

## **ELECTION TIPS**

Beginning today and continuing the Parliamentary Elections Office would be presenting a series of programmes meant to inform and enlighten the general public on the election process.

The dissolution of the Parliament and the issuance of the relevant Writs, signal the end of one Parliament and the beginning of the process to select a new Government.

These Writs are addressed to the Returning Officers of the fifteen constituencies for which members are to be returned and shall be forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections for transmission to the Returning Officers.

These Writs usually specify the day on which, if necessary, that the poll would be taken. This day should be not less than fifteen and not more than twenty-one days after the said nomination day.

Once the Writ is issued by the Governor General all registration of voters ceases.

In tabulating the days in accordance with the Act, Sundays and Public holidays are not to be counted.

Section 42A of the 2006 Amendment to the Representation of the People Act provides for the police to vote not more

than three and not less than two days prior to the date set for the general polls.

Within three days after the issue of the Writ by the Governor General every Returning Officer is expected to prepare in relation to his constituency a Police Voters List.

All police officers serving in the Royal Grenada Police Force on the day that the Writ was issued by the Governor General have been included in this List once his/her name appeared on the current list for the constituency.

Please be informed that any police officer who does not vote on the day set aside for this purpose, once his/her name appears on the police voters list, will not be able to vote on the day scheduled for the general polls.

The Act further states that anyone who seeks to cast a ballot in contravention of the provisions of this section commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months.

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