

Proposed Timetable for the 2003 District Council Elections

<u>Event</u>	<u>Timing</u>
(1) Scrutiny of the Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002	7 November to 5 December 2002
(2) Bills Committee to report back to House Committee	6 December 2002
(3) <i>Resumption of 2nd reading and 3rd reading of the Bill</i>	18 December 2002
(4) <i>Demarcation of constituency boundaries</i>	
(a) Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) to conduct the one-month public consultation	Early January 2003
(b) EAC to finalize and submit its recommendations to the Chief Executive	Mid March to early April 2003
(c) Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) to decide on constituency boundaries by way of order	April 2003
(d) Negative vetting by the Legislative Council	May to June 2003
(5) <i>Amendment/Making of subsidiary legislation on voter registration</i>	
(a) EAC/CE in C to make the regulations	January 2003
(b) Negative vetting by the Legislative Council	January to March 2003

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(6) Amendment/Making of subsidiary legislation on electoral procedures etc.	
(a) EAC to make the regulations	April/May 2003
(b) Negative vetting by the Legislative Council	May to June 2003
(7) Publication of the provisional register	Before 15 August 2003
(8) Publication of the final register	Before 25 September 2003
(9) Nomination and canvassing for the election	October to November 2003
(10) Election of Second Term District Councils	November 2003

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