



Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka

Nirvachana Nilaya, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore-560001

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PRESS NOTE

The term of office of **Four** Members of the Karnataka Legislative Council from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies are **to expire on 30th June, 2014** due to the retirement of the sitting members as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Name of the Constituency
1	Dr. A.H.Shivayogi Swamy	Karnataka South-East Graduates' Constituency
2	Sri Mohan A Limbikai (Vacant due to resignation)	Karnataka West Graduates' Constituency
3	Sri Shashil G. Namoshi (Vacant due to resignation)	Karnataka North-East Teachers' Constituency
4	Sri Puttanna	Bangalore Teachers' Constituency

2. The Election Commission has decided to hold Biennial Elections to fill up the above mentioned vacancies in accordance with the following schedule:-

1	Date of issue of Notification	27 th May, 2014 (Tuesday)
2	Last date of making nominations	3 rd June, 2014 (Tuesday)
3	Scrutiny of nominations	4 th June, 2014 (Wednesday)
4	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	6 th June, 2014 (Friday)
5	Date of poll	20 th June, 2014 (Friday)
6	Hours of poll	8-00 A.M. to 4-00 P.M.
7	Counting of Votes	24 th June, 2014 (Tuesday) at 8-00 A.M.
8	Date before which election shall be completed	28 th June, 2014 (Saturday)

3. Any citizen of India who is not less than thirty years of age and who is an elector in any of the Assembly Constituencies in the State of Karnataka, is eligible to contest in the above elections, unless otherwise disqualified under the law.

4. The electorate for the said biennial elections consists only of the Graduates' / Teachers' who have enrolled in the Electoral Rolls of the respective Constituencies.

5. The electoral rolls for Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies shall be continuously updated under the provisions of Section 22 and 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, however, the qualifying date for purpose of such **continuous updation** shall continue to remain the same i.e. **01-11-2013** with reference to which the rolls were last prepared/revised.

6. The Returning Officers for the aforesaid Constituencies and their respective jurisdictional area is as noted below:-

Graduates' Constituencies	Returning Officer	Jurisdictional Area
Karnataka South-East Graduates' Constituency	Regional Commissioner, Bangalore Division.	Chitradurga, Davanagere (excluding Taluks of Channagiri, Honnali & Harapanahalli), Tumkur, Kolar and Chikkaballapur Districts
Karnataka West Graduates' Constituency	Regional Commissioner, Belgaum Division	Dharwad, Haveri, Gadag and Uttara Kannada Districts
Teachers' Constituencies		
Karnataka North-East Teachers' Constituency	Regional Commissioner, Gulbarga Division	Bidar, Gulbarga, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal and Bellary Districts including Harapanahalli Taluk of Davanagere District.
Bangalore Teachers' Constituency	Regional Commissioner, Bangalore Division	Bangalore, Bangalore Rural, and Ramanagar Districts.

7. The provisions of Model Code of Conduct enumerated in Commission's letter No. 322/MT-LC/2014(G&T)-CC&BE, dated: 20-05-2014, for the guidance of Political Parties and Candidates have come into force with immediate effect i.e. from 20-05-2014, the date on which the Election Commission of India has released the Press Note about holding of Biennial Elections to the said Council Constituencies.

8. Persons intending to contest in the said elections may obtain required nomination **Form 2E**, revised affidavit in **Form-26**, other Forms from the offices of the concerned Returning Officer/ Assistant Returning Officer and present them duly filled in by each candidate either in person or by any of his/her proposers to the Returning Officer/notified Assistant Returning Officer **between 11-00 A.M. and 3-00 P.M. from 27-05-2014 (Tuesday) to 03-06-2014 (Tuesday)** (both days

inclusive) **except on Sunday, the 1st June, 2014**, which is a public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

9. An important point to be noted by the intending candidates is that under third proviso to Section 33 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, a nomination paper of a candidate shall be signed by ten electors of the constituency as proposers and every candidate has to make a deposit of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand only) with his/her nomination papers, unless he/she is a member of Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe and in which case he/she is required to make a deposit of Rs. 5,000/- (five thousand only) as required under Section 34 of the said Act.

10. As per judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated: 13-09-2013, candidates are required to fill up all columns in the affidavit. If any column in the affidavit is left blank, the Returning Officer will issue a notice to the candidate to submit a fresh affidavit, duly filling up all columns. After such notice, if the candidate fails to file the affidavit, complete in all respects, the nomination paper will be liable to be rejected at the time of scrutiny.

11. The affidavits filed by the candidates whether setup by the recognized political parties or unrecognized political parties or independents shall be put up on the website soon after the candidates file the same and within 24 hours in any event and even if any candidate withdraws his candidature, the affidavit already uploaded on the website shall not be removed.

12. If affidavit and Forms-AA & BB aforesaid which have not been filed at the time of filing nomination shall have to be filed latest by 3-00 P.M. on the last date of filing nomination i.e. on 03-06-2014 (Tuesday).

13. **Security deposit** should be made either before filing of nomination paper or at the time of filing of nomination paper.

14. **Oath** has to be taken after filing nomination paper and before the date fixed for scrutiny.

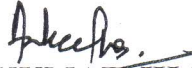
15. **Upto four (4) nomination papers** can be presented by or on behalf of any candidate as per proviso to Section 33(6) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

16. A person shall not be nominated as a candidate for these Biennial Elections from more than **two (2) Council Constituencies** in the State as per Section 33(7)(c) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

17. Biennial Elections to Council Constituencies are held under the system of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote. A voter has to record his vote by marking his preference or preference(s) for the candidate(s) of his choice against his/her/their names on the ballot paper. An elector has as many preferences as the number of contesting candidates irrespective of the number of candidates to be elected. These preferences are to be indicated in figures i.e. in the international form of Indian numerals or in the Roman form or in the form used in any Indian Language, but shall not be indicated in words.

18. As per Supreme Court Order dated: 27-09-2013, "None of the Above" (NOTA) option will be added on the last panel of the ballot papers to facilitate electors who do not want to vote for any of the candidates can exercise their option by putting cross mark (X) or tick mark (✓) against NOTA making it clear that any marking other than the said markings against the NOTA option would invalidate the ballot paper.

19. For further details the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer concerned may be contacted.


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