



# SAINT LUCIA ELECTORAL DEPARTMENT

## PROCEDURE AT ELECTIONS

### Nomination of Candidates

On the day and at the place fixed for nomination of candidates, the returning officer shall attend at 9:00 in the morning to receive the nomination of candidates for the seats to be filled.

# Nomination of Candidates

Official nomination of candidate is made in writing (Form No. 7).

Should be signed by no less than six (6) registered electors of that Electoral District.

Each nomination requires:

1. Statutory Declaration (Form No. 8);
2. A cash deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in cash (legal tender); which is forfeited if candidate withdraws after nomination day or fails to receive one-eighth ( $1/8$ ) of total number of votes cast for all candidates at the poll.



## Nomination Papers:

- ❖ Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer on nomination day between the hours of 9.00 am and 12.00 noon at his/her Office as specified in the Election Notice.
- ❖ If by 12.00 only one (1) candidate has been officially nominated, a return (Form 9) is made by acclamation;
- ❖ Otherwise poll is taken as directed in the Election Writ.



## Consent of Electors:

- ❖ Every nomination paper must be signed by six (6) electors qualified to vote in that particular Electoral District.
- ❖ Must be handed to Returning Officer between the hours of 9.00 am and noon on Nomination Day.



## Requirements for Nomination:

No nomination paper shall be valid or acted upon by the Returning Officer unless it is accompanied by the following:

1. The consent in writing of the person therein nominated;
2. A deposit of five hundred (\$500.00) Eastern Caribbean Dollars cash; and
3. A coloured passport size photograph of himself or herself.

# Supply of Forms:

- Forms or nomination papers may be obtained at the Office of the Returning Officer.
- This could be done daily between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm daily with the exception of Wednesday (Office closes at 12.00 pm) and Sunday (Office close).

## Forms for Nomination:

Returning Officer must ensure that, the prospective candidates have the following forms for nomination:

- Nomination Paper (Form No. 7)
- Statutory Declaration of Candidate (Form No. 8)
- Statutory Declaration of Agent (Form No. 8A)



FORM 7 (Section 39(2)(a))  
THE ELECTIONS ACT

**NOMINATION PAPER**

We, the undersigned electors for the ..... electoral district do hereby nominate the following person as a proper person to serve as a member of the House of Assembly for the said ..... electoral district and we certify that to the best of our belief he or she is qualified for election as a member of the House of Assembly under the Constitution and this Act.

Surname	Other Names	Address	Occupation	Signature

Signature .....

Dated .....

I, ..... nominated in the foregoing nomination paper hereby consent to such nomination as candidate for election as a member of the House of Assembly for the ..... electoral district and name as my address for serving of process and papers under the Elections Act—

Address .....

Witness my hand this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the said nominee in the ..... presence of .....

.....  
*Signature of Witness*

.....  
*Signature of Candidate*

FORM 7(A) (Section 39 (2) (a))  
THE ELECTIONS ACT  
PARTICULARS OF NOMINEE

Name	Registration No.	Signature

Dated.....

.....  
*Signature of Candidate*

## THE ELECTIONS ACT

**STATUTORY DECLARATION OF A PERSON NOMINATED AS A  
CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE  
OF ASSEMBLY**

Qualification of .....

of .....

in the ..... of .....

nominated as a candidate for election as a member of the House of Assembly for  
the ..... Electoral District.

I, .....

of .....

in the ..... of .....

do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

- (a) I am a citizen of Saint Lucia;
- (b) I am not below the age of 21;
- (c) I was —
  - (i) born in Saint Lucia and am domiciled and resident there at the date of my nomination for election; or
  - (ii) born outside Saint Lucia but have resided in Saint Lucia for a period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of my nomination for election;
- (d) I am able to speak and read the English language with a degree of proficiency sufficient to enable me to take an active part in the proceedings of the House of Assembly;
- (e) I am not by virtue of my own under acknowledgement of allegiance, obedience or adherence to a foreign power or state;
- (f) I am not a minister of religion;
- (g) I am not a person certified to be insane or otherwise adjudged to be of unsound mind under any law in force in any part of the Commonwealth;
- (h) I do not hold, nor am I acting in any public office;
- (i) I am not under sentence of death imposed on me by a court in any part of the Commonwealth nor am I serving a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever named called) exceeding 12 months imposed on me by such court or substituted by competent authority for some other sentence imposed on me by such a court, nor am I under such a sentence of imprisonment the execution of which has been suspended;
- (j) I am not disqualified for membership of the House of Assembly by any law enacted by the Parliament of Saint Lucia by reason of my having any interest in any such Government contract as may be prescribed by any law;
- (k) I have not been adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt under any law in force in any part of the Commonwealth and have not been discharged;
- (l) I am not disqualified for membership of the house of Assembly by virtue of any law enacted by the Parliament of Saint Lucia relating to offences connected with elections;
- (m) I am not disqualified for elections by any law enacted by the Parliament of Saint Lucia by reason of my holding or acting in any office the functions of which involve —
  - (i) any responsibility for, or in connection with, the conduct of any election; or
  - (ii) any responsibility for the compilation or revision of any electoral register.

I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and according to the Statutory Declaration Act and I am aware that if there is any statement in this Declaration which is false in fact which I know or believe to be false or do not believe to be true, I am liable to imprisonment.

(Signed).....

Declared before me this.....day of.....20.....

(Signed).....