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GENERAL ELECTIONS (OBSERVERS) ACT

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**Subsidiary Legislation**

**This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.**

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17 of 1990      **An Act empowering the President of Guyana to invite  
observers at general elections and for matters connected  
therewith.**

[5<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1990]

Short title.                      1. This Act may be cited as the General Elections  
(Observers) Act.

Interpreta-                      2. (1) In this Act "election" means an election of  
tion.                              members of the National Assembly referred to in article 60 (2) of  
the Constitution.

c. 1:03                              (2) Expressions used in this Act but not defined  
herein shall have the same meanings as in the Representation of  
the People Act.

Observers at                      3. (1) The President may, after consultation with the  
general                              Chairman of the Elections Commission, invite persons from  
elections.                              outside Guyana to visit Guyana for the purpose of observing the

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democratic processes of the State as enshrined in the Constitution and more specifically the conduct of any election.

(2) The name of any person so invited shall be published in the *Gazette* and he shall be issued with an identity card by the Chairman of the Elections Commission.

Rights of  
observers.

4. (1) Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, an observer may scrutinise the official list of electors, enter polling places and places appointed for the counting of votes, and seek information from the Chairman of the Elections Commission, the Chief Election Officer and other election officers.

(2) An observer shall have the right to obtain from the Chairman of the Elections Commission a copy of the official list of electors for one or more polling divisions and of any written law governing or regulating any election.

(3) The Chairman of the Elections Commission, the Chief Elections Officer and other election officers shall cooperate with the observers and shall comply with any reasonable request made by the observers in the performance of their functions.

Privileges  
and  
immunities  
of  
observers.  
c. 18:01

5. The person of every observer shall be inviolable and he shall enjoy as well such other privileges and immunities as are afforded diplomatic agents under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organisations) Act.

Obstruction  
of or  
interference  
with an  
observer.  
[6 of 1997]

6. Everyone who assaults an observer or obstructs or interferes with him in the performance of his functions or the exercise of his rights under this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifteen thousand dollars and imprisonment for eighteen months.

Persona-  
tion.  
[6 of 1997]

7. Everyone who falsely personates any observer with intent to obtain admission to any polling place or any place appointed for the counting of votes or in order to avail himself of any of the other rights conferred on observers under the provisions of section 4 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifteen thousand dollars and imprisonment for eighteen months.

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