



*Commonwealth of The Bahamas*

**Ministry of National Security  
Parliamentary Registration Department**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**GENERAL ELECTIONS - TUESDAY, 12th MAY, 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 as a voter to be absent from work on 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: 25<sup>th</sup> 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*



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

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**PROHIBITION OF SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOUR  
DURING ELECTION HOURS**

Pursuant to section 99 of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 7), the Parliamentary Commissioner hereby informs the general public that all licences issued under the provisions of the Business Licence Act (*No. 25 of 2010*) for the sale of any intoxicating liquor shall be suspended during the hours of the day on which a poll is being held for a general election (including the Advanced Poll) and any person selling or exposing or offering for sale any intoxicating liquor during such hours shall be deemed to be so doing while not holding a licence under the provisions of the Business Licence Act.

The hours for the holding of the Advanced Poll and the General Elections are **8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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