



2016 BYE-ELECTION

All you Need to Know about Nominating a Candidate for the September Bye-Election

HEADLINES

The last day and time for submitting Nominations is noon on Wednesday, 24 August 2016

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 or Assistant Returning Officer Carol George on telephone numbers 22470 or 22314 - or via email:

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Polling Day has been set for Wednesday, 7 September 2016

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

Polling Stations are: Blue Hill Community Centre, Half Tree Hollow Community Centre, Harford Community Centre, Judges Lodge at Alarm Forest, Kingshurst Community Centre, Levelwood Clinic, 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 Nigel Dollery on 1 July 2016.

Anyone can stand for election if they are 21 years of age or over and are on the Register of Electors published in an Extraordinary St Helena Government Gazette number 66 dated 1 July 2016.

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



Nominating a Candidate

This paper provides you with information on how to nominate a candidate for the September Bye- Election. Remember that the latest opportunity to submit nominations is noon on Wednesday, 24 August 2016

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.

Ideally candidates should have a genuine interest in the Island's affairs. St Helena Registration Officer, Gillian Francis explains:

"It is important that we fill this vacant seat on Legislative Council so that we have a full council to represent the electorate's interests when policy decisions are being made."

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 Register of Electors dated 1 July 2016.

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 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 Registration Officers are:

JPs

Mr A E David Clarke MBE
Miss Jennifer J Corker MBE
Mrs Joan Patricia Flagg MBE
Mr Douglas E Bennett
Mr Harry B Legg OBE
Mr Desmond H Wade
Mrs Barbara A George
Mr Ronald A Coleman
Mr Vincent J March
Mr Sidney A Youde
Dr Priscilla McDaniel
Mr John Cranfield

Assistant Returning Officers

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

Supporters

Each nominee must also have five Supporters who must be on the Register of Electors dated 1 July 2016.

The signatures of the Supporters can 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 Register of Electors dated 1 July 2016. 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 or she is not sponsoring or supporting more than one Candidate.

Similarly, by signing the Nomination Form the Candidate declares that he or 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 Returning Officer Gillian Francis or Assistant Returning Officer, Carol George, on telephone 22470.

Nomination Form 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 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 witnessed by anyone on the Register of Electors dated 1 July 2016.