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INTRODUCTION

This handbook is intended to serve as a practical guide for Regional Election Coordinators, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers, Presiding Officers, Polling Assistants, Political Party Agents, Candidates, Local Observers, International Observers and any one else who may need a concise summary of the laws governing elections in Tanzania.

This book is not meant to serve as a complete source of electoral laws. If you require further details on the electoral process, you need to consult the Constitution of United Republic of Tanzania 1977, the Elections Act, 1985, the Local Government (Elections) Act, 1979 and the Secretariat of the National Electoral Commission.

The contents of this book are derived from the following sources:

- The Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, 1977, and subsequent amendments.
- The Elections Act, 1985.
- The Local Government (Elections) Act, 1979.
- The Report of the National Electoral Commission on the 1995 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections.
- The Report of the National Electoral Commission for the Period from 14th January, 1993 to 13th January, 1998.
- Guidelines issued by the Electoral Commission.

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