



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHIEFS ACT NO.23 OF 2006

National Council of Chiefs Election Regulation

Order No. 38 of 2007

To provide for the dates, regulation and conduct of election of members of the Council whose term has ended on the 30th day of September 2007.

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsections 5(3) and (4) of the National Council of Chiefs Act No.23 of 2006, I, the Honourable JOSHUA TAFURA KALSAKAU, Minister of Justice and Social Welfare, make the following Order:

1 Interpretation

In this Order, unless a contrary intention appears,

Council means the National Council of Chiefs established pursuant to Article 29(1) of the Constitution.

2 Election dates

The election of the members of the Council is to be held between the periods of 30th October 2007 to 31st January 2008.

3 Eligibility of candidates

Subject to Clause 4, a person is eligible to stand as a candidate for election to the Council if the person:

- (a) is a customary chief; and
- (b) is a person between the age of 39 and 60 years.

4 Persons disqualified to be elected

A person is disqualified to be elected as a member of the Council if the person:

- (a) has been convicted of a criminal offence during the last 5 years; or
- (b) is an executive member of a political party; or
- (c) occupies a pastoral or senior position in a church or religious group; or
- (d) being a person who is married but is living with another woman or having an extra-marital affair; or
- (e) has contested or is contesting in a:
 - (i) Municipal Council election or bye-election; or
 - (ii) Local Government Council election or bye-election; or
 - (iii) National General election or bye-election.

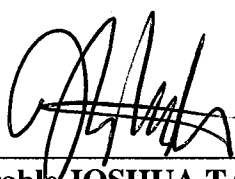
5 Method and procedure of election

Each Island Council of Chiefs and Urban Council of Chiefs is to determine the method and procedure for election of their representative to the Council.

6 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 9th day of November, 2007.


Honourable JOSHUA TAFURA KALSAKAU
Minister of Justice and Social Welfare

