

BENUE STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE 01 - 2024

ACTION PLAN AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES LEADING UP TO THE CONDUCT OF THE FORTH COMING L.G. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

5TH APRIL, 2024

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In accordance with the powers conferred on it by the relevant statutes, the Commission here by issues notice of its plan of action and schedule of activities leading up to the conduct of Local Government Chairmanship and Councillorship Election in the 23 Local Government Areas of the State as follows:

| Plan Sequence | Activity | Action by | Statute | Deadline | Remarks |
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| 1 | Inauguration of the Commission | The Executive Governor of Benue State | Section 197 and third Schedule of the 1999 Constitution as amended | 29th March, 2024 | Done |
| 2 | Publication of Notice for holding of Local Government Council Election | The Commission | Section 15 (2) of the Benue State Electoral law 2007as amended | 5th April, 2024 | OnTime |
| 3 | Submission of requests for creation of additional Council Wards | Communities and individuals in the various Local Government Councils and Council Wards | Section 12 (b) of the Benue State Electoral Commission Establishment Law 2000 as amended | 10th April 2024– 20 th April,2024 | Upon payment of non refundable processing deposit of N500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira) only |

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| 4 | Verification of requests for creation of additional Council Wards and delineation of the council wards. | The Commission | Section 2 (c) of the Benue State Electoral law 2007 as amended and Section 5(b) of the Benue State Independent Commission establishment law 2000 as amended | 21 st April 2024– 3rd May,2024 | Submissions must include the proposed name and headquarters of the council ward. And submitted in ten (10) bound copies addressed to the Chairman Benue State Independent Electoral Commission Makurdi and soft copies to electionsolutions@gm ail.com |
| 5 | Review, disaggregation and creation of additional Local Government Council Wards in the State | The Commission | Section 2 (c) of Benue state Electoral law 2007 as amended, section 5 (b) of the Benue State Electoral law 2007 as amended. | 10 th April – 29 th May, 2024 | On time |

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| 6 | Publication of Newly created Council Wards | The Commission | Section 12 (b) of the Benue State Electoral Commission Establishment law as amended | 20 th May 2024. | |
| 7 | Submission of names and nomination papers of candidates nominated by political parties to contest Local Government Chairmanship and Councillorship positions. | Political Parties | Section 15(3) of the Benue State Electoral law 2007 as amended. | 30 th May 2024. | Subject to section 95 of the Benue State Electoral Law 2007 as amended. |

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| 8 | Recruitment, Training and posting of election Ad- hoc Staff | The Commission | Part III of the Benue State Electoral Law 2007 as amended | 1st June 2024 – 5 th July 2024 | Only Lecturers in Tertiary Institutions to be recruited as Collation and Returning Officers, Serving Youth Corps members to be recruited as Presiding Officers, Teachers in Primary and Secondary Schools to be recruited as Poll Clerks and holders of WAEC/NECO/SSCE to be recruited as Poll Orderlies need apply. Possession of Android phone is a necessary condition for recruitment as Returning Officer, Collation Officer and Presiding Officer |

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| 8 | Election of Chairman and Councilors into the Local Government Councils and Council Wards including the newly created Council Wards in the State. | The Commission. | Part IV of the Benue State electoral law 2007 as amended. | 6 th July 2024 | Subject to section 95 of the Benue State Electoral Law 2007 as amended. |

Other details related to this notice will be published in the Commission's Subsequent Notices.

Signed:

Dr. John Chen

Chairman
Benue State Independent Electoral Commission

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