

voting at an election; or (b) vote in a particular way at an election: Penalty - \$50,000- or 5-years imprisonment or both

INCITING ELECTION BOYCOTT

This section applies to a person who has customary authority or religious influence over a group of people.

- The person commits an offence if the person issues or causes to be issued a direction that, having regard to the nature and extent of the person's authority or to a probable consequence of non-compliance with the direction is likely to cause a group of persons to refrain from voting in an election. penalty: \$30,000 or 3 years imprisonment, or both.

EFFECT OF CERTAIN OFFENCES

If you are convicted against any of the following offences, i.e. i) *fraudulent voting*; ii) *election bribery*; or iii) *undue influence*, you are disqualified from the date of conviction from being a) *registered as an elector*; b) *from voting in an election*; or c) *from being elected as a Member of Parliament for 5 years*.

- This penalty is in addition to the penalties imposed upon a person if one is convicted for i) *fraudulent voting*; ii) *election bribery* iii) *undue influence*



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FUTURE BLO IU.....!

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ELECTORAL OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

MISLEADING INFORMATION

Giving misleading information or document to election official: Penalty - \$50,000 or 5 years imprisonment or both

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Obtaining information as if you are the CEO, member of the Commission, an electoral official, a staff member of SIECO or police officer. Penalty - \$50,000 or 5 years imprisonment or both

PROTECTION OF REGISTER

Alteration of the Register of Voters without proper authorization is an offence: Penalty – \$50,000 or 5 years imprisonment or both

DUTY OF EMPLOYERS TO RELEASE VOTERS

An employer who does not release a voter to cast his/her vote commits an offence: Penalty - \$10,000

ENGAGING IN CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY OUTSIDE CAMPAIGN PERIOD

A person who engages in a campaign activity in relation outside the campaign period for the election commits an offence: Penalty - \$20,000 or 2 years imprisonment, or both.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES & DONATIONS

A candidate that spends more than \$500,000 in campaign expenses commits an offence. A candidate who accepts campaign donation from a non-citizen person or a company who has a non-citizen shareholder commit an offence: Penalty - \$50,000 or 5 years imprisonment or both. A candidate who fails to file his/her return with 90 days after the publication of the election result commit an offence: Penalty - \$20,000 or 2 years imprisonment or both...\$100 for each day the offence continues.

ELECTION BRIBERY

It is an offence for candidates to buy vote or voters soliciting the sale of their votes for any kind of benefit from a candidate: Penalty - \$150,000 or 15 years imprisonment or both

UNDUE INFLUENCE

It is an offence if a person directly or indirectly, by violence, intimidation, threat

or physical restraint, attempts to influence another person to: (a) vote or refrain from proceeding or access to polling station: Penalty - \$50,000 or 5 years imprisonment or both

INTERFERING WITH BALLOT PAPERS AND BALLOT BOXES

A person commits an offence if the person, without lawful authority: removes a ballot paper from a polling station; or forges a ballot paper; or defaces a ballot paper completed by another person; or destroys a ballot paper; or supplies a ballot paper to another person; or destroys, takes, opens or interferes with a ballot box or packet of ballot papers. Penalty - \$50,000 or 5 years imprisonment or both.

DISPLAY, PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FALSE MATERIALS

An offence if the person displays, publishes or distributes material (or causes material to be displayed, published or distributed), and the material falsely appears to have been issued by the Commission, the CEO or an electoral official:

penalty - \$20,000- or 2-years imprisonment, or both.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A DIRECTION OR REQUIREMENT

Failure to comply with a direction or requirement made by an election official is an offence: Penalty - \$20,000 or 2 years imprisonment or both

OBSTRUCTING OR THREATENING AN ELECTION OFFICIAL

A person commits an offence when s/he obstructs or threatens an election official acting in an official capacity: Penalty - \$20,000 or 2 years imprisonment or both

IMPERSONATING AN ELECTION OFFICIAL

Impersonating an election official by words or conduct is an offence: Penalty - \$20,000 or 2 years imprisonment or both

FRAUDULENT VOTING

It is an offence to vote more than once; impersonate an elector for the purpose of voting; voting knowing you are not entitled to vote; induce and ineligible person to vote: Penalty - \$50,000- or 5-years imprisonment or both

INTERFERING WITH VOTING

An offence if one interferes with a person casting his/her vote; attempt to obtain info as to who the voter will or has voted for; entering the voting booth while another person is inside; obstruct and delays