



# All you need to know about Nominating a Candidate for the 4 March Bye-election

### **HEADLINES**

The last day and time for submitting Nominations is noon on Wednesday, 18 February 2015.

All Nominations should be delivered within this time to the Returning Officer, Mrs Gillian Francis at the Castle.

# DON'T LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION.

More information on making a Nomination can be found overleaf. Alternatively further details on nominating candidates and the Bye-election can be obtained from Registration and Returning Officer Gillian Francis on telephone numbers 22470 or 22314 or via email:

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# Polling Day has been set for Wednesday, 4 March 2015

If more than one valid Nomination is received St Helena will go to the Polls.

Polling Stations within each electoral district are: Blue Hill Community Centre, Half Tree Hollow Clinic, Harford Community Centre, St Mary's Church, the Briars, Kingshurst Community Centre, Levelwood Community Centre, Jamestown Community Centre and Sandy Bay Community Centre.

St Helena needs another Councillor to fill the vacant seat on Legislative Council following the resignation of lan Rummery in January 2015.

Anyone can stand for election if they are 21 years of age or over and on the amended Register of Electors, to be published in an Extraordinary St Helena Government Gazette during week commencing 2 February 2015.

Nomination Forms are available from Corporate Support at the Castle and the Assistant Registration Officers in the different districts around the Island. Assistant Registration Officers also hold copies of the Register of Electors to be used in the Bye-election. Assistant Registration Officers are:

Jamestown Robert Essex, Alicia Thomas, Olive Williams, Douglas Bennett

Levelwood Ronald Coleman, Pamela Joshua
Longwood Paula Moyce, Christina Henry
Alarm Forest Jane Augustus, Brenda Thomas

• Half Tree Hollow Karen Yon, Michelle Yon, Connie Johnson

St Paul's Alfreda Yon, Jackie Moyce

Blue Hill Stedson Francis, Georgina Young

• Sandy Bay Alfred Isaac, Anita Legg.

Ascension Island Gerrilyn Crowie





## 2015 BYE-ELECTION

# **Nominating a Candidate**

This paper provides you with information on how to nominate a candidate for the 4 March Bye-election. Remember that the latest opportunity to submit Nominations is <u>noon on</u> Wednesday, 18 February 2015.

#### Who to Nominate

The Bye-election is carried out in accordance with the law which states that anyone can stand for election providing:

- (1) they are on the Register of Electors and
- (2) they are over the age of 21 years.

Candidates should have a genuine interest in the Island's affairs. St Helena Returning Officer, Gillian Francis said:

"The electorate should exercise their right to nominate a candidate who they believe can best represent the Island and its people, especially during this period of unprecedented change and development."

#### **How to Make a Nomination**

The Nomination must be made on the correct Nomination Form. Forms can be obtained from the Returning Officer at the Castle or from any of the Assistant Registration Officers (See Page 1).

#### **Sponsors**

Each nominee must have two sponsors who must be on the amended Register of Electors.

Each of the Sponsors' signatures must be witnessed either by the Returning Officer, an Assistant Returning Officer, or a Justice of the Peace (JP). The names of all JPs and Assistant Returning Officers can be found below:

A JP, Returning Officer (Gillian Francis) or Assistant Returning Officer must witness the signatures of the Sponsors. The JPs, and Assistant Returning Officers are:

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Mr A E David Clarke MBE Mrs Greta Pat Musk MBE

Mr Colin P Yon

Miss Jennifer J Corker MBE

Mrs Joan Patricia Flagg MBE

Mr Douglas E Bennett

Mr Harry B Legg OBE Mr Desmond H Wade

Mr Desmond H Wade Mrs Barbara A George

Mr Ronald A Coleman

Mr Vincent J March

Mr Sidney A Youde

Mrs Josephine E George

Dr Priscilla McDaniel

Mr John Cranfield

### **Assistant Returning Officers**

Mrs Carol George, Mr Desmond Wade, Mr Robert Essex, Miss Gina Benjamin.

#### **Supporters**

Each nominee must also have five Supporters who must be on the amended Register of Electors.

The signatures of the Supporters must be witnessed by anyone who has their name on the Register of Electors other than the candidate him or herself.

Where can the Sponsors and Supporters come from? Sponsors and Supporters must be on the amended Register of Electors. Potential candidates can ask people to be their Sponsors or Supporters. The Supporter cannot be the same person as a Sponsor.

#### **Only One Vacant Seat**

There is only one vacant seat on Legislative Council - therefore Sponsors and Supporters cannot sponsor or support more than one candidate in this Bye-election. By signing the Nomination form, each Sponsor and Supporter declares that he/she is not sponsoring or supporting more than one Candidate.

Similarly, by signing the Nomination form the Candidate declares that he/she is willing to stand for election.

#### **Checking the Nomination Form**

The Nomination form must contain all of the information listed in the Nomination Check Box (below). If you are unsure, contact the Returning Officer Gillian Francis on telephone 22470 or 22314.

### **Nomination Check Box**

Candidates should ensure that they have included all of the following when submitting their Nomination:

- Full name and signature of the Candidate
- Full names and signatures of two Sponsors
- Names and signatures of the Sponsors are witnessed by the Returning Officer, an Assistant Returning Officer or a JP
- Full names and signatures of five Supporters
- Names and signatures of the Supporters are witnessed by anyone on the amended Register of Electors.