Resolution on Reinstating the Under-Aged Voters who have been excluded from the Registration Roll

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Monrovia, Liberia
Preamble

WHEREAS Article 77 (b) of the January 6, 1986 Constitution of the Republic of Liberia states that no citizen of Liberia shall register to vote unless he/she has attained the age of 18 years or above;

Whereas Article 89 of the January 6, 1986 Constitution of the Republic of Liberia established the National Elections Commission as an autonomous public Commission;

WHEREAS Chapter 2, Section 2.9(k) of the New Elections Law of 1986 empowers the National Elections Commission to maintain the register of all qualified voters which shall be subject to inspection;

WHEREAS Article 5 of the Voters’ Registration Regulations issued by the National Elections Commission sets eligibility criteria to register as a voter;

WHEREAS the National Elections Commission recognizes the vital importance of the accuracy of the voters’ register and transparency of the Registration Roll;

WHEREAS the names of voters considered under-aged were removed from the list and attached separately to the Final Registration Roll pursuant to the Resolution on Removing of Under-Aged Voters from the Registration Roll approved on May 10, 2011;

WHEREAS the list of names of under-aged voters has been forwarded to the Ministry of Justice for further investigation and prosecution if necessary;

WHEREAS every accused person is innocent until proven guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby promulgated as follows:
Article 1.

Voters identified as under-aged and removed from the Registration Roll according to the NEC Resolution of May 10, 2011 shall be reinstated on the Final Registration Roll pending investigation by the Ministry of Justice.

Article 2.

A voter identified as under-aged but reinstated on the Registration Roll under Article 1 hereinabove may be removed from the Registration Roll again if the Ministry of Justice reports to NEC that after the due process of the law the voter does not meet the voter eligibility requirements of the Elections Law.

Article 3.

A voter identified as under-aged but registered as a voter, who is found to be under-age or otherwise not eligible as a voter by a court shall be removed from the Registration Roll.

Article 4.

This Resolution may be amended by the Board of Commissioners of NEC.

Article 5.

This Resolution shall enter into effect immediately upon publication.
DONE UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION (NEC) THIS 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2011.

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