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Sierra Leone

**The Franchise and Electoral Registration (Suspension  
of Objection Provisions) Decree, 1996**

Short title.

*[19th February, 1996.]*

Date of  
commence-  
ment.

**Being a Decree to suspend certain provisions of the Franchise  
and Electoral Registration Decree, 1995.**

PURSUANT to paragraph 3 of the Proclamation entitled "The  
Administration of Sierra Leone (National Provisional Ruling Council)  
Proclamation, 1992", the National Provisional Ruling Council makes  
and issues the following Decree —

Commence-  
ment.

1. This Decree shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 19th February, 1996.

Register of  
Electors for  
elections of  
26th February,  
1996.  
Decree No. 15  
of 1995.

2. (1) Not later than twenty-four hours before polling begins on the 26th February, 1996, including any Sunday or a public holiday, the Electoral Commission shall present to the National Provisional Ruling Council the Register of Electors which it intends to use for the purposes of the presidential and parliamentary elections to be held on 26th February, 1996.

(2) After having presented the Register of Electors referred to in subsection (1), the Electoral Commission shall publish that Register by exhibiting copies thereof in every polling station established for the purposes of the presidential and parliamentary elections of 26th February, 1996.

(3) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), subsection (3) of section 19, sections 20 to 26 of the Franchise and Electoral Registration Decree, 1996 are suspended.

Revival of  
suspended  
provisions.  
Decree No. 15  
of 1995.

3. (1) Not later than seven days after the date of declaration of the result of the presidential and parliamentary elections of 26th February, 1996 the provisions of the Franchise and Electoral Registration Decree, 1995, suspended by subsection (3) of section 2, shall be revived and apply in relation to any claim or objection that may be made under section 19 of the Franchise and Electoral Registration Decree, 1995; as if the Register presented to the National Provisional Ruling Council under subsection (1) of section 2 were the provisional list of electors referred in section 17 of the Franchise and Electoral Registration Decree, 1995.

Registration of  
electors  
outside Sierra  
Leone.

4. (1) During the period commencing on the 22nd February, 1996 and ending on the 26th February, 1996, there shall be included in the Register of Electors compiled under this Decree the name of any Sierra Leonean citizen registered by the approved authority as a refugee either in the Republic of Guinea or Liberia who —

- (a) is qualified to be registered as an elector under section 14 of the Franchise and Electoral Registration Decree, 1995;
- (b) presents himself to the Registration Officer or field registrar;
- (c) possesses the appropriate identification document issued by the approved authority; and
- (d) is on the register or official list of the approved authority:

Decree No. 15 of 1995.

Provided that the document of identification referred to in paragraph (c) shall be deemed to be the voter registration card referred to in section 14 of the Franchise and Electoral Registration Decree, 1995.

(2) In this section "approved authority" means the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

5. For the avoidance of doubt, this Decree shall apply to the presidential and parliamentary elections of 26th February, 1996 only.

Application of Decree

MADE and ISSUED this 23rd day of February, 1996.

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National Provisional Ruling Council.