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# GOVERNMENT NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY  
Parliamentary Registration Department  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CONDUCT OF THE 2016 CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM  
ON 7 JUNE 2016**

The **Parliamentary Registration Department** wishes to inform the public that a **Constitutional Referendum** will be held on **Tuesday, 7th June 2016**, for the purpose of obtaining approval of the Bahamian electorate on the four (4) Constitutional Bills which seek to alter Articles 8, 9, 10, 14, and 26 of the Constitution. These Bills were passed in the House of Assembly and the Senate on 2nd March and 9th March 2016, respectively. For this purpose, the **Writs of Referendum** will be issued on Wednesday, 11th May 2016, and the current 2012 Register will close on Wednesday, **25th May 2016**.

**Persons on the current 2012 Register of Voters**

All voters who are currently registered on the 2012 Register of Voters will be entitled to vote at the upcoming Constitutional Referendum. The 2012 Register of Voters will expire on **Thursday, 14th July 2016**.

**Persons NOT on the current 2012 Register of Voters**

To be entitled to be registered as a voter, a person must of the day of applying be:

- (a) a citizen of The Bahamas of full age (i.e., 18 or over), and not subject to any legal incapacity; and
- (b) must have been, during the entire period of three months preceding that day, ordinarily resident in premises in that constituency.

All persons registering for the first time are required under Section 19(1)(a)(ii) of the Parliamentary Elections Act to produce for the Revising Officer a **Bahamian Passport** or a **Birth Certificate** (or a **Baptismal Certificate** in lieu thereof). Note that the Revising Officer may also require other evidence, documentary or otherwise, to prove that the applicant is qualified to be registered as a voter. For example, if the person is relying on a birth certificate, the Revising Officer may require evidence of the citizenship and birth of either or both parents, and persons relying on birth certificates issued after 10th July 1973, should produce either their mother's **Bahamian Passport** or **Birth Certificate**.

Persons who have formerly been registered, but who are not on the current Register, are required to bring their old voter's card, and may be required to produce any of the documents referred to above to prove that they are qualified to be registered.

**Sherlyn W. Hall  
Parliamentary Commissioner**