

THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW ACT, 2011

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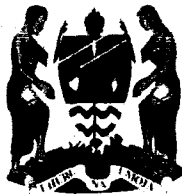
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SCHEDULES

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



NO. 8 OF 2011

I ASSENT,

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President

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An Act to provide for the establishment of the Constitutional Review Commission for purposes of co-ordination and collection of public opinions on the Constitution; to examine and analyse public opinions; to provide for *fora* for constitutional review; to provide for preparation and submission of report on the public opinions; to provide for the procedure to constitute the Constituent Assembly, the conduct of referendum and to provide for related matters.

ENACTED by Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania.

PART I
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Short title and commencement

- 1.-(1) This Act may be cited as the Constitutional Review Act, 2011.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on 1st day of December, 2011.

Application

2. This Act shall apply to Mainland Tanzania and to Tanzania Zanzibar.

Interpretation

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
- “Commission” means the Commission established for purposes of coordination and collection of public opinions on constitutional review;
- “constitution” means the fundamental law, written or unwritten, that establishes the character of a state by defining the basic principles to which a society shall conform, distribution of powers and functions among pillars of the state, by describing the organization of the executive, legislature and judiciary, their regulation, distribution, and the limitation of different state organs, and by prescribing the extent and manner of the exercise of its sovereign powers;
- “constitutional review” means the process of collecting public opinions and the conduct of *fora* for the purposes of enactment of provisions for the new Constitution of the United Republic;
- “fora” means open and free public meetings, assemblies, gatherings or discussions organized by the Commission for purposes of collection of public opinions on the Draft Constitution;

“Minister” means the Minister in the Government of the United Republic responsible for constitutional affairs;

“President” means the President of the United Republic of Tanzania;

“proposed Constitution” means an enactment of the Constituent Assembly which is the subject of the referendum;

“public opinions” means ideas, views, information, opinions, proposals or recommendations collected from the general public for purposes of the enactment of the new Constitution of the United Republic;

“referendum” means a public vote or poll cast in accordance with the provisions of this Act for purpose of validation of the proposed Constitution;

“Secretary” means the Secretary referred to under section 13;

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“the Constitution” means the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, 1977.

PART II OBJECTIVES

Objectives

- 4.-(1) The objectives of this Act shall be to:
- (a) provide for the establishment of the Commission for purposes of coordination and collection of public opinions;
 - (b) prescribe the oath and affirmation and provide for the manner under which members of the Commission and the Secretariat shall take oath or affirmation;
 - (c) make provision for terms of reference of the Commission;
 - (d) provide for the establishment of the Secretariat of the Commission to be headed by the Secretary;

- (e) provide for a mechanism by which the public shall widely and freely participate in expressing and transmitting public opinions on matters relating to the constitution;
 - (f) provide for a mechanism by which the Commission shall prepare and submit a report;
 - (g) provide for the functions and powers of the Commission;
 - (h) provide for the manner in which the Commission shall collect information from public, political parties and any other organisation that the Commission may consider appropriate, private institutions, civil societies and religious organizations;
 - (i) provide for a mechanism for procuring technical information by the Commission from consultants;
 - (j) provide for a mechanism for consensus building in national issues during constitutional review process;
 - (k) provide for a mechanism for scrutiny of a Draft Constitution Bill;
 - (l) put in place a legal mechanism for the President to convene a Constituent Assembly;
 - (m) provide for election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Constituent Assembly and appointment of the Clerks and Staff;
 - (n) provide for a mechanism for the conduct of the referendum; and
 - (o) provide for the manner in which the new constitution shall be promulgated.
- (2) The process of coordination, collection of public opinions, conduct of fora, debate in the Constituent Assembly and participation in the referendum is reserved to the citizens of Tanzania only.

PART III
ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION

Establishment
of a
Commission

5. The President shall, upon consultation and in agreement with the President of Zanzibar and after considering any information or prevailing social, political and economic circumstances within the United Republic, by order published in the *Gazette*, establish the Commission.

Appointment
of members of
the
Commission

6.-(1) The President shall, in consultation and agreement with the President of Zanzibar, appoint the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other members of the Commission.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the composition of the Commission shall have regard to the principle of equal members from either part of the United Republic.

(3) In appointing members of the Commission, the President shall have regard to:

- (a) experience relevant to constitutional review or professional qualifications on constitutional matters, law, public administration, economic, finance and social science;
- (b) geographical and the population diversity of the United Republic of Tanzania; and
- (c) age, gender and representation of various social groups.

(4) Without prejudice to subsection (3), a person shall not qualify for appointment as a member of the Commission unless that person is of high integrity and impeccable behavior.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a person shall not qualify for appointment as a member of the Commission if that person is:

- (a) a Member of Parliament, a Member of the House of Representatives of Zanzibar, a Councilor or a leader of a political party of any category;
- (b) a member of security organs;

- (c) a person who has been convicted of, or is the subject of proceedings in the court of law for an offence involving dishonesty or moral turpitude; or
- (d) a non-citizen of Tanzania.

Composition
of the
Commission

7.-(1) The Commission shall consist of:

- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) a Vice-Chairman; and
- (c) not more than thirty and not less than twenty other members.

(2) Appointment of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman shall be made on the basis of the principle that where the Chairman hails from one part of the United Republic, the Vice Chairman shall be a person who hails from the other part of the United Republic.

(3) Members of the Commission shall be appointed through an order published in the *Gazette*.

Terms of
Reference

8.-(1) Terms of reference for the Commission shall be as provided for under Sections 9 and 16 of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Commission may consider any other matter as it may find necessary during the performance of its functions.

(3) The Commission shall perform and complete its functions within eighteen months from the date of commencing business.

(4) Where the Commission is unable to complete performance of its functions during the period referred to in subsection (3), the President may, in agreement with the President of Zanzibar, extend for not more than two months during a period which the Commission shall complete and submit the report.

Functions of
the
Commission

9.-(1) The functions of the Commission shall be to:

- (a) co-ordinate and collect public opinions;
- (b) examine and analyse the consistency and compatibility of the constitutional provisions in relation to the sovereignty of the people, political systems, democracy, rule of law and good governance;
- (c) make recommendations on each term of reference; and
- (d) prepare and submit a report.

(2) In the implementation of the provisions of subsection (1), the Commission shall adhere to national values and ethos and shall, in that respect safeguard and promote the following matters:

- a) the existence of the United Republic;
- b) the existence of the Executive, Legislature and the Judiciary;
- c) the republican nature of governance;
- d) the existence of Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar;
- e) national unity, cohesion and peace;
- f) periodic democratic elections based on universal suffrage;
- g) the promotion and protection of human rights;
- h) human dignity, equality before the law and due process of law; and
- i) existence of a secular nature of the United Republic that does not inclined to any religion and that respect freedom of worship.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2), and for any other matter of national importance the Commission shall afford the people to freely express their opinions with a view to further enrich those matters.

Independence
of the
Commission

10. The Commission shall enjoy such independence and autonomy as may be necessary for the performance of its functions and exercise of its powers under this Act and shall not be interfered with by any person or authority.

Oath and
affirmation by
members and
the Secretary of
the
Commission

11. Every member of the Commission and the Secretary and Deputy Secretary shall, before taking assignment, subscribe to an oath or affirmation administered by the President as prescribed in the First Schedule to this Act.

Cessation of
membership

12.-(1) A person shall cease to be a member of the Commission upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) death;
- (b) resignation;
- (c) inability by reason of illness;
- (d) removal for breach of the Code of Conduct;
- (e) conviction for an offence which carries a custodial sentence of not less than one month; and
- (f) if that person loses qualifications for appointment.

(2) For the purpose of better discharge of the functions of the Commission, there shall be a code of conduct prescribed for in the Second Schedule to this Act.

(3) A member of the Commission or the Secretariat who breaches the provisions of the Code of Conduct shall be disqualified from continuing to be a member.

Secretariat

13.-(1) There shall be a Secretariat to the Commission which shall be headed by the Secretary with assistance of the Deputy Secretary.

(2) The Secretary and Deputy Secretary shall be appointed by the President upon agreement with the President of Zanzibar on the basis of the principle that where the Secretary hails from one part of the United Republic, the Deputy Secretary shall be a person who hails from the other part of the United Republic.

(3) A person shall qualify to be appointed as a Secretary if that person is a public servant and profess law profession and has served as such for a period of not less than ten years and is of good conduct and character.

(4) The Secretary and the Deputy Secretary shall be responsible to the Commission and shall perform such functions and discharge duties of the Secretariat.

(5) Other members of the Secretariat shall be appointed by the Minister upon agreement with the Minister responsible for constitutional affairs of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

(6) The Secretariat shall have such number of public officers as may be necessary for better performance and the exercise of powers of the Commission.

Expenses of the
Commission

14.-(1) The expenses of the constitutional review incurred by the Commission in accordance with this Act shall be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Republic.

(2) Members of the Commission and the Secretariat shall be remunerated subject to the relevant laws and regulations.

Immunity of
members of the
Commission
and the
Secretariat

15. A member of the Commission or the Secretariat shall not be liable personally to a civil or a criminal action for, or in respect of any matter or thing done or omitted to be done in good faith as a member of the Commission or the Secretariat in the performance of the functions of, and in the exercise of powers of the Commission under this Act.

Accounts
and
Audits

16.-(1) The Secretary shall cause to be kept proper books of accounts and shall, within and not later than three calendar months after the end of each financial year, cause to be prepared a statement of income and expenditure during the financial year.

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and 348

(2) The accounts relating to the operations of the Commission on the last day of the financial year shall be submitted for audit by the Controller and Auditor General in accordance with the Public Audit Act, the Public Procurement Act and the Public Finance Act.

PART IV PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION

Mode of
operation

17.-(1) The Commission shall perform its functions in accordance with this Act and the terms of reference.

(2) For the purposes of implementation of subsection (1), the Commission shall:

- (a) articulate and conduct awareness programmes on the objectives and functions of the Commission;
- (b) hold such number of meetings or assemblies in such places and at such times as it shall determine;
- (c) examine and analyse divergent public opinions separately; and
- (d) prepare and submit a report in accordance with the terms of reference.

(3) The Commission may ask any person who is willing to appear before it for discussion, orally or by production of document, on any constitutional matter which the Commission considers relevant to the constitutional review process.

(4) In the performance of its functions under this Act, the Commission shall examine and analyse the ideas, views, information, opinions, proposals and recommendations collected and examined in the past, including:

- (a) a summary of the public opinions on areas of convergence and divergence for both parts of the United Republic;

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- (b) all documents reflecting the ideas, views and opinions of the general public under the White Paper No. 1 of 1962 on the Establishment of the Republic of Tanganyika, Arusha Declaration of 1967, the Presidential Commission on the Establishment of Democratic One-Party System, the 1983 National Executive Committee of CCM Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, 1977 and the Constitution of Zanzibar, 1979, the Presidential Commission on Single Party or Multi-Party System in Tanzania, 1991 and the Committee for the collection of views on the Constitution (the White Paper, No. 1 of 1998);
 - (c) the Independence Constitution of Tanganyika, 1961;
 - (d) the Constitution of the Republic of Tanganyika, 1962;
 - (e) the Articles of Union of the Republic of Tanganyika and the Peoples' Republic of Zanzibar;
 - (f) the Interim Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, 1965;
 - (g) the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, 1977;
 - (h) the following Zanzibar Presidential Decree, 1964:
 - (i) The Constitutional Government and the Rule of Law Decree, 1964;
 - (ii) Equality, Reconciliation and Unity of the Zanzibar People Decree, 1964;
 - (iii) The Existing Laws Decree, 1964;
 - (iv) Confiscation of Immovable Property Decree, 1964;
 - (v) The Legislative Powers Decree, 1964;
 - (vi) The Cabinet Decree, 1964;
 - (i) the Constitution of Zanzibar, 1979;
 - (j) the Constitution of Zanzibar 1984;

- (k) the Joint Finance Commission Report and the Shellukindo Report on Challenges of the Union;
 - (l) the Wangwe Report on the Fast Tracking of the East African Federation;
 - (m) analytical and academic studies undertaken by the Commission; and
 - (n) any other relevant documents as the Commission may consider necessary.
- (5) The Commission may:
- (a) for Mainland Tanzania, require the District Commissioner, the Ward Executive Officer or the mtaa or Village Executive Officer to cause to be convened meetings of residents of a township, ward or hamlet or village, as the case may be; and
 - (b) for Tanzania Zanzibar, require the District Commissioner or a Sheha to cause to be convened meetings of residents of a township or various Shehias, for the purpose of collecting public opinions on constitutional matters as specified in the terms of reference.
- (5) In order to facilitate effective discharge of its functions, the Commission may form committees and assign to any of such committees general or specific matter to deliberate upon.
- (6) The Commission may co-opt any person or engage any consultant as may be necessary for the proper performance of its functions.
- (7) In the performance of its functions, the Commission shall devise uniform methodologies, except where circumstances require otherwise, that would be applicable in each part of the United Republic in the collection and analysis of public opinions, the conduct of fora and writing of the report.
- (8) Any person or organisation wishing to conduct awareness programmes on the constitutional review shall be required to register under the relevant laws of Mainland Tanzania or Tanzania Zanzibar and shall disclose to the Commission sources of funds that would be used to run the programme.

Constitutional fora

18.-(1) There shall be fora for constitutional review.

(2) The fora for constitutional review shall provide public opinions on the Draft Constitution through meetings organized by the Commission.

(3) The fora for constitutional review shall be formed on ad hoc basis by the Commission based on geographical diversity of the United Republic and shall involve and bring together representatives of various groups of people within the communities.

(4) The fora referred to in subsection (1) and in other provisions of this Act shall exclusively be for the citizens of Tanzania.

(5) For the purpose of this section, before the Commission completes making the report, it shall publish the Draft Constitution in the *Gazette*, and other local newspapers in order to afford opportunity to the public to further enrich the provisions of the Draft Constitution through discussions in the fora for constitution review.

Report of the Commission

19.-(1) On the basis of the examination and analysis undertaken pursuant to section 16, the Commission shall prepare a report containing:

- (a) a summary of public opinions on each term of reference;
- (b) recommendations of the Commission on each terms of reference;
- (c) reports by consultants engaged by the Commission;
- (d) a Draft Constitution; and
- (e) any other relevant information.

(2) The Draft Constitution shall form an annex to the report of the Commission.

Submission and publication of the report

20.-(1) The Commission shall, after the completion of making a report, submit such report to the President and the President of Zanzibar.

(2) The President shall, within thirty days after receiving the report, publish the Draft Constitution in the *Gazette* and other local newspapers with a statement that the Draft Constitution shall be presented to the Constituent Assembly for enactment of the proposed Constitution.

(3) The President shall, upon consultation and agreement with the President of Zanzibar, direct the Chairman of the Commission to present the Draft Constitution to the Constituent Assembly.

(4) For the purpose of subsection (3), the Chairman and members of the Commission may give clarifications which may be required during the debate by the Constituent Assembly.

Offences and
penalties

21.-(1) A person who intentionally obstructs, hinders or prevents-

- (a) a member of the Commission or Secretariat from performing the functions or exercising the powers of the Commission;
- (b) a person or group of persons from giving public opinions to the Commission,

commits an offence.

(2) Any person who-

- (a) carries on an activity of coordinating and collecting public opinions contrary to this Act;
- (b) impersonates to be a member of the Commission or the Secretariat; or
- (c) conducts awareness programme on constitutional review contrary to this Act,

commits an offence.

(3) Any person who is convicted of an offence under this Act shall be liable for a fine of not less than five million shillings but not exceeding fifteen million shillings or to imprisonment for a term of not less than three years but not exceeding seven years or to both.

(4) Any measure undertaken under the provisions of this section shall not abate by reason that this Act is spent and has no legal effect.

PART V CONVENING OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Convening the
Constituent
Assembly

22.-(1) There shall be a Constituent Assembly consisting of the following members:

- (a) all members of the National Assembly of the United Republic;
- (b) all members of the House of Representatives of Zanzibar;
- (c) one hundred and sixty six members drawn from the following:
 - (i) Non-Governmental Organisations;
 - (ii) Faith Based Organisations;
 - (iii) all fully registered political parties;
 - a. institutions of higher learning;
 - b. groups of people with special needs;
 - c. Workers Association;
 - d. an association representing farmers;
 - e. and association representing pastoralists; and
 - f. any other group of persons under whatever name having common interest.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (c) of subsection (1), the total number of members of the Constituent Assembly hailing from Tanzania Zanzibar shall not be less than one third of the total number of members referred to in paragraph (c).

(3) The President shall publish the names of members of the Constituent Assembly in the proclamation published in the *Gazette*.

(4) The President upon agreement with the President of Zanzibar shall, after twenty one days following publication of the Draft Constitution in terms of section 20 (2), by proclamation published in the *Gazette*, convene the Constituent Assembly on a date specified in the proclamation.

Chairman and
Vice Chairman
of the
Constituent
Assembly

23.-(1) There shall be a Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Constituent Assembly who shall be elected by the members of the Constituent Assembly on the first day of its meeting and in the manner prescribed in the Standing Orders of the Constituent Assembly.

(2) The Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Constituent Assembly shall be elected from amongst members of the Constituent Assembly based on the principle that where the Chairman hails from one part of the United Republic, then the Vice Chairman shall be a person who hails from the other part of the United Republic.

(3) The election of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman shall be conducted by secret ballots and the winner shall be elected by simple majority of votes cast.

(4) Before assuming office, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman shall subscribe to an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, administered by the Clerk of the Constituent Assembly.

(5) A member of the Constituent Assembly shall not assume office until that member has taken oath or affirmation specified in the Fourth Schedule before the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Constituent Assembly.

(6) For the purposes of this section, members of the Constituent Assembly shall have power to develop and adopt the Standing Orders of the Constituent Assembly before subscribing to oath or affirmation, as the case may be.

Clerk and Staff
of the
Constituent
Assembly

24.-(1) Immediately after the proclamation of the Constituent Assembly by the President and subject to subsection (2), reigning Clerks of the National Assembly and the House of Representatives shall, by operation of this Act, become the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk of the Constituent Assembly and vice versa.

(2) Assumption of the Offices of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Constituent Assembly shall be on the basis that, where the Chairman of the Constituent Assembly is elected from one part of the United Republic, the Clerk shall be a person from the other part of the United Republic.

(3) The Clerk and the Deputy Clerk of the Constituent Assembly shall discharge their duties in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Constituent Assembly.

(4) The Clerk of the Constituent Assembly shall, upon consultation with the Deputy Clerk nominate staff from the National Assembly and the House of Representatives of such number as may be appropriate for the effective performance of the functions and the exercise of the powers of the Constituent Assembly.

(5) The Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Constituent Assembly shall, before assuming office, subscribe to an oath or affirmation before the President as set out in the Third Schedule to this Act.

Powers of
Constituent
Assembly

25.-(1) The Constituent Assembly shall have and exercise powers to make provisions for the New Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania and to make consequential and transitional provisions to the enactment of such Constitution and to make such other provisions as the Constituent Assembly may find necessary.

(2) The powers of the Constituent Assembly to make provisions for the proposed Constitution shall be exercised by a Draft Constitution tabled by the Chairman of the Commission and passed by the Constituent Assembly.

Provisions
relating to the
Constituent
Assembly

26.-(1) The Constituent Assembly may develop Standing Orders of the Constituent Assembly for the conduct of business in the Constituent Assembly.

2) The provisions of the proposed Constitution shall require passing by the Constituent Assembly on the basis of support of two third majority of the total number of the members hailing from Mainland Tanzania and two third majority of the total number of members hailing from Tanzania Zanzibar.

Acts of the
Constituent
Assembly
Cap. 1

27.-(1) Subject to the provisions of any Act of the Constituent Assembly, the Interpretation of Laws Act shall apply to the interpretation of an Act of the Constituent Assembly and references in that or in any other law to any Act shall, except where the context otherwise requires, include reference to an Act of the Constituent Assembly.

(2) There shall be freedom of opinion in the debates and procedure of the Constituent Assembly as may be prescribed in the Standing Orders of the Constituent Assembly.

Abatement of
powers of the
Constituent
Assembly

28.-(1) After the enactment of the proposed Constitution, consequential and transition provisions, the Constituent Assembly shall stand dissolved and powers to enact provisions for the proposed Constitution, consequential and transition provisions shall abate.

(2) Dissolution of, and abatement of powers of the Constituent Assembly shall not be construed as derogating powers of the President to reconstitute the Constituent Assembly for enactment of provisions amending the proposed Constitution.

Expenses of the
Constituent
Assembly

29.-(1) The expenses incurred by the Constituent Assembly in accordance with this Act shall be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Republic.

(2) Members of the Constituent Assembly, Clerk and Staff shall be remunerated in such manner as the President may, subject to the relevant laws and regulations, determine.

Accounts
and Audit

30.-(1) The Clerk shall cause to be kept proper books of accounts and shall, within and not later than three calendar months after the end of each financial year, cause to be prepared a statement for income and expense during the financial year.

(2) The accounts relating to the operations of the Constituent Assembly on the last day of the financial year shall be submitted for audit by the Controller and Auditor General in accordance with the Public Audit Act, the Public Procurement Act and the Public Finance Act.

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and 348

PART VI VALIDATION OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Conduct of
referendum

31.-(1) For purposes of validation of the provisions of the proposed Constitution, there shall be a referendum to be organized, conducted and supervised by the National Electoral Commission in collaboration with the Zanzibar Electoral Commission.

(2) In the implementation of subsection (1), the Zanzibar Electoral Commission shall organise, conduct and supervise the conduct of poll during the referendum and shall submit to the National Electoral Commission referendum results for votes cast in Tanzania Zanzibar for declaration.

Referendum
question

32.-(1) The National Electoral Commission in collaboration with the Zanzibar Electoral Commission shall, within seven days of the publication of the proposed Constitution, frame and publish in the *Gazette*, the question to be determined by the referendum.

(2) The question referred to in subsection (1) shall be framed after consultation with the Attorney General of the United Republic and the Attorney General of Zanzibar.

(3) The question to be submitted to the referendum shall require the voter to indicate whether the voter approves or does not approve the proposed Constitution and shall be so framed as to require the voter to answer "Yes" or "No".

(4) The voting at a referendum shall be by secret ballot.

Notice of
holding a
referendum

33.-(1) The National Electoral Commission in collaboration with the Zanzibar Electoral Commission shall, within fourteen days after publication of the question in the *Gazette*, specify-

- (a) the day on which the referendum is to be held;
- (b) the polling time of the referendum; and
- (c) the period for sensitization and public awareness on the referendum on the proposed Constitution .

(2) For the purposes of sensitization and public awareness on the referendum for the proposed Constitution the Commission shall, and the political parties and civil societies may provide civic education and advocacy on the proposed Constitution to be conducted not later than thirty days from the publication of the proposed Constitution in the *Gazette*.

(3) The returning officer of every electoral constituency shall, within twenty one days of publication of the notice by the National Electoral Commission, notify the public in their respective constituencies about the procedure for the conduct of the referendum.

Right to vote in
a referendum
Cap. 343
Act No.11
of 1984(Z)

34. A person whose name is entered in the register of voters established under the National Elections Act or the Zanzibar Elections Act, 1984 shall, unless that person is prohibited from voting by any other written law, be entitled to vote at the referendum.

Procedure for
conduct of a
referendum
Caps. 343
and 292
Act No.11
of 1984(Z)

35. The procedure for conducting the General Elections under the National Elections Act, the Zanzibar Election Act, 1984 and the Local Authorities (Elections) Act shall, with necessary modifications, apply to the conduct of a referendum under this Act.

Referendum
results

36.-(1) The majority of votes given in the referendum shall determine the decision of the votes on such question in the referendum and the referendum results declared by the National Electoral Commission shall be binding on the Government of the United Republic and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

(2) The referendum results shall be decided on the basis of support by more than fifty per cent of the total number of votes cast in Mainland Tanzania and more than fifty per cent of the total number of votes cast in Tanzania Zanzibar.

(3) Where the votes cast "YES" on a question at a referendum are not more than fifty per cent of the total number of votes cast in either Mainland Tanzania or Tanzania Zanzibar or both in Mainland Tanzania and Tanzania Zanzibar, the National Electoral Commission, upon agreement with the Zanzibar Electoral Commission and by notice published in the *Gazette*, appoint another day within thirty days after the declaration of the results to repeat the poll and referendum procedures shall commence afresh.

