

**Bills Committee on Chief Executive (Amendment) Bill 2010
and Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2010**

Follow up to Meeting on 18 January 2011

**Voter Registration and
the Delineation of Legislative Council Geographical Constituencies**

In response to Members' requests at the meeting on 18 January 2011, this paper provides the information on voter registration (VR) and the delineation of Legislative Council (LegCo) geographical constituencies.

Voter Registration

2. 2011 is a District Council election year. According to section 4 of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors) (Legislative Council Geographical Constituencies) (District Council Constituencies) Regulation (Cap 541A) and section 19 of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration) (Electors for Legislative Council Functional Constituencies) (Voters for Election Committee Subsectors) (Members of Election Committee) Regulation, the VR deadline for 2011 is 16 July. Other existing statutory deadlines concerning the VR in 2011 are at **Annex I**.
3. 2012 is not a District Council election year. According to the aforementioned Regulations, the VR deadline for 2012 is 16 May. Other existing statutory deadlines concerning the VR in 2012 are at **Annex II**.
4. The Administration aims at submitting to the LegCo Panel on Constitutional Affairs in April 2011 a paper to set out the arrangements and publicity for the 2011 VR campaign to collect Members' views.

Delineation of the LegCo Geographical Constituencies

5. Pursuant to section 18(3)(a)(ii) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) Ordinance (Cap. 541), the EAC shall submit to the Chief Executive (CE) a report on the recommendations for the delineation of geographical constituencies and the name proposed by the EAC for each constituency in respect of a general election not later than 36 months from the preceding general election. As the preceding general election was held on 7 September 2008, the EAC has to submit the report to the CE by 6 September 2011.

**Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau
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Statutory Deadlines Concerning Voter Registration (VR) in 2011

Date	Major Event	Relevant Legislation
16 July	The statutory deadline for an applicant to apply to the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) for registration in the 2011 provisional register (PR) is 16 July.	According to section 4 of Cap 541A and section 19 of Cap 541B.
25 July	<p>If the ERO requires an applicant to provide further particulars relating to the application, the statutory deadline for an applicant to provide such particulars is 25 July.</p> <p>After finishing all the registration procedures, the ERO has to compile the registration particulars, and to arrange for printing, checking and binding of the PR and omission list, for subsequent sorting and distribution to the District Offices.</p>	According to section 5 of Cap 541A and section 21 of Cap 541B.
15 August	The statutory deadline for the ERO to publish and make available the PR and omission list for public inspection is 15 August.	According to section 10 and 13 of Cap 541A and section 25 and 29 of Cap 541B.
29 August	After inspecting the PR and omission list, the statutory deadline for the public to make an objection to or make a claim on the registration on the PR, or to apply for updating the registration particulars in the 2011 final register (FR), is 29 August.	According to section 10, 13, 14, 15 and 17 of Cap 541A, and section 25, 29, 30, 31 and 33 of Cap 541B.

Date	Major Event	Relevant Legislation
15 August to 11 September	<p>According to the relevant legislation, the ERO must deliver to the Revising Officer (RO) a copy of each notice of objection or notice of claim received. The RO will fix a hearing for each notice of objection or notice of claim concerning VR, and may review the ruling. With the approval of the RO, the ERO will correct an entry, make an additional entry or remove an entry as may be appropriate when compiling the FR.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the ERO will determine the applications for updating registration particulars, and with the approval of the RO, correct an entry, make an additional entry or remove an entry as may be appropriate.</p>	According to section 16 and 18 of Cap 541A and section 32 and 34 of Cap 541B.
11 to 25 September	After updating the entries, the ERO has to compile the registration particulars, and to arrange for printing, checking and binding of the FR, for subsequent sorting and distribution to the District Offices.	
25 September	The statutory deadline for the ERO to publish and make available the FR for public inspection is 25 September.	According to section 20 of Cap 541A and section 38 of Cap 541B.
November	District Council election	
December	Election Committee Subsectors election	

Statutory Deadlines Concerning Voter Registration (VR) in 2012

Date	Major Event	Relevant Legislation
16 May	The statutory deadline for an applicant to apply to the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) for registration in the 2012 provisional register (PR) is 16 May.	According to section 4 of Cap 541A and section 19 of Cap 541B.
25 May	<p>If the ERO requires an applicant to provide further particulars relating to the application, the statutory deadline for an applicant to provide such particulars is 25 May.</p> <p>After finishing all the registration procedures, the ERO has to compile the registration particulars, and to arrange for printing, checking and binding of the PR and omission list, for subsequent sorting and distribution to the District Offices.</p>	According to section 5 of Cap 541A and section 21 of Cap 541B.
15 June	The statutory deadline for the ERO to publish and make available the PR and omission list for public inspection is 15 June.	According to section 10 and 13 of Cap 541A and section 25 and 29 of Cap 541B.
29 June	After inspecting the PR and omission list, the statutory deadline for the public to make an objection to or make a claim on the registration on the PR, or to apply for updating the registration particulars in the 2012 final register (FR), is 29 June.	According to section 10, 13, 14, 15 and 17 of Cap 541A, and section 25, 29, 30, 31 and 33 of Cap 541B.

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15 June to 11 July	<p>According to the relevant legislation, the ERO must deliver to the Revising Officer (RO) a copy of each notice of objection or notice of claim received. The RO will fix a hearing for each notice of objection or notice of claim concerning VR, and may review the ruling. With the approval of the RO, the ERO will correct an entry, make an additional entry or remove an entry as may be appropriate when compiling the FR.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the ERO will determine the applications for updating registration particulars, and with the approval of the RO, correct an entry, make an additional entry or remove an entry as may be appropriate.</p>	According to section 16 and 18 of Cap 541A and section 32 and 34 of Cap 541B.
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September	Legislation Council election	