

Suggestions for Changes to Section 7.0 of the Rules of Procedure from Commissioner Eid

7.0 OFFICERS

Section 7.1: Officers. The officers of the Commission shall be the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The secretary of state shall serve as the non-voting Secretary to the Commission.

Section 7.2: Nominations and Election.

- A. The Commission shall nominate and elect from within its membership a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.
- B. Officers shall be elected in the following order: Chairperson, then Vice-Chairperson.
- C. If only one Commissioner accepts nomination for a particular office, that person shall immediately become elected to that office.
- C. If more than one Commissioner runs for a particular office, an election shall be held by roll call vote.
- E. Election Process:
 - a. The outgoing Chairperson shall preside over the elections. Two (2) persons (excluding Commissioners) designated by the outgoing Chairperson shall verify and announce the results.
 - b. The outgoing Chairperson shall first call on the Commission for nominations. Those nominated may choose whether they accept the nomination.
 - c. After nominations are complete, each candidate in order of nomination may present a speech of no more than three (3) minutes.
 - d. Each candidate may be permitted a visual aid.
 - e. Visual aids are limited to one page, front and back, or three (3) slides on PowerPoint or other virtual presentation software.
 - f. If a visual aid is paper, each Commissioner must return the paper to the candidate before the next candidate presents.
 - g. If a visual aid is a virtual presentation, that visual aid must be turned off before the next candidate presents.
 - h. After each speech, the candidate may answer questions from Commissioners for no more than five (5) minutes.
 - i. At the conclusion of all speeches and questioning, the Commission shall have a discussion of no longer than fifteen (15) minutes about the candidates.
 - j. The Commission shall then conduct a roll call vote.
 - k. If a candidate for a particular office receives the majority of votes of those Commissioners present and voting, that candidate shall be elected to that office.
 - l. If more than two (2) candidates accept nomination for a particular office and no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election shall be conducted as follows: The candidate with the least number of votes will be removed from the run-off election roll call vote. This process will repeat until a candidate receives the majority of votes for that office.

Section 7.3: Tenure. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall take office immediately following their election and shall hold office for a term of six (6) months, or until resignation of that office, or until their successors are elected and assume office. In the event the office of the Chairperson becomes vacant, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to this office for the unexpired term and the Commission shall elect a successor to the office of Vice-Chairperson for the unexpired term. A Commissioner may be nominated and elected for the same office for two or more consecutive terms.