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Statutory Instrument 13 of 2008.¹

[CAP. 2:13

Electoral (Amendment) Regulations, 2008 (No. 2)

IT is hereby notified that the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission, in terms of section 192 of the Electoral Act [*Chapter 2:13*], has, with the approval of the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, made the following regulations:-

1. These regulations may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) Regulations, 2008 (No. 2).
2. Section 3 of the Electoral Regulations, 2005, published in Statutory Instrument 21 of 2005 (hereinafter called "the principal regulations") is amended by the deletion of "one thousand dollars" and the substitution of "ten million dollars"².
3. Section 6 ("Deposits on nomination") of the principal regulations is amended—
 - (a) in paragraph (a) by the deletion of "ten thousand dollars" and the substitution of "one hundred million dollars";³
 - (b) in paragraph (b) by the deletion of "fifty thousand dollars" and the substitution of "one billion dollars";⁴
 - (c) by the repeal of paragraph (c)⁵.
4. Section 15 of the principal regulations is repealed and the following is substituted

"Copies of rolls

15. (1) Copies of the printed roll for any constituency or ward may be obtained from the Commission upon payment of a fee of two hundred million dollars, in the case of a constituency voters roll, or fifty million dollars, in the case of a ward voters roll, payable in cash.⁶

(2) Copies of the electronic version of any voters roll may be obtained from the Commission upon payment of a fee of one hundred million dollars per compact disc, in the case of a political party, candidate contesting an election or accredited local observer, or

¹ With explanatory footnotes added by Veritas. Date of commencement: 4th February, 2008 (date published in *Government Gazette*).

² Increase in the fee payable by a person lodging an objection to the retention of another's name on a voters roll (in terms of section 28 of the principal Act).

³ Increase in non-refundable deposit payable on nomination of Parliamentary candidate.

⁴ Increase in non-refundable deposit payable on nomination of Presidential candidate.

⁵ The repealed paragraph specified the deposit payable by a mayoral candidate (no longer necessary in view of repeal by Local Government Laws Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 1 of 2008) of provisions for election of mayors by registered voters – mayors will now be elected by councillors).

⁶ The former fees were \$1 000 and \$500, respectively.

fifty United States Dollars per compact disc, in the case of an accredited foreign observer, payable in cash.⁷".

5. Section 20 ("Privileges of observers and election agents") of the principal regulations is amended—

(a) in subsection (1)(a) by the insertion after "dipping" of "or marking";

(b) in subsection (2) by the insertion after "dipped" or "or marked".⁸

6. Section 27 ("Accreditation fees for observers") (1)(b) of the principal regulations is amended by the deletion of "one thousand dollars" and the substitution of "ten million dollars".⁹

7. The First Schedule ("Forms") to the principal regulations is amended—

(a) in Forms V8, V20 and V22 by the deletion of "black and white";¹⁰

(b) in Forms V8 and V20 by the insertion after "National Registration No.:" of "Residential Address:".¹¹

8. The Electoral (Amendment) Regulations, 2006 (No. 1), published in Statutory Instrument 182 of 2006¹², are repealed.

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the Zimbabwean Government *Gazette* Extraordinary dated the 4th February, 2007

⁷ New. There was no previous provision for electronic copies of voters rolls. But section 21(4) of the principal Act, as amended by Act 17/2007, now requires the provision of such copies on payment of the prescribed fee.

⁸ These amendments refer to the precautions against double voting envisaged by section 56(4)(c) of the principal Act, which requires that a voter, having been handed his or her ballot paper, must be "marked in the manner specified by the Commission". The inserted term merely brings the regulations into line with the terminology used in the Act.

⁹ Increase in accreditation fees for *local* observers. Accreditation fees for foreign observers remain unchanged at US\$100 for observers from African countries and US\$300 for observers from non-African countries.

¹⁰ Form V8 is the Nomination Paper - Member of Parliament, form V20 the Nomination Paper - Presidential Candidate, and form V22 the Nomination Paper: Local Authority Elections Candidate. The amendments refer to the photographs of a candidate that must be attached to his or her nomination forms. The principal Act formerly required that these photographs be black and white. The Electoral Laws Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 17/2007) deleted the words "black and white" from the relevant provisions of the principal Act; accordingly, these deletions from the prescribed forms are merely consequential upon the changes made by Act 17/2007.

¹¹ The effect of this amendment is to require that the residential address of every nominator must be recorded on a candidate's nomination paper (in addition to full name and National Registration number). The amendment is presumably designed to facilitate checking that the nominator is registered on the roll of the ward/constituency concerned.

¹² These regulations changed various fees in the principal regulations. Having been superseded by the present regulations, they are repealed as serving no further useful purpose.