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ELECTORAL PROCEDURE (CHIEF EXECUTIVE ELECTION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2009

(Made by the Electoral Affairs Commission under section 7 of the
Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on a day to be appointed by the Chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Interpretation

(1) Section 2(1) of the Electoral Procedure (Chief Executive Election) Regulation (Cap. 541 sub. leg. J) is amended, in the English text, in the definition of “electoral officer”, by repealing “the Presiding” and substituting “a Presiding”.

(2) Section 2(1) is amended, in the definition of “polling station”, by repealing everything after “means” and substituting—

“—

- (a) the main polling station; or
- (b) a dedicated polling station;”.

(3) Section 2(1) is amended, in the English text, in the definition of “Presiding Officer”, by repealing “the” and substituting “a”.

(4) Section 2(1) is amended by adding—

“ “dedicated polling station” (專用投票站) means a place designated as a dedicated polling station under section 18(1);

“in custody” (受羈押), in relation to a person, means the person is—

- (a) serving a sentence of imprisonment;
- (b) detained by the Correctional Services Department on remand; or
- (c) otherwise detained by any law enforcement agency under any lawful authority;

“law enforcement agency” (執法機關) means—

- (a) the Customs and Excise Department;
- (b) the Hong Kong Police Force;
- (c) the Immigration Department;
- (d) the Independent Commission Against Corruption; or
- (e) any other department of the Government any officer of which is empowered by any Ordinance to exercise a power of arrest;

“main polling station” (主投票站) means the place designated as the main polling station under section 18(1);

“maximum security prison” (高度設防監獄) means a prison which is specified as a maximum security prison under rule 47A(1)(b) of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234 sub. leg. A);”.

3. Appointment of election agent

(1) Section 12(3)(f) is amended by repealing “and”.

(2) Section 12(3)(g) is amended by repealing the full stop and substituting a semicolon.

(3) Section 12(3) is amended by adding—

“(h) subject to paragraph (i), being present in a dedicated polling station situated in a prison unless, on an application in the specified form lodged with the Chief Electoral Officer at least one week before the polling date, the Commissioner of Correctional Services consents to his presence; or

(i) be present in a dedicated polling station situated in a maximum security prison.”.

(4) Section 12 is amended by adding—

“(3A) The Commissioner of Correctional Services must not give consent to an election agent under subsection (3)(h) in respect of a polling station if a polling agent has been appointed under section 25 by the same candidate for that polling station.

(3B) Despite subsection (3)(h), the Commissioner of Correctional Services may, on an application lodged under that subsection during the week before the polling date, give consent under that subsection if he is satisfied that—

(a) an elector in custody who is entitled to vote at a dedicated polling station situated in a prison is admitted or transferred to the prison during that week; and

(b) the application is lodged without undue delay after the admission or transfer.

(3C) If the Commissioner of Correctional Services refuses to give consent under subsection (3)(h), he must notify the candidate or the election agent as soon as practicable.”.

4. Appointment of polling hours

(1) Section 17(1) is amended by repealing everything before “shall be” and substituting—

“(1) Subject to subsections (8) and (9), in a contested election, the hours during which electors can vote in the first 3 rounds of voting on the polling date”.

(2) Section 17(1A) is amended by repealing everything before “shall be” and substituting—

“(1A) Subject to subsections (8) and (9), in an uncontested election, the hours during which electors can vote on the polling date”.

(3) Section 17 is amended by adding—

“(7) The Chief Electoral Officer may appoint different polling hours for different polling stations.

(8) The Commissioner of Correctional Services may assign a time slot during the polling hours appointed for a dedicated polling station situated in a prison to an elector in custody to whom the polling station is allocated under section 18A.

(9) Subject to section 35, an elector to whom a time slot is assigned under subsection (8) may only cast his vote during the time slot.

(10) The Commissioner of Correctional Services must assign the time slot so as to give the electors a reasonable opportunity to vote.

(11) The Commissioner of Correctional Services must, as early as practicable before the commencement of the poll, notify all electors to whom time slots are assigned under subsection (8) of the time slot assigned to each of them.”.

5. Designation of polling station and counting station

(1) Section 18(1)(a) is repealed and the following substituted—

“(a) a place as the main polling station for conducting a poll in respect of an election;

(aa) one or more places as a dedicated polling station or dedicated polling stations at which electors in custody are allocated to vote; and”.

(2) Section 18(3) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling” and substituting “a polling”.

(3) Section 18(4) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling” and substituting “a polling”.

(4) Section 18(5) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling” and substituting “a polling”.

(5) Section 18(7) is amended by repealing everything after “Officer shall” and substituting—

“display the relevant map or plan referred to in subsection (6)—

- (a) in a prominent place immediately outside the main polling station;
- (b) in a prominent place inside a dedicated polling station; and
- (c) in a prominent place immediately outside the counting station.”.

6. Section 18A added

The following is added—

“18A. Allocation of polling stations to electors in custody

(1) The Chief Electoral Officer may allocate to an elector who will be serving a sentence of imprisonment on the polling date a dedicated polling station to cast the vote he is entitled to cast at an election.

(2) The Chief Electoral Officer may, if the circumstances require, allocate to an elector in custody an alternative polling station, in addition to or in substitution of the main polling station or the polling station allocated under subsection (1), to cast the vote he is entitled to cast at an election.

(3) A prescribed public officer must, upon a request by the Chief Electoral Officer, provide the prescribed information concerning every person in custody who is detained by the public officer to enable the Chief Electoral Officer to perform his functions under this section in relation to electors.

(4) In subsection (3)—

“prescribed information” (訂明資料) means—

- (a) the name of the person;
- (b) the number of the person’s identity document; and
- (c) the name and address of the premises in which the person is detained;

“prescribed public officer” (訂明公職人員) means—

- (a) the Commissioner of Correctional Services; or
- (b) the head of any law enforcement agency.”.

7. Polling notice to electors

(1) Section 19(2)(a) is repealed and the following substituted—

“(a) state the polling date and the polling hours;

(aa) also state—

(i) subject to subparagraph (ii), the address of the main polling station;

(ii) if it is sent to an elector who will be serving a sentence of imprisonment on the polling date, the address of the dedicated polling station allocated to him under section 18A;”.

(2) Section 19 is amended by adding—

“(2A) A polling notice sent to an elector who will be serving a sentence of imprisonment in a prison on the polling date must be addressed to the elector and sent, as far as practicable, to the prison.”.

(3) Section 19(3) is amended by repealing “address of the polling station and the polling hours” and substituting “polling hours and the addresses of the polling stations”.

(4) Section 19 is amended by adding—

“(4) If the Chief Electoral Officer allocates an alternative polling station to an elector under section 18A(2), that Officer shall, as soon as practicable, notify—

(a) the elector;

(b) the Returning Officer;

(c) the Presiding Officer of the polling station previously allocated to the elector; and

(d) the Presiding Officer of the alternative polling station.”.

8. Appointment of Presiding Officer and polling officers

(1) Section 20 is amended, in the English text, in the heading, by repealing “**Officer**” and substituting “**Officers**”.

(2) Section 20(1)(a) is amended by repealing “the” and substituting “each”.

(3) Section 20(3) is amended by adding “of a polling station” after “Officer”.

(4) Section 20(4) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “The” and substituting “A”.

9. Miscellaneous arrangements relating to voting

(1) Section 22(1) is amended by repealing “at the” and substituting “at each”.

(2) Section 22(2) is amended by repealing “to the” and substituting “to each”.

(3) Section 22(3)(a) is amended by repealing “polling station; and” and substituting “main polling station;”.

(4) Section 22(3) is amended by adding—

“(aa) in a prominent place inside a dedicated polling station; and”.

10. Determination of no canvassing zone and no staying zone

(1) Section 23(1)(a) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the” and substituting “a”.

(2) Section 23(5) is amended by repealing “near the” and substituting “near each”.

(3) Section 23(5A) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the Presiding” and substituting “a Presiding”.

11. Order in no canvassing zone and no staying zone

Section 24(7) is amended by repealing everything after “be removed” and substituting—

“by—

(a) a police officer;

(b) a person authorized in writing by the Returning Officer or the Presiding Officer, as may be appropriate; or

(c) if the no canvassing zone or the no staying zone, as may be appropriate, is determined in relation to a dedicated polling station, an officer of the Correctional Services Department or any law enforcement agency.”.

12. Polling agents

(1) Section 25(1) is amended by repealing everything after “may” and substituting—

“appoint—

- (a) not more than 3 persons as the candidate's polling agents for the main polling station; and
 - (b) one person as the candidate's polling agent for each dedicated polling station not situated in a maximum security prison.”.
 - (2) Section 25 is amended by adding—
 - “(1A) Despite subsection (1)—
 - (a) no polling agent may be appointed by a candidate for a dedicated polling station situated in a prison if the Commissioner of Correctional Services has consented under section 12(3)(h) to the presence of the election agent of that candidate in that polling station;
 - (b) no polling agent may be appointed for a dedicated polling station situated in a maximum security prison.”.
 - (3) Section 25(4) is amended by repealing “or the Presiding Officer”.
 - (4) Section 25 is amended by adding—
 - “(4A) Without affecting subsection (9), the appointment of a polling agent for a dedicated polling station situated in a prison is not effective unless, on an application in the specified form lodged with the Chief Electoral Officer at least one week before the polling date, the Commissioner of Correctional Services consents to the appointment.
 - (4B) Despite subsection (4A), the Commissioner of Correctional Services may, on an application lodged under that subsection during the week before the polling date, give consent under that subsection if he is satisfied that—
 - (a) an elector in custody who is entitled to vote at a dedicated polling station situated in a prison is admitted or transferred to the prison during that week; and
 - (b) the application is lodged without undue delay after the admission or transfer.
 - (4C) If the Commissioner of Correctional Services refuses to give consent under subsection (4A), he must notify the candidate or his election agent as soon as practicable.”.
 - (5) Section 25(6) is amended by repealing everything after “polling agent” and substituting “for a polling station may be revoked by giving a notice of revocation to the Chief Electoral Officer or the Presiding Officer of the polling station.”.

13. Admission to polling station

(1) Section 26(1) is amended by repealing “No person other than” and substituting “Subject to subsection (1A), only”.

(2) Section 26(1) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “stay in the” and substituting “stay in a”.

(3) Section 26 is amended by adding—

“(1A) The following provisions apply in relation to a dedicated polling station not situated in a maximum security prison—

(a) if a candidate is present in the polling station, the election agent or the polling agent of that candidate may not be present in that polling station at the same time;

(b) a candidate, an election agent or a polling agent may be present in the polling station subject to the availability of seats in the area designated for accommodating them;

(c) a person referred to in paragraph (b) who wishes to enter the polling station must, on arriving at the polling station, report in person to the Presiding Officer and produce his identity card and a declaration of secrecy in the specified form completed by him.

(1B) The following provisions apply in relation to a dedicated polling station situated in a maximum security prison—

(a) an election agent may not be present in the polling station;

(b) a candidate who wishes to enter the polling station must, on arriving at the polling station, report in person to the Presiding Officer and produce his identity card and a declaration of secrecy in the specified form completed by him.”.

(4) Section 26(2)(a) is amended by adding “main” before “polling”.

(5) Section 26(3) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling” and substituting “a polling”.

14. Order in the polling station

(1) Section 27 is amended, in the English text, in the heading, by repealing “the”.

(2) Section 27(1) is amended by adding “of a polling station” after “Officer”.

(3) Section 27(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling station” and substituting “a polling station”.

(4) Section 27(3)(e) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the” and substituting “a”.

(5) Section 27(5) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling station” and substituting “a polling station”.

(6) Section 27(7) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling station” and substituting “a polling station”.

(7) Section 27 is amended by adding—

“(7A) If an elector who is allocated to vote at a dedicated polling station fails to cast his vote without undue delay in accordance with section 36(1), the Returning Officer or the Presiding Officer may order him to leave the polling station immediately.”.

(8) Section 27(8) is amended by repealing “or (7)” and substituting “, (7) or (7A)”.

(9) Section 27(10) is amended by repealing everything after “fails to leave” and substituting—

“a polling station under subsection (7A) or (8), he may be removed—

(a) in the case of the main polling station, by a police officer or by a person authorized in writing by the Returning Officer or the Presiding Officer, as may be appropriate; or

(b) in the case of a dedicated polling station, by—

(i) a person authorized in writing by the Returning Officer or the Presiding Officer, as may be appropriate;

(ii) an officer of the Correctional Services Department; or

(iii) an officer of any law enforcement agency.”.

15. Challenging a person who has applied for a ballot paper or who has voted

(1) Section 33(1) is amended by repealing “request a police officer to arrest that person” and substituting “take the step specified in subsection (3A)”.

(2) Section 33(3) is amended by repealing “request a police officer to arrest that person” and substituting “take the step specified in subsection (3A)”.

(3) Section 33 is amended by adding—

“(3A) The step specified for the purposes of subsections (1) and (3) is—

- (a) in the case of the main polling station, requesting a police officer to arrest the person concerned; or
- (b) in the case of a dedicated polling station, requesting an officer of the Correctional Services Department or any law enforcement agency to remove the person concerned from the polling station and report the case to the police.”.

(4) Section 33(4)(b) is amended by adding “pursuant to a request made” before “under subsection (3)”.

16. Elector who has not cast vote may return to cast vote with permission

(1) Section 35 is amended by adding—

“(2A) Despite subsections (1) and (2), an elector to whom a permission is granted under subsection (1) by a Presiding Officer of a dedicated polling station situated in a prison must not cast the vote unless the elector returns to the polling station within the time slot assigned to him under subsection (2B) or section 17(8).

(2B) If the Presiding Officer of a dedicated polling station situated in a prison grants the permission to an elector under subsection (1), the Commissioner of Correctional Services must, as far as practicable—

- (a) assign to the elector a new time slot during the polling hours appointed for the polling station; and
- (b) notify the elector of the new time slot.”.

(2) Section 35(3)(b) is amended by repealing everything after “presence” and substituting—

“of—

- (i) in the case of the main polling station, a police officer;
- (ii) in the case of a dedicated polling station, an officer of the Correctional Services Department or any law enforcement agency.”.

(3) Section 35 is amended by adding—

“(5A) If an elector in custody leaves a dedicated polling station situated in a prison under subsection (5), the Commissioner of Correctional Services must, as far as practicable—

- (a) assign to the elector a new time slot during the polling hours appointed for the polling station; and
- (b) notify the elector of the new time slot.

(5B) The right of an elector in custody who is allocated to vote at a dedicated polling station situated in a prison to cast the vote under subsection (5) is subject to his returning to the polling station within the time slot assigned to him under subsection (5A) or section 17(8).”.

(4) Section 35(6)(b) is amended by repealing everything after “presence” and substituting—

“of—

- (i) in the case of the main polling station, a police officer;
- (ii) in the case of a dedicated polling station, an officer of the Correctional Services Department or any law enforcement agency.”.

17. Voting procedure

Section 36(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the” and substituting “a”.

18. Steps to be taken at the polling station after the close of the poll

(1) Section 41 is amended, in the English text, in the heading, by repealing “at the” and substituting “at a”.

(2) Section 41(1) is amended by repealing “the poll” and substituting “voting at a polling station”.

19. Determination and notice of time of counting of votes

(1) Section 43(2)(a) is amended by adding “at all polling stations” after “voting”.

(2) Section 43(2)(b) is amended by adding “at all polling stations” after “voting”.

20. Counting of votes

(1) Section 49 is amended by adding before subsection (1)—

“(1A) After opening all ballot boxes in accordance with section 48, the Returning Officer must—

- (a) count and record the number of ballot papers in each ballot box;

- (b) verify the ballot paper accounts received from all the polling stations by comparing them with the number of ballot papers recorded under paragraph (a) and prepare a statement in writing as to the result of the verification; and
- (c) arrange to mix the ballot papers cast at all polling stations.”.

(2) Section 49(1) is amended by repealing “in a ballot box opened in accordance with section 48 shall” and substituting “shall then”.

21. Verification of ballot paper account

(1) Section 52(1)(c) is amended by repealing “account by comparing it” and substituting “accounts by comparing them”.

(2) Section 52(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “account” and substituting “accounts”.

(3) Section 52(3)(a) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “account” and substituting “accounts”.

22. Result of counting and re-count

Section 53(1) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “account” and substituting “accounts”.

23. Ballot papers, accounts, packets, etc. to be sent to Chief Electoral Officer

Section 57(a) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “account” and substituting “accounts”.

24. Procedure after termination of election proceedings

(1) Section 60(2)(a) is amended by adding “of a polling station” after “Officer”.

(2) Section 60(2)(b)(ii)(C) is amended by repealing the semicolon and substituting a comma.

(3) Section 60(2)(b) is amended by adding after subparagraph (ii)—
“and the Commissioner of Correctional Services or the head of a law enforcement agency shall, as soon as practicable, inform all electors in custody detained by him who have not yet voted in the poll of the declaration;”.

25. Certain officers cannot act as candidate's agent

Section 66 is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the Presiding” and substituting “a Presiding”.

26. Employees of candidates shall not act as electoral officers

Section 67(c) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the” and substituting “a”.

27. Section 67A added

The following is added—

“67A. Certain visitors of electors in custody not to canvass for votes

(1) If—

- (a) a person (“visitor”) visits in a certain capacity an elector in custody for a business or official purpose; and
- (b) another person who is not acting in that capacity is not allowed to visit the elector for that purpose,

the visitor commits an offence if he, during the visit, canvasses for votes for the purpose of an election.

(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable to a fine at level 2 and to imprisonment for 3 months.”.

28. Declaration of secrecy

(1) Section 69(1)(a) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling” and substituting “a polling”.

(2) Section 69(1)(b) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling” and substituting “a polling”.

(3) Section 69(2)(b) is amended by adding “main” before “polling”.

(4) Section 69(2)(c) is amended by repealing “on duty at the” and substituting “, an officer of the Correctional Services Department or an officer of any law enforcement agency on duty at a”.

(5) Section 69(2)(d) is amended by adding “main” before “polling”.

29. Secrecy

- (1) Section 70(1) is amended by adding—
“(aa) subject to subsection (2), divulge to any other person the identity of an elector in custody;”.
- (2) Section 70(1)(e) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling” and substituting “a polling”.
- (3) Section 70(1)(f) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the polling” and substituting “a polling”.
- (4) Section 70(2) is amended by adding “and (aa)” before “does”.

30. Reporting of irregularities

- (1) Section 79(1) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the Presiding” and substituting “a Presiding”.
- (2) Section 79(3) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the Presiding” and substituting “a Presiding”.

Made this 16th day of June 2009.

The Hon. Mr. Justice
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Explanatory Note

The main object of this Regulation is to amend the Electoral Procedure (Chief Executive Election) Regulation (Cap. 541 sub. leg. J) (“the principal Regulation”) to make provision for voting by imprisoned persons and persons otherwise detained under lawful authority in Chief Executive election. Besides the main polling station, polling stations to be called “dedicated polling stations” will be set up in prisons or other suitable places such as police stations.

2. Section 1 empowers the Chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission to appoint the commencement date of this Regulation.

Amendments to Part 1 of the principal Regulation

3. Section 2 amends section 2 of the principal Regulation to amend several definitions and add several new definitions, including the definitions of “dedicated polling station” and “main polling station”.

Amendments to Part 3 of the principal Regulation (appointment of election agent)

4. Section 12 of the principal Regulation enables a candidate to appoint an election agent. Section 3 introduces amendments to provide that an election agent may not enter a polling station situated in a maximum security prison. An election agent’s presence in polling stations situated in other prisons is subject to the consent of the Commissioner of Correctional Services. Such consent will not be given in respect of a polling station if a polling agent has been appointed by the same candidate for that polling station.

Amendments to Part 4 of the principal Regulation (arrangement for polling)

5. Section 4 amends section 17 of the principal Regulation to empower, for operational reason, the Commissioner of Correctional Services to assign time slots to electors in custody. They may only vote during the time slots assigned to them.

6. Section 5 amends section 18 of the principal Regulation to empower the Chief Electoral Officer to designate dedicated polling stations.

7. Section 6 adds a new section 18A to empower the Chief Electoral Officer to allocate dedicated polling stations to electors who will be serving a sentence of imprisonment on the polling date. To enable the Chief Electoral Officer to perform this function, new provisions (the new section 18A(3) and (4) of the

principal Regulation) are introduced to require the Commissioner of Correctional Services and the heads of other law enforcement agencies to provide prescribed information of persons detained by them.

8. Section 7 amends section 19 of the principal Regulation to introduce provisions concerning sending polling notices to electors who will be serving a sentence of imprisonment on the polling date.

9. Sections 8, 9 and 10 introduce minor amendments to sections 20, 22 and 23 of the principal Regulation respectively to reflect the fact that there may be more than one polling station.

10. Section 24 of the principal Regulation empowers police officers to assist Returning Officers or Presiding Officers to keep order in no canvassing zones and no staying zones outside polling stations. Section 11 amends that section to extend that power to officers of the Correctional Services Department and other law enforcement agencies.

11. Section 25 of the principal Regulation provides for appointment of polling agents by candidates. Section 12 amends that section to impose, for security reason, restrictions in relation to appointment of polling agents for dedicated polling stations situated in prisons. The consent of the Commissioner of Correctional Services is required.

12. Under section 26 of the principal Regulation, an election agent may enter or stay in a polling station. Section 13 amends that section to provide, for security reason, that an election agent may not be present in a dedicated polling station situated in a maximum security prison.

13. Section 14 amends section 27 of the principal Regulation to reflect the fact that there may be more than one polling station.

14. Section 14 also introduces a provision to provide that an elector who fails to cast his or her vote without undue delay may be removed from the dedicated polling station. The power of removal is also conferred on officers of the Correctional Services Department or other law enforcement agencies.

Amendments to Part 5 of the principal Regulation (voting)

15. Section 33 of the principal Regulation provides that an elector who is suspected to have engaged in corrupt conduct of impersonation may be arrested by the police. Section 15 amends that section to provide that in a dedicated polling station, such an elector is to be removed by an officer of the Correctional Services Department or any other law enforcement agency who is to report the case to the police.

16. Section 35 of the principal Regulation provides that an elector who has been issued with a ballot paper may, under certain circumstances, leave the polling station and return to the polling station to cast the vote later. Section 16 amends that section to make provision for the arrangements as regards a dedicated polling station situated in a prison.

17. Section 17 makes a minor amendment to section 36 of the principal Regulation to reflect the fact that there may be more than one polling station.

18. Section 18 amends section 41 of the principal Regulation to reflect the fact that there may be more than one polling station.

Amendments to Part 6 of the principal Regulation (counting stage)

19. Sections 19, 20, 21 and 22 introduce minor amendments to reflect the fact that there may be more than one polling station.

20. Section 20 also amends section 49 of the principal Regulation to provide that before the counting of votes begins, the ballot papers received from dedicated polling stations and the main polling station must be mixed together.

Amendment to Part 7 of the principal Regulation (disposal of document)

21. Section 23 makes a minor consequential amendment to section 57 of the principal Regulation.

Amendments to Part 8 of the principal Regulation (termination of election proceedings)

22. Section 24 amends section 60 of the principal Regulation to require the Commissioner of Correctional Services and the heads of other law enforcement agencies to inform electors in custody detained by them of a declaration of the termination of the election proceedings.

Amendments to Part 9 of the principal Regulation (miscellaneous matters)

23. Sections 25 and 26 amend sections 66 and 67 of the principal Regulation respectively to reflect the fact that there may be more than one polling station.

24. Section 27 adds a new section 67A to prohibit a person who visits an elector in custody in a business or official capacity (for example, as a justice of the peace, social worker or solicitor) from canvassing for votes during the visit.

25. Section 69 of the principal Regulation requires certain persons to make a declaration of secrecy before entering a polling station or a counting station. Section 28 amends that section to exempt officers of the Correctional Services Department or other law enforcement agencies on duty at a polling station from that requirement.
26. Section 29 amends section 70 of the principal Regulation to prohibit divulging the identity of an elector in custody.
27. Section 30 amends section 79 of the principal Regulation to reflect the fact that there may be more than one polling station.