

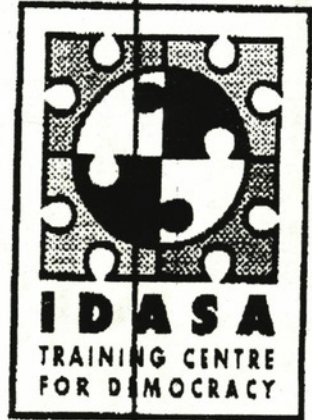
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Electoral Act

Section 24 - Voting Stations

It is not clear that the inner perimeter also includes the area of the election centre, and that the controlled area also includes the areas of the inner perimeter and the election centre.

Suggested amendment - In Section 24(1)(b) include the words "including the election centre" after the words "area around the election centre." In Section 24(1)(c) include the words "including the election centre and the inner perimeter" after the words "area around the election centre."

Section 21 - Determination of voting day and hours of voting

Section 21 indicates that the election (and election campaign) will not officially begin until the proclamation of the voting days in the Gazette, which must be only 60 days before the voting period. Further, parties need not register as political parties until 10 days after such proclamation according to Section 19. Does the Independent Electoral Commission and the Independent Media Commission have the authority to control the election campaign within the time period measured from when such bodies are created and the registration of parties? Certainly the way the legislation is written, the application of the Electoral Code of Conduct speaks only to "registered" parties. Additionally, the IMC Act speaks only to "registered" parties. Is this what was intended?

Section 67 - Prohibition on certain political activities during certain period prior to and during voting period

It is not clear that public meetings and rallies of a political nature are prohibited during the voting period.

Suggested amendment - In Section 67(b) after the words "first voting day" include the words "until the end of the election period."

Sections 63 and 64 - Electoral Courts

The Independent Electoral Commission Act and the Electoral Act set out completely different schemes with respect to jurisdiction of the electoral courts and appeal avenues. If the Electoral Act is meant to supersede the provisions of the IEC Act with respect to jurisdiction of the electoral courts and appeal avenues, then it should be so stated - not only in Section 63(2), but with respect to the whole of Sections 63 and 64.

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