



## COMMUNIQUE ON INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ON THE SALIENT TIMELINES FOR THE 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 BY-ELECTIONS

1. The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) is an independent state office established under Section 33 of Political Parties Act Cap. 7D with the broad mandate to register and regulate political parties as well administer the Political Parties Fund.
2. Section 34(fa) of the PPA requires the ORPP to certify that an independent candidate in an election is not a member of any registered political party. Further, Section 34(fb) of the PPA mandates the ORPP to certify that the symbol intended to be used by an independent candidate in an election does not resemble the symbol of a registered political party.
3. Pursuant to Article 88(4) of the Constitution, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) issued notices in the Gazette on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 vide Vol. CXXVII—No. 169 Gazette Notice No. 11160 and Vol. CXXVII—No. 170 Gazette Notice No. 11163 for by-elections to be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.
4. Flowing from the above, the attention of persons who wish to contest the elections as independent candidates is drawn to the following salient timelines: -

PROCESS/ACTIVITY	PROVISION/AUTHORITY	TIMELINE/PERIOD
Resignation of a political party	Article 85 of the Constitution	Three (3) months before the date of the by-election
Submission of symbols to ORPP	Section 34 of the PPA as read with the Gazette Notices on By-elections.	By 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025

Certification of symbols	Section 34 of the PPA as read with the Gazette Notices on By-elections.	By 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Submission of request for certification as not being a member of a political party	Section 34 of the PPA as read with the Gazette Notices on By-elections.	By 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Certification that independent candidates are not party members	Section 34 of the PPA as read with the Gazette Notices on By-elections.	By 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025



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