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### VOTING

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HOW

South Africans in the United States can vote on April 26 in 16 cities

All South Africans in the U.S. aged 18 years or older are eligible to vote in South Africa's first universal franchise election on April 26, 1994. South Africans in the U.S. can vote as long as they have the necessary voter eligibility documents.

In South Africa itself voting will take place on April 27 and 28 with special votes being cast on April 26. Each voter receives two separate ballot papers, one for the National Assembly and the other for the Provincial Legislature of the voter's choice. To avoid confusion no one will be issued with the ballot papers simultaneously. The second ballot paper will be issued after the

Although the Electoral Act provides for Temporary Voter Cards (TVCs) in South Africa, the Independent Electoral Commission has decided that TVCs will not be issued in the United States. To obtain a passport the applicant has to comply with the normal requirements prescribed by law. Passports cannot, however, be sought on April 26 for voting purposes on that day.

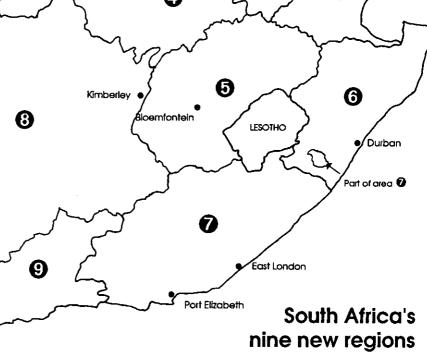
first vote has been cast and at

the same polling station.

26 for voting purposes on that day.

It is therefore important that voters ensure that they have valid voter eligibility documents prior to April 26, 1994. If they have any doubts regarding the validity of their documents, they should contact one of the South African diplomatic missions before April 26.

Cape Town



- PWV
- 2 Northern Transvaal
- **8** Eastern Transvaal
- 4 North West
- **6** Orange Free State

- 6 Natal
- **7** Eastern Cape
- 8 Northern Cape
- Western Cape

The election is taking place under the supervision of the Independent Electoral Commission which approved the locations of the polling stations in the United States. The following information was provided by the IEC on April 14, 1994:



### INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

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#### SOUTH AFRICAN ABROAD?

#### **HERE'S HOW TO VOTE ON APRIL 26**

If you're a South African living abroad or travelling overseas on business or holiday on April 26, you will be able to vote in the country's first fully democratic election.

Arrangements for voting facilities have been made through South African embassies and consulates in countries where these are established. Where South Africa has no embassies or consulates, arrangements have been made for the use of other locations.

#### PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE

The following persons are entitled to vote if they are 18 years or older:

- a) South African citizens or citizens of the TBVC countries
- b) immigrants with permanent residence permits or exempted from holding such permits
- c) former South African citizens living in South Africa
- the spouses or children of a South African citizen or former South African citizen residing permanently in South Africa

#### **DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO PROVE ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible voters should produce one of the following identification documents at the polling station:

- a) a valid South African passport
- b) an identity document, either the old dark blue version or the new green version
- c) identity documents issued by the TBVC states
- d) any of the three versions of reference books
- e) a green plastic identity card

NOTE:

- (i) No eligibility documents will be issued on April 26, 1994.
- (ii) Persons arriving at the polling station without one of the abovementioned eligibility documents will not be permitted to vote.

#### **VOTING DAY AND HOURS**

Tuesday, April 26 has been set aside as the only day for voting at voting stations outside South Africa. These stations will be open between 07:00 and 19:00 local time.

#### **VOTING PROCEDURE**

Voting at foreign voting stations will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act. Votes will be cast for both the National Assembly and Provincial Legislatures.

Voters will be required to produce their voter eligibility identification, and have their fingers marked with ink.

The ballot papers will be sealed in separate envelopes which will be placed in a third before being returned to South Africa for counting. The envelopes for the Provincial ballot will have the name of the Province on it.

Commissioners: Judge J.C. Kriegler (Chairperson), Adv E.D. Moseneke (Vice Chairperson), Rev F. Chikane, Dr O.D. Dhlomo, Mr J.H. Heyns, Ms R. Jeger, Ms D.N.M. Mokhoho, Mr C.D. Nupen, Mrs H. Suzman, Mr. B. van der Ross, Adv Z.M. Yocoob International: Dr J. Eiklit (Denmark), Mr R. Gould (Canada), Professor W.J. Kemba (Zimbabwe), Ms G. McDougall (USA), Dr A. Tekle (Eritrea)

### Where to vote in the U.S.

Voting stations have been established at the following locations in the United States. They will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 1994.

#### Washington, D.C.

The South African Embassy Consular Section Suite 300 3201 New Mexico Avenue, NW Washington, D.C.

#### Atlanta

Fulton County Administrative Building Absentee Ballot Unit Suite 4064, 141 Pryor Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia

#### **Boston**

Massachusetts State House Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts

#### Chicago

S.A. Consulate-General, 6th Floor 200 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois

#### Columbus

Franklin County Board of Elections First Floor, 410 South High Street Columbus, Ohio

#### **Dallas**

The Dallas City Hall 1500 Marilla Street Dallas, Texas

#### **Houston**

Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC)
Building
2221 West Loop South
Houston, Texas

#### Irvine (Orange County)

Irvine City Hall 1 Civic Centre Plaza Irvine, California

#### **Jacksonville**

University of North Florida 4567 St. John's Bluff Road South Andrew Robinson Student Center Room 1524 Jacksonville, Florida

#### Los Angeles

South African Consulate-General 50 North La Cienega Blvd., #300 Beverly Hills, California

#### Miami

Stephen Clark Building Grapeland Heights Park 1650 NW 37th Avenue Miami, Florida

#### **New York City**

South African Consulate-General 333 East 38th Street, 9th Floor New York, N.Y.

#### **New York City**

New York Coliseum 10 Columbus Circle New York, N.Y.

#### **New York City**

United Nations Premises (Tent on North Lawn of UN) 44th Street and First Avenue New York, N.Y.

#### Philadelphia

Philadelphia Civic Center 34th Street and Civic Center Blvd. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### **Phoenix**

Herberger Centre for the Salvation Army 2707 E van Buren Street Phoenix, Arizona

#### Raleigh

Governor Holshouser Building North Carolina State Fairgrounds 1025 Blue Ridge Blvd. Raleigh, North Carolina

#### San Diego (downtown)

College Ave Baptist Church 4747 College Avenue San Diego, California

#### San Diego (La Jolla area)

Tango Products USA Incorporated 9279 Cabot Dr. #A San Diego, California

#### San Francisco (downtown)

City Hall 400 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, California

#### San Francisco (Oakland/Bay area)

Oakland Courthouse 1225 Fallon Street Oakland, California

## For more information about the elections you are welcome to:

- Call the independent Electoral Commission toll free at (27-11) (401-2000) (international) or 0800-11-8000 (South Africa). The IEC's toll-free line is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Call one of the following S.A. diplomatic missions in the U.S.:

#### Washington, D.C.

S.A. Embassy 3051 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20008 Tel: (202) 232-4400 Fax: (202) 265-1607

#### **New York**

S.A. Consulate-General 333 East 38th Street, 9th Floor New York, NY 10016 Tel: (212) 213-4880 Fax: (212) 213-0102

#### Los Angeles

S.A. Consulate-General 50 North La Cienega Blvd., #300 Beverly Hills, CA 90211 Tel: (310) 657-9200 Fax: (310) 657-9215

#### Chicago

S.A. Consulate-General 200 South Michigan Ave., #600 Chicago, IL 60604 Tel: (312) 939-7929 Fax: (312) 939-7481

### How I can vote in the U.S.

### What do I do if I am not sure whether I will be allowed to vote?

Every South African who wishes to vote on April 26, and who has any doubt whether he or she has the required documentation or has any questions regarding the election, should contact the nearest S.A. diplomatic mission prior to April 26.

The missions will do everything possible to ensure that all South Africans who qualify can exercise their right to vote on April 26.

As the IEC has instructed that no voter eligibility documents will be issued on election day, it is important for voters to ensure that they have the required identification prior to April 26.

It is stressed that the Embassy and the Consulates have not laid down qualifications or procedures for voting. These are contained in legislation and the rules and decisions made by the Independent Electoral Commission.

## I have been in the United States for several years. Can I still vote?

Yes — as long as you are a South African.

## Will dual citizenship impede my voter eligibility?

No it will not — provided a person has obtained dual citizenship. If one has adopted the citizenship of another country without applying for permission to hold dual citizenship, one may have lost South African citizenship.

If you are in this position it is recommended that you contact a South African diplomatic mission for advice and, if necessary, to apply for permission for dual citizenship.

Voting in this election will, in accordance with legal opinion obtained by the Embassy, not affect the U.S. citizenship of those who may also be South Africans.

The South African Embassy offers this opinion in good faith based on legal advice, but voters may wish to obtain independent advice from appropriate U.S. authorities.

#### What if my passport has expired?

You should act quickly to get it renewed or replaced.

## If I cannot go to a voting station in the U. S. on April 26, can I send in a postal vote?

No. You have to go in person to a voting station to vote.

#### Will anyone know how I voted?

No. It is a secret ballot. Only you will know the choice you make. The ballot paper has no number or other identification mark to connect it with you.

#### Will I be voting for individuals?

No. You will be asked to indicate the party of your choice for the National Assembly and the party of your choice for the Provincial Assembly of your choice. The parties have published lists of their candidates for the national and provincial assemblies who will be elected in accordance with the number of votes won by each party. The ballot paper has the picture of the leader of each party on it.

### How do I choose the province in which I must vote?

You have a completely free choice as to which province your vote should relate.

## Will I be able to obtain a voter eligibility document at a polling station on April 26?

No. Passports have to be obtained from a South African diplomatic mission prior to April 26. Passports are the only documents which a mission in the U.S. may issue.

# Are Temporary Voter Cards (TVCs) issued to persons who do not have the prescribed I.D. documents?

The Independent Electoral Commission has directed that TVCs will not be issued in the United States. However, any person having a TVC will be able to use it for voting purposes in the U.S.



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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) decided on 18 April 1994, after reconsideration of its earlier decision, that Temporary Voters Cards (TVC's) may be issued in the United States of America on the day of the election (26 April 1994).

The Embassy/Consulates are awaiting further details from the IEC and will provide these as soon as received.

In addition, it has been decided by the IEC that two more polling stations should be established, one in Seattle (Washington State), and a second one in Washington, DC. These polling stations have been determined to be at the following addresses:

- a) King County Administration Building 500 4th Avenue Seattle WA 98168
- b) One Judiciary Square 441 4th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

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