

Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) (Election Meetings) Rules

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MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES (PUBLIC ORDER AND NUISANCE) ACT
(CHAPTER 184, SECTION 5(1))

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MEETINGS) RULES

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1. These Rules may be cited as the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) (Election Meetings) Rules.

Application

2.—(1) These Rules shall apply to any assembly of 5 or more persons which is —

- (a) organised by a candidate nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Presidential Elections Act (Cap. 240A) for election as President, or by his election agent, and held between nomination day and the day before polling day (both days inclusive) of an election under that Act; or
- (b) organised by a candidate nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) for election as a Member of Parliament, or by his election agent, and held in any electoral division between the day of nomination and the day before polling day (both days inclusive) of an election under that Act.

(2) Any reference in these Rules to an election meeting shall be a reference to any such assembly of persons.

Prohibition of election meeting without permit

3.—(1) No person shall hold or assist in holding any election meeting in any public road, public place or place of public resort —

- (a) without a permit; or
- (b) in contravention of any condition of a permit specified in rule 5(1) or imposed under rule 5(2).

(2) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction —

- (a) in the case of an offence under paragraph (1)(a) — to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both; or
- (b) in the case of an offence under paragraph (1)(b) — to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or to both.

Grant of permit

4.—(1) A permit to hold an election meeting may be granted by —

- (a) the Deputy Commissioner of Police;
- (b) the officer-in-charge of the Police Division in which the election meeting is intended to be held; or
- (c) the Police Liaison Officer (Elections).

(2) An application for a permit to hold an election meeting shall —