



**National Electoral Commission (NEC)
OAU Drive, Tower Hill
Freetown, Sierra Leone**



PRESS RELEASE

NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE 7TH MARCH, 2018 ELECTIONS.

In exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991(Act No. 6 of 1991); and pursuant to provisions of Section 39 of the said Constitution and Sections 69 and 70 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012), the National Electoral Commission (NEC) makes the following proclamation:

1. **Wednesday, 17th to Friday 26th January, 2018** is the period for Nominations of Candidates for the conduct of Presidential and Parliamentary Elections for the 7th March, 2018 Elections.
2. The deadline for Political Parties to submit the List of Endorsed Candidates for the said Nominations to the National Electoral Commission (NEC), in accordance with **Sections 61 and 62 of the Public Elections Act, 2012**, is **Wednesday 10th January, 2018**.
3. The place of nomination for Presidential candidates is the NEC Headquarter, O.A.U Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown.
4. The nomination centres for Ordinary Member of Parliament candidates are as follows:

REGION	DISTRICT	LOCATION
EAST	Kailahun	Mbelebu Section, Kailahun Town
	Kenema	59 Wahman Abu Road, by SLTU, Kenema City
	Kono	8 Gandi Fania Street, Koidu City

NORTH	Bombali	Azzolini Highway, Makeni City
	Koinadugu	Main Makeni Road-One Mile, Kabala Town
	Tonkolili	15 Boys School Road, Magburaka Town
	Falaba	Mongo Town
NORTH- WEST	Port Loko	75 Lungi Road, Port Loko City
	Kambia	District Council Area, 11 Katimpe Road, Kambia Town
	Karene	Kamalo Highway, Kamakwie Town
SOUTH	Bo	79 Tikonko Road, Bo City
	Bonthe	144 Bo Road, Mattru Jong, Bonthe Mainland
		13/13A Claffin Lane, Bonthe Island
	Moyamba	8 Kpangbavie Street, Moyamba Town
	Pujehun	42 Gbondapi Road, Pujehun Town
WEST	Western Rural	Chukuma Johnson Drive, Waterloo
	Western Urban	39 Jenner Wright Road, Freetown
	HQ	OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown

5. Eligible Sierra Leoneans may also contest as Independent candidates for Ordinary Members of Parliament Elections (but not for the office of Presidency).
6. Qualifications and disqualifications for Presidential candidates are found in **Sections 41, 75 and 76 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991)** and **Sections 44, 45 and 46 of the Public Elections Act of 2012.**

7. Qualifications and disqualifications for Ordinary Member of Parliament Candidates are found in **Sections 75 and 76 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991)**.
8. Pursuant to Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012, the candidates's nomination fee for the Presidential Election is **ONE HUNDRED MILLION LEONES (Le.100,000,000.00) per candidate, payable to the National Returning Officer;** and **TEN MILLION LEONES (Le.10,000,000.00)** for Parliamentary Election per candidate, payable to the District Returning Officer in the respective districts.
9. Other details for the Nominations of candidates and conduct of the election shall be published by the National Electoral Commission in due course, if omitted.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2017.

Signed:



Mohamed N'fah- Alie Conteh
Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman,
National Returning Officer