

Police

Cap. 167.

POLICE (ASSOCIATION) RULES, 1961
(Formerly Second Schedule to the Police Act, 1961-50)

1. These Rules may be cited as the Police (Association) Rules, 1961.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

2. The Association shall consist of all members for the time being of the Police Force below the rank of Assistant Superintendent, and the Association shall act through Branch Boards and a Central Committee as hereinafter provided.

THE BRANCH BOARDS

3. There shall be constituted five Branch Boards, that is to say, one for Inspectors, one for Station Sergeants and Sergeants, one for Corporals, one for Constables and one for Writ-Servers.

4. In each branch there shall be established a Branch Board constituted as follows—

- (a) Inspectors' Branch consisting of four men;
- (b) Station Sergeants' and Sergeants' Branch consisting of five men;
- (c) Corporals' Branch consisting of eight men;
- (d) Constables' Branch consisting of twenty-one men;
- (e) Writ-Servers' Branch consisting of five men.

5. (1) The members of the Branch Boards shall be elected annually between the 1st October and 30th November. S.I. 1972/
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(2) The annual meetings of all Branch Boards shall be held as soon as practicable after the members are elected, but not later than the 31st December.

6. All members of the Force of each rank shall have the right to vote at the election of the Branch Board for that rank.

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7. The members of each Board shall at the annual meeting elect a member or members to the Central Committee as hereinafter provided.

8. A Branch Board may meet from time to time for the purpose of considering matters affecting the welfare and efficiency of the members of such Branch.

9. The five Branch Boards or any number of them may by agreement meet together as one Board, either for any special purpose or regularly for all purposes of common interest.

10. A Branch Board may submit representations to the Commissioner of Police or the Central Committee.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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11. There shall be constituted a Central Committee consisting of sixteen members, two of whom shall be elected by the Inspectors' Branch, four by the Station Sergeants' and Sergeants' Branch, three by the Corporals' Branch, five by the Constables' Branch, and two by the Writ-Servers' Branch, and such members shall hold office for one year commencing on the 1st January next after their election.

12. The Central Committee shall—

- (a) receive representations from the Branch Boards and may, after notifying the Commissioner of Police, request him to forward such representations to the Governor-General;
- (b) consider and report upon any matters referred to it by the Commissioner of Police or the Governor-General.

ELECTIONS

13. All elections shall be by secret ballot and the provisions for assuring secrecy and freedom from interference in voting as set out in the next following rule shall apply in respect of all elections under these rules.

14. Every person in attendance at a polling station or other place of voting shall maintain and aid in maintaining the

secrecy of the voting at such station or place, and shall not communicate, except for some purpose authorised by law, before the poll is closed, to any person any information as to the name or other means of identification of any elector who has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at that station or place, and no such person and no person whosoever shall interfere with or attempt to interfere with a voter when making his vote, or otherwise attempt to obtain in the polling station or other place of voting information as to the candidate for whom any voter in such station or place is about to vote or has voted. Every person in attendance at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting and shall not communicate any information obtained at such counting as to the candidate for whom any vote is given in any particular ballot paper. No person shall directly or indirectly induce any voter to display his ballot paper after he shall have marked the same, so as to make known to any person the name of the candidate for or against whom he has so marked his vote. Every person who acts in contravention of any of these provisions shall be liable on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

15. At any election under these rules, each elector may give one vote and no more for each of any number of candidates not exceeding the number to be elected.

16. Subject to the provisions of these rules, each Branch Board may make regulations as to the mode of election of the members thereof and as to the filling of casual vacancies occurring amongst such members, and the Central Committee may make regulations as to the mode of election of the members thereof, and as to the filling of casual vacancies occurring amongst such members.

OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

17. (1) Each Branch Board and the Central Committee shall choose its Chairman and Secretary from amongst its own members.

(2) The Chairman and Secretary of the Central Committee

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shall be *ex officio* the Chairman and Secretary of the Association.

18. The Chairman at any meeting of a Branch Board or the Central Committee at which he is present shall have a second or casting vote.

19. Subject to the provisions of these rules, a Branch Board or the Central Committee may regulate their own procedure, including the appointment of committees or sub-committees.

20. (1) Branch Boards may hold in each year four quarterly meetings (including the annual meeting), each lasting not more than one day, but additional meetings for any purpose may be held with the consent of the Commissioner of Police.

(2) The Central Committee may hold meetings four times in each year, each lasting not more than one day, but additional meetings for any purpose may be held with the consent of the Commissioner of Police.

21. Except where in special circumstances a member of a Branch Board or of the Central Committee is required for duty for which no substitute is available, leave shall be given for attendance at all such meetings duly held and every such attendance shall, as regards allowances and expenses, be deemed to be an occasion of police duty.