

Support Clean Legislative Council Election and Election Committee Subsector Elections Reminder for Voter Registration

Question 1:

My aunt is planning to run in the "XX" geographical constituency (GC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Election. She asks me to register as an elector with her address in that constituency to vote for her, but I do not live in "XX" GC!

Answer 1:

You will contravene the relevant Electoral Affairs Commission Regulation enforced by the Hong Kong Police Force if you provide false information in a material particular to the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) for voter registration. If you subsequently vote at the election, you will even contravene section 16(1) of the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554) (ECICO) which is enforced by the ICAC!

Question 2:

Can I use false working experience and academic qualification to become a member of a specified body of the "YY" functional constituency (FC), so that I can register as an elector of that FC and/or a voter of that Election Committee (EC) subsector and vote at the elections?

Answer 2:

The above course of action may be considered as "vote-rigging" and will undermine the honesty and fairness of the election. Besides, any person who votes at the election knowing that he/she is not entitled to do so will commit an offence under section 16(1) of the ECICO. In addition, according to section 53(1)(b) of the LegCo Ordinance (Cap. 542), a person who has ceased to be eligible to be registered as an elector for the relevant FC will be disqualified from voting! Moreover, according to section 30(1)(a) of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569), a person who has ceased to be eligible to be registered as a voter for that subsector will be disqualified from voting at a subsector election for that subsector.

The maximum penalty for contravening section 16(1) of the ECICO is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for 7 years.

Any person who applies for registration as an elector in the LegCo GC/FC or a voter in the EC subsector, or reports changes in the registered particulars must provide the REO with true and correct information. When an elector has moved or the status of his/her membership of a specified body of an FC has changed, he/she should notify the REO as soon as possible for updating. If a person has doubt about his/her eligibility to be registered as an elector/a voter, please contact the REO at 2891 1001 for enquiry.

Clean Election Enquiry Hotline: 2920 7878

24-hour Report Corruption Hotline: 25 266 366

REO's Enquiry Hotline: 2891 1001

Clean Election Website: www.icac.org.hk/elections



(In case of doubt about the relevant laws, please seek independent legal advice.)