



## PRESS RELEASE ON THE REGISTER OF VOTERS

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The Commission launched the SMS platform to enable voters to verify their registration details as we approach the August General Election. We are satisfied with the feedback we have received so far and Kenyans are encouraged to continue using the service.

Voters can confirm their details by sending Nation ID or Passport numbers to 70000. The sender will receive a text message showing the following details:

Name:  
County:  
Constituency:  
Polling Station Code:  
Name of Polling Station:

If the person is not registered to vote or the ID or Passport Number is entered wrongly, then one will receive a message asking them to visit the nearest IEBC offices for clarification.

The reason for using the SMS to confirm registration details is to enable voters to have the ease of identifying their polling stations on the Election Day. The same service shall be available on the website before the weekend.

With more than 19.6 million voters, the Commission has the most updated and advanced database of persons in the country. This is an asset that we must secure as Kenyans. However, we have also noted with concern some social media reporting that borders on deliberate misinformation on the actual state of the register of voters. We urge caution when it comes to freedom of expression on issues of the register at this point in time.

In the meantime, we wish to clarify that the accuracy of the 2017 the register of voters depends on the implementation of the outcome of the verification exercise that was undertaken between May 10 - June 9, 2017 and the recommendations by KPMG following the audit of the register of voters.

It was clear from the audit that the register of voters had 171,476 records that had invalid IDs when compared with the National Registration Bureau database. Most

of these records are as a result of clerical errors at data entry point. The Commission deliberated this issue extensively and resolved to retain the names of these individuals in the register in order to minimize chances of disenfranchisement. The Commission wishes to assure the public that the mode of identification of voters on the Election Day shall be biometric identification using the KIEMS technology. With this system in place, we do not expect any foul play in the voting process.

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