

writ for the election of a new member in the place of the member whose seat has become vacant.

XXI. All questions which may arise as to the right of any person to be or remain an Elected Member of the Council shall be referred to and decided by the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago.

XXII. Every person shall be entitled to be registered as a voter in any one electoral district, and, when registered, to vote at the election of a member of the Council for such district, who is qualified as follows:—

(a) being a man, has attained the age of 21 years, or being a woman, has attained the age of 30 years;

(b) is under no legal incapacity;

(c) is a British subject by birth or naturalisation;

(d) has resided in the Colony for at least two years prior to the date of such registration, or is domiciled in the Colony and is resident therein at the date of such registration;

(e) is able to satisfy the registering officer that he or she can understand the English language when spoken;

and is, in the electoral district in which he or she claims to be registered, at the date of such registration, and has been for at least twelve months immediately prior to such date, also possessed of one or more of the following qualifications, namely:—

(1) is in occupation, as owner, of premises assessed to any house rate, or taxes under section 3 of the Lands and Buildings Taxes Ordinance, 1920, at an annual rateable value of not less than 12*l.* 10*s.* in Port-of-Spain or any Borough and 10*s.* elsewhere, or is in occupation, as tenant, of premises in respect of which he or she really and *bona fide* pays rent at a rate not less than 12*l.* 10*s.* per annum in Port-of-Spain or any Borough, and 10*l.* per annum elsewhere; or

(2) is in occupation, as a lodger, of lodgings, and as such lodger has paid during the preceding twelve months not less than 12*l.* 10*s.* for rent alone, or not less than 62*l.* 10*s.* for rent and board combined; and has also resided in such lodgings during the whole of such period; or

(3) is in occupation, as owner, or as tenant under agreement in writing for one year or upwards, of land or of land and house thereon, assessed to taxes under section 3 of the Lands and Buildings Taxes Ordinance, 1920, and in respect of which not less than 10*s.* a year is payable in such taxes; or

(4) is in receipt of an annual salary of not less than 62*l.* 10*s.*

Provided that—

(a) When the qualifying property in (1) is jointly occupied by more persons than one, then each of such occupiers shall be entitled to be registered in respect of such property, if the annual rateable value at which the property is assessed to the house rate or taxes is an amount which, when divided by the number of occupiers, shall give not less than 12*l.* 10*s.* or 10*l.*, as the case may be, for each such occupier.

(b) When the qualifying property in (3) is jointly occupied by more persons than one,

then each of such occupiers shall be entitled to be registered in respect of such property if the amount payable in taxes in respect of such property is an amount which, when divided by the number of occupiers, shall give not less than 10*s.* a year for each such occupier.

XXIII. No person shall be entitled to be registered as a voter if—

(a) he or she has, within the six months immediately preceding the date of registration, received poor relief from public funds, or

(b) he or she has been sentenced by any Court in any part of His Majesty's Dominions to death or to penal servitude or to imprisonment with hard labour for any term exceeding 12 months, and has not either suffered the punishment to which he or she was sentenced or such other punishment as by competent authority was substituted for the same or received a free pardon from His Majesty.

(c) he or she has been adjudged by a competent Court to be of unsound mind.

XXIV. As soon as possible after the coming into operation of this Order a register shall be made in each of the said electoral districts of the persons entitled to vote at the election of Members of the Council, and shall come into force at such time as shall be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation to be published in the Trinidad Royal Gazette. Thereafter a fresh register shall be made triennially in each such district, and every such register shall come into force at such time as shall be appointed by any law enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council.

No person who is not registered as a voter shall vote at any such election.

XXV. For the purpose of every general election of Members of the Council, and for the purpose of the election of members to supply vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall issue writs of election under the Public Seal of the Colony, addressed to the returning officers of the respective electoral districts for which members are to be returned. Every such writ shall specify the day and place of election, and the day on which it is returnable to the Governor; upon receipt of such writ the returning officer shall proceed to hold the election thereby directed; and after such election he shall certify the return of the member elected by endorsement on the writ, and shall return the writ so endorsed to the Governor within the time for that purpose specified therein. He shall also, as soon as possible, give public notice of the candidate elected, and in the case of a contested election of the number of votes given for each candidate whether elected or not.

XXVI. In the case of a poll at an election of a Member of the Council the votes shall be given by ballot. The ballot of each voter shall consist of a paper (in this Order called a ballot paper) showing the names and description of the candidates. Each ballot paper shall have a number printed on the back, and shall have attached to it a counterfoil with the same number printed on the face. At the time of voting the ballot paper shall be marked on both sides with an official mark and delivered to the voter within the polling