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Constituency Councils Act, 2009
(Act 2009-9)

**CONSTITUENCY COUNCILS (APPOINTMENT OF
MEMBERS) REGULATIONS, 2009**

The Minister in exercise of the power conferred on him by section 13 of the *Constituency Councils Act*, makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Constituency Councils (Appointment of Members) Regulations, 2009*.

2. In these Regulations,

“Committee” means the Advisory Committee referred to in regulation 5;

“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for Constituency Councils;

“special interest group or sector” means a group of persons who have a proven interest in a particular sector or area of activity in a community.

3. (1) A person shall be eligible to be appointed as a member of a Constituency Council where that person

(a) has attained the age of 18 years;

(b) is a citizen or permanent resident of Barbados;

(c) is a resident of a constituency or is associated with the constituency through his involvement with an organisation located within the constituency;

(d) is of a good character;

- (e) has experience working with communities either at an organisational or individual level; and
- (f) has skills, training or experience which he can contribute to the improvement of the community.

(2) No person shall be appointed to two or more Constituency Councils at the same time.

4. (1) A person who is eligible to be appointed to a Constituency Council pursuant to regulation 3 shall be nominated in the following manner:

- (a) the Minister shall invite the leader of a community group or organisation or the nominee of the leader to be a representative on a Constituency Council;
- (b) the members of a special interest group or sector of the community shall nominate a representative to be appointed to a Constituency Council;
- (c) the leader of each political party that is represented in the House of Assembly shall nominate one representative of that party to be appointed to a Constituency Council;
- (d) the residents of each constituency shall nominate an individual to be appointed to a Constituency Council, and that individual shall be endorsed by at least 6 other residents of the constituency;
- (e) where there is a paucity of suitable nominations from local organisations or individuals in a constituency, the Minister shall, after consultations with the persons authorized to nominate a representative pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) and an individual pursuant to paragraph (d), nominate the required number of persons to be appointed to a Constituency Council.

(2) The nominees for membership on a Constituency Council may be chosen from, but shall not be limited to, the following organisations:

- (a) faith based organisations;
- (b) political parties with representation in the House of Assembly;
- (c) emergency management organisations;
- (d) youth organisations;
- (e) sports organisations;
- (f) clubs or organisations representing senior citizens or retired persons;
- (g) women's organisations;
- (h) men's organisations;
- (i) organisations representing persons with disabilities.

5. (1) The Minister shall appoint an Advisory Committee to

- (a) review the nominations submitted for each Constituency Council; and
- (b) make recommendations to the Minister in respect of the appointment of members to each Constituency Council.

(2) The Advisory Committee referred to in paragraph (1) shall comprise the following persons:

- (a) the Permanent Secretary, Ministry responsible for Constituency Councils;

- (b) the Permanent Secretary, Ministry responsible for Community Development;
- (c) the Permanent Secretary, Ministry responsible for Youth Affairs;
- (d) the Director, Department of Constituency Empowerment;
- (e) the Chief Community Development Officer.

(3) The Ministry shall designate a person to be Secretary to the Committee and that person will be responsible for

- (a) receiving;
- (b) recording; and
- (c) the safe keeping of

all of the nominations received by the Committee.

(4) In determining the recommendations to be made to the Minister pursuant to paragraph (1)(b), the Advisory Committee shall consider the following:

- (a) representation of districts within a constituency;
- (b) expertise as described in regulation 3(1)(e) or (f);
- (c) representation of males and females within a constituency;
- (d) representation of youth and seniors within a constituency;
- (e) the needs of the constituency.

(5) The Advisory Committee shall submit to the Minister for his consideration, a list of nominees recommended by the Committee for each Constituency Council pursuant to paragraph (b) of regulation 5(1).

(6) The Minister shall, after considering the recommendations submitted pursuant to paragraph (5) determine the list of nominees for each Constituency Council and each list shall be submitted to the Cabinet for its approval.

6. The nominees approved by the Cabinet shall be appointed by the Minister by instrument in writing.

Made by the Minister this 22nd day of September, 2009.

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Minister responsible for Constituency Councils.