



*Commonwealth of The Bahamas*

**Ministry of National Security  
Parliamentary Registration Department**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ADVANCED POLL - THURSDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2026**

**TIME OFF TO VOTE**

- (1) In accordance with regulation 8 of the Parliamentary Elections (Symbols and Time Off) Regulations (Chapter 7), every employer shall permit each employee who is registered to participate in the Advanced Poll to be absent from work on the day of the Advanced Poll (“polling day”) during the hours of the poll for two (2) hours in addition to the normal meal hour, for the purpose of voting.
- (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any employee whose work on polling day commences at or after 10:00 a.m. or concludes at or before 4:00 p.m.
- (3) No employer shall make any deduction from the pay or other remuneration of any employee or impose upon or extract from that employee any penalty by reason of that employee's absence from work during the period specified in paragraph (1) above.
- (4) Any employer who contravenes any of the provisions of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months.

***Signed: Harrison L. Thompson  
Parliamentary Commissioner  
Date: 25th April, 2026***



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**NO RECORDING DEVICES**

In accordance with regulation 3 of the Parliamentary Elections Regulations (Chapter 7), the general public is hereby reminded that no person shall use any recording device, cellular phone, camera or other photographic equipment in or on a polling place during the hours when balloting is being conducted at the polling place.

Any person who contravenes this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

*Signed: Harrison L. Thompson  
Parliamentary Commissioner  
Date: 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2026*