



## UPDATE ON NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

**NAIROBI: Sunday, May 28, 2017:** The nomination process began today for the positions of Member of the County Assembly (MCA), Senate and Presidency.

The Commission has gazetted a total of 337 Returning Officers to undertake clearance of 16,364 candidates vying for different elective positions in the upcoming General Election.

As of 1600 Hours, 961 candidates had been cleared using the Candidate Registration Management System (CRMS). The breakdown is as follows:

- Member of the County Assembly – 902 candidates
- Senate – 55 candidates
- Presidency - 3 candidates

The Commission is still compiling data on candidates cleared manually in areas with no internet connectivity.

### Key Observations

- In instances where a person is nominated as a party candidate and has also submitted to the Commission the symbol and letter of intention to contest as an Independent Candidate, such shall not be cleared. For a person to contest as independent Candidate, they must not belong to any political party at least three months to the General Election. To be a candidate of a political party, one has to be a member of the party at the time the parties submitted their party membership lists.
- Where a candidate is missing from CRMS list of party nominees and on the independent candidates list but have documents claiming the contrary, such shall not be nominated. However, if the independent candidate has been gazetted but missing from the CRMS such may be nominated.
- Persons who have been nominated by two parties or appear on different party nominee lists, such persons shall not be nominated unless clarity has been sought from the political party concerned and formally communicated to the Commission.

- If a candidate changes names and particulars, Regulation 38 and 39 of the Elections (General) Regulations 2012 stipulates that the nomination forms should contain the names of candidates as per the register of voters.
- The Commission has advised that Returning Officers may use party membership cards for political party candidates or resignation letters for independent candidates where applicable.
- In areas with no internet services for full performance of the CRMS, the Returning Officers have been advised to process the candidates manually using forms provided by the Commission. However, the Returning Officers shall thereafter visit the nearest IEBC office to update details in the CRMS.

### Key Nomination Timelines

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| Nominations for Presidential Elections                        | Sunday, May 28, 2017    | Monday May 29, 2017     |
| Nomination for Senate Elections                               | Sunday, May 28, 2017    | Tuesday, May 30, 2017   |
| Nomination for CAW Representatives Elections                  | Sunday, May 28, 2017    | Wednesday, May 31, 2017 |
| Nomination for County Women Representatives                   | Tuesday, May 30, 2017   | Wednesday, May 31, 2017 |
| Nomination for National Assembly Elections                    | Thursday, June 01, 2017 | Friday, June 02, 2017   |
| Nomination for Gubernatorial Elections                        | Thursday, June 01, 2017 | Friday, June 02, 2017   |
| Lodging of and settlement of Dispute arising from Nominations | Tuesday, May 30, 2017   | Friday, June 09, 2017   |
| Publication of Names of all Nominated Candidates              | Saturday, June 10, 2017 | Tuesday, June 20, 2017  |

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