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These Rules are made by the Chief Justice pursuant to section 29 of the Electoral Act 1989, as amended, to govern the practice and procedure in election petition proceedings.

Commencement [17th June 2016]

1 Citation and commencement

This Rule may be cited as the Election Petition Rules .

2 Definitions

Except where the context of these Rules otherwise provides, the following definitions apply:

“**Act**” means the Electoral Act 1989, as amended;

“**Chief Justice**” means the Lord Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tonga;

“**Commission**” means the Electoral Commission;

“**Court**” means the Supreme Court of Tonga;

“**election petition**” means an election petition under section 25 of the Electoral Act 1989;

“**Judge**” means the Chief Justice and any other Judge of the Supreme Court of Tonga;

“**Rules**” means these Rules;

“**Supreme Court Rules**” means the Supreme Court Rules 2007 (as thereafter amended from time to time).