



ELECTORAL COMMISSION
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SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS C.I.126

The Supreme Court in a unanimous decision today Thursday the 25th of June, 2020 dismissed the cases brought against the Electoral Commission. The Supreme Court directed the Commission and all its stakeholders to comply with Articles 42 and 45 of the 1992 Constitution and CI 126, Public Election (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

For the avoidance of doubt CI 126 spells out the requirement for proof of identification for the purposes of the registration. It states as follows;

- (3) “ A person who applies for registration as a Voter shall provide as evidence of identification one of the following:
- (a) A passport
 - (b) A National Identification Card issued by the National Identification Authority; or
 - (c) One voter registration identification guarantee form as set out in Form One of the Schedule, that has been completed and signed by two registered voters.”; and

- (a) By the substitution for sub-regulation (4), of
“(4) Despite paragraph (c) of sub-regulation (3), a Registered Voter shall not guarantee the identity of more than ten persons.”

As a Commission which believes in the sanctity of the law, we respect the decision of the Supreme Court. In the words of the Court, “The Electoral Commission in exercising their discretion in the discharge of their constitutional mandate in cleaning the Voters Register should be deemed as authorised to be acting within the law and the regulations therein, and cannot be faulted even if it is considered that there is a more efficient mode or method available.”

The Electoral Commission takes this opportunity to assure its stakeholders that the Voters Registration Exercise will start from Tuesday, the 30th of June, 2020 to the 6th of August, 2020. The Commission entreats all its stakeholders to hold themselves in readiness for the Voters Registration Exercise.

The Commission will enforce strict safety protocols at its Registration Centres across the country so as to protect Applicants from the COVID-19 pandemic.

May God bless our Homeland Ghana and make our nation Great and Strong.

2020 Voter Registration Exercise, Your Safety is Our concern.

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