

L.N. 157 of 2014

**LOCAL COUNCILS ACT
(CAP. 363)**

Local Councils (Elections) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 72(1) of the Local Councils Act, the Prime Minister and Minister responsible for Local Government has made the following regulations:-

Citation.

1. The title of these regulations is the Local Councils (Elections) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014, and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Local Councils (Elections) Regulations, 1993, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Amends
regulation 48A
of the principal
regulations.

2. Regulation 48A of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-regulation (2) thereof for the words "in sub-regulation (4)(a) and (b)" there shall be substituted the words "in sub-regulation (4)(a), (b) and (c)";

(b) in paragraph (b) of sub-regulation (3) thereof for the words "Gozo General Hospital." there shall be substituted the words "Gozo General Hospital;" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(c) at such places designated for the casting of votes by voters who are resident at retirement homes as defined in regulation 48 on the Saturday prior to polling day, as the Commission may, by notice in the Gazette published within ten days from the publication of the writ for the election, establish:

Provided that the Commission shall, wherever possible, designate as such mixed polling places the retirement homes themselves:

Provided further that for the purposes of this paragraph every person who is resident in a retirement home fourteen days before polling day shall be deemed to be a resident at the retirement home:

Provided further that regulation 51 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to mixed polling places designated in terms of this paragraph.";

(c) sub-regulation (4) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) in paragraph (a) thereof for the words "seven days" there shall be substituted the words "fourteen days";

(ii) in paragraph (b) thereof for the words "three days before polling" there shall be substituted the words "four days before polling day";

(iii) paragraph (c) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

"(c) All the voters, as provided in paragraph (c) of subregulation (3), who are resident at retirement homes as defined in regulation 48 shall vote at the place indicated in the same regulation and the subcommittee established under regulation 49 shall be bound to determine who the voters shall be.

(d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of these regulations:

(i) voters who vote in a hospital in accordance with sub-regulation (3)(b) shall vote on the Thursday prior to polling day between 7.00 am and 10.00 pm;

(ii) voters -

(aa) who are residing at Saint Vincent de Paule; or

(bb) who are residing in retirement homes as defined in regulation 48 and who are entitled to vote at such places designated in accordance with sub-regulation (3)(c),

shall vote on the Saturday prior to polling day between 7.00 am and 10.00 pm."; and

(d) in sub-regulation (6) thereof the words "in the site indicated in sub-regulation (3)(a)" there shall be substituted the words "at the place indicated in sub-regulation (3)(a) and (c)" and for the words "persons entitled to vote in the site indicated in sub-regulation (3)(b)" there shall be substituted the words "persons entitled to vote at the place indicated in sub-regulation (3)(b)".

Amends
regulation 50 of
the principal
regulations.

3. Sub-regulation (2) of regulation 50 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) for the words "Within three days of the publication of the Notice" there shall be substituted the words "Fourteen days before polling day"; and

(b) in paragraph (a) thereof for the words "preceding the election" there shall be substituted the words "preceding the Thursday prior to polling day".

