commission;

**Whereas**, Section 9(g), Chapter 2 of the New Elections Law of 1986 further empowers the National Elections Commission to conduct all elections for all referendums and declare the results thereof;

**Whereas**, Section 9(h), Chapter 2 of the 1986 Elections Law empowers National Elections Commission to formulate and enforce electoral guidelines;

**Whereas**, Article 80 (d) of the January 6, 1986 Constitution of the Republic of Liberia provides that: "Each Constituency shall have an approximately equal population of 20,000 or such number of citizens as the Legislature shall prescribe in keeping with population growth and movement as revealed by National Census, provided that total number of electoral constituencies in the republic shall not exceed one hundred".

**Whereas**, the Joint Resolution LEG-002 (2010) of the Senate and House of Representatives of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Legislature mandates that sixty-four (64) electoral districts set up by the National Elections Commission (NEC) for the conduct of the 2005 Legislative elections continue to be used but for the purpose of the 2011 Legislative Elections, nine (9) additional electoral districts are prescribed and established making a total of seventy-three (73) electoral districts in the Republic of Liberia, which was approved by the President of Liberia and published into handbill.

**Whereas**, a total of 73 constituencies are prescribed by the Legislature with its latest decision on this matter, - Joint Resolution LEG-002 (2010).

**Whereas**, Article 80 (e) of the January 6, 1986 Constitution of the Republic of Liberia provides that: "The National Elections Commission shall reapportion constituencies in accordance with the new population figures so that every constituency shall have as close to the same population as possible; provided, however, that the constituency must be solely within a county".

**Whereas**, the requirements of all of the above referenced legal provisions and instruments have been respected and there has been full compliance with the same;

**NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby promulgated as follows:**



## General Provisions

### **Article 1. Purpose and Citation**

1.1. These Regulations establish the rules for the establishment of electoral districts for the Elections of the Representatives of the Lower House of Legislature.

1.2. These Regulations shall be cited as "Districting Regulations" and shall come into force upon publication.

### **Article 2. Definitions**

2.1. In these Districting Regulations, unless context otherwise requires:

"Amalgamated Area" means the combination of Registration Centers to form an Electoral Districts;

"Criteria" means those factors to be considered in the establishment of the amalgamation of towns or wards to form Electoral Districts;

"Constituency" means each of the electoral districts designated by the National Elections Commission when referring to the elections for the House of Representatives.

"Contiguous" means wholly contained within one area in the establishment of Electoral Districts;

"Population Quota" means the total number of registered voters in each county divided by the total number of House of Representatives seats in that county;

"Elections Law" means New Elections Law of 1986 with subsequent amendments of 2003, 2004 and 2015.

"Electoral District" means one of seventy-three (73) units comprised of the Amalgamated Area for the purpose of electing one member of the House of Representatives within a given county;

"Joint Resolution" means joint resolution LEG-002(2010) of the Senate and House of Representatives of the 52nd Legislature of the Republic of Liberia on the setting up of an Electoral Threshold for the conduct of the 2011 Legislative Elections in Liberia.

"NEC" means the National Elections Commission;

"Provisional Registration Roll" means the list of registered voters which contains particulars of voters registered in the Registration Centers during the Registration Period, but is not yet certified by NEC as Final Registration Roll.

"Registration Center" means a place designated by NEC in which voters undergo the registration process;

"Registration Period" means a period of time dully announced by NEC when Registration Centers are open for registration process.

"Threshold" means approximate number of voters designated per each Electoral District.

### **Article 3. County Threshold**

3.1. Threshold for each district shall be established based on the voter registration data following the Voter Registration and based on Provisional Registration Roll.

3.2. Threshold for each district in a county shall be calculated based on Population Quota.

3.3. Allocation of seats for each county shall remain unchanged and as follows:

#	County	Allocated Seats
1	Bomi	3
2	Bong	7
3	Gbarpolu	3
4	Grand Bassa	5
5	Grand Cape Mount	3
6	Grand Gedeh	3
7	Grand Kru	2
8	Lofa	5
9	Margibi	5
10	Maryland	3
11	Montserrado	17
12	Nimba	9
13	River Cess	2
14	River Gee	3
15	Sinoe	3
	Total Seats	73

### **Electoral Districts**

#### ***Article 4. Electoral Districts***

4.1. The Voter Registration Centers, representing administrative units called Amalgamated Areas, will be amalgamated to form an Electoral District.

4.2. No Electoral District shall cross a county boundary, and Electoral Districts shall be contiguous as far as is practicable.

4.3. NEC shall endeavor, as much as is practicable, to have relatively equal number of registered voters in various Electoral Districts within each county.

4.4. Additional criteria guiding the establishment of Electoral Districts may include, as much as practicable, contiguity, geographical features, the existing administrative district, tribal/chiefdom boundaries, and communities of interest.

4.5. The NEC shall describe, and as far as practicable, delineate on a map the electoral district in each county and polling center in each electoral district.

### **Amendments and Entry into Force**

#### ***Article 5. Amendments***

5.1. These regulations may be amended or revised at any time by the NEC. All amendments and revisions shall become effective upon publication.

#### ***Article 6. Entry into Force***

6.1. These Regulations shall come into effect upon publication by the NEC and shall be binding on all voters, political parties, candidates, alliances and coalitions in Liberia.

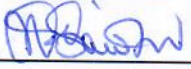


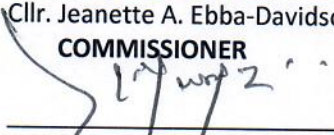
Approval of Districting Regulations:

DONE UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION (NEC) ON THIS 6 DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2016.


Signed:

  
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Hon. Boakai Amadu Dukuly  
**COMMISSIONER**

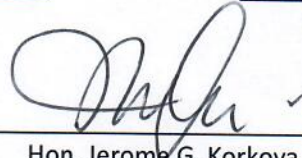
  
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