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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (ELECTION
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NOBLES)
REGULATIONS**

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Made under section 6(1) of the Legislative Assembly Act

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legislative Assembly (Election of Representatives of the Nobles) Regulations.
2. The Returning Officers for the election of representatives of the Nobles shall be the officers appointed as Returning Officers for the election of representatives of the people, and all officers duly appointed as Assistant Returning Officers for the election of representatives of the people shall be Assistant Returning Officers for the election of representatives of the Nobles.
3. The Prime Minister shall appoint a day on which the Election for the Representative of the Nobles shall be held in each Electoral District.
4. The Returning Officer for each Electoral District shall notify in writing the Nobles of his district of the time and place appointed by the Prime Minister for the election of representatives of the Nobles.
5. The Returning Officer of each Electoral District shall distribute to each Noble present a ballot paper and shall explain to them that each should write the name or names of the representatives whom he desires to represent his district according to the number of representatives laid down for each district, and that no Noble shall write his own name as representatives and that each must sign his own name to the ballot paper in the space provided.
6. The time for the ballot shall be from the hour of 10 a.m. to the hour of 12 noon on the day appointed.
7. No Noble shall vote for a representative other than from his own district.

8. Any Noble who is prevented by reason of his public duties or for any other reasonable cause from recording his vote in the Electoral District may record his vote in the Electoral District in which he is at the time and the Returning Officer for that district shall transmit such vote to the Returning Officer of the Noble's own district by the quickest and most convenient means at his disposal.
9. The Returning Officer for each Electoral District shall, as soon as possible after the time for voting has closed, ascertain the number of votes received throughout the district by each of the candidates and shall declare the same in writing and that the candidates who have received the most votes have been duly elected as representatives of the Nobles according to the number of such representatives laid down for each district. Such declaration shall then be posted by him publicly at the Post Office in the district, and he shall forward as soon as possible thereafter a similar declaration to the Prime Minister and to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly together with the ballot papers.

ENDNOTES

¹ G. 114/1948