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### PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT (CHAPTER 218)

#### PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 83(1)(c) AND (2)) REGULATIONS 2011

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In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 83(9) and 102 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, the Prime Minister hereby makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections (Exemption from section 83(1)(c) and (2)) Regulations 2011 and shall come into operation on 14th March 2011.

*[S 453/2024 wef 14/06/2024]*

#### **Definitions**

2. In these Regulations —

“assembly centre” means any area or premises designated for a lawful assembly of persons to show support for a candidate at or about the time the results of an election may be declared under section 49(7) or (7E) or 56E(1) of the Act;

*[S 453/2024 wef 14/06/2024]*

“authorised person” means a person who is authorised under section 83 of the Act to conduct election activities on behalf of a candidate;

*[Deleted by S 453/2024 wef 14/06/2024]*

“permanent resident” means a person who holds a valid entry permit issued under section 10 of the Immigration Act 1959 or a valid re-entry permit issued under section 11 of that Act;

*[S 453/2024 wef 31/12/2021]*

“work pass” means a work pass issued by the Controller of Work Passes under section 7 of the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act 1990.

*[S 453/2024 wef 31/12/2021]*

*[S 453/2024 wef 14/06/2024]*

### **Exemption for authorised works**

3. Section 83(1)(c) and (2) of the Act shall not apply to prohibit a permanent resident or a person issued with a work pass from carrying out, solely pursuant to a contract for service between an authorised person and a candidate or the candidate’s election agent, any or all of the following work:

- (a) the public display of traditional election advertising;  
*[S 453/2024 wef 14/06/2024]*
- (b) the removal of traditional election advertising;  
*[S 453/2024 wef 14/06/2024]*
- (c) the setting up of any physical facility at the site of an election rally or an assembly centre;
- (d) the dismantling of any physical facility at the site of an election rally or an assembly centre.

*[S 453/2024 wef 14/06/2024]*

### **Exemption for certain activities by family members of candidates**

4.—(1) Section 83(1)(c) and (2) of the Act does not apply to a family member of a candidate by reason only that the family member engages in one or more of the following activities:

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- (a) the family member wears, uses, carries or displays an election advertisement that —
    - (i) forms part of any thing mentioned in section 61B(9)(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of the Act or prescribed for the purposes of section 61B(9)(a)(iii) of the Act; and
    - (ii) consists only of permissible electoral matter relating to the candidate or the candidate's political party;
  - (b) the family member displays or causes to be displayed an election advertisement mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) outside the candidate's home or the family member's home, or both;
  - (c) the family member displays or causes to be displayed a traditional election advertisement outside the candidate's home or the family member's home, or both;
  - (d) the family member appears in, or allows his or her voice or image to be used in, an election advertisement that —
    - (i) relates to the candidate or the candidate's political party; and
    - (ii) does not contain any statement or action that —
      - (A) is made by or can reasonably be attributed to the family member; and
      - (B) endeavours to persuade any person to give, or dissuade any person from giving, his or her vote at the election;
  - (e) the family member displays the name of the candidate or the name or symbol of the candidate's political party in the profile of a social media service used by the family member;
  - (f) the family member accompanies the candidate for any election activity (including any walkabout, house visits or election rally);

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- (g) the family member —
- (i) accompanies the candidate; and
  - (ii) greets, waves to or shakes hands with, any member of the public,
- while the candidate is engaged in an election activity (including any walkabout, house visits or election rally);
- (h) the family member accompanies or assists the candidate in putting up, removing or adjusting any traditional election advertisement relating to the candidate or the candidate's political party;
- (i) the family member accompanies or assists the candidate in any work mentioned in regulation 3(c) or (d).

(2) In this regulation —

“election advertisement” means an item of election advertising;

“family member”, in relation to a candidate, means —

- (a) the candidate's spouse;
- (b) the candidate's child, adopted child or stepchild;
- (c) the candidate's sibling, adoptive sibling, half-sibling or stepsibling; or
- (d) the candidate's parent, adoptive parent or step-parent;

“permissible electoral matter” has the meaning given by section 61S(1) of the Act;

“political party”, in relation to a candidate, means the political party to whom the candidate belongs;

“social media service” has the meaning given by section 61S(1) of the Act;

“traditional election advertisement” means an item of non-online election advertising in the form of a banner, flag or poster.

*[S 50/2025 wef 22/01/2025]*

Made this 14th day of March 2011.

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