



DUTIES OF COUNTING OFFICERS

**2011
GENERAL ELECTIONS**

The counting of votes at General Elections is outlined in Section 52 of the Elections Act 1994 (as amended).

Section 52 (3) authorizes the Supervisor of Elections to appoint additional returning officers and counting agents to deal with the counting of votes for the Territorial electoral district.

Counting Officers for the Territorial electoral district should therefore be guided by the procedures outlined in Section 52 (1) in the execution of their duties.

Counting Officers will be responsible for assisting the Returning Officer in completing the Territorial District Polling Division Count Report at the end of the count of each Polling Division.

The Returning Officers for the Local Electoral District will manage the assignment of Counting Officers and Tally Clerks.

In the event that there is a dispute about a particular ballot, the Returning Officer will make the final decision.

Counting Officers are to read carefully Sections 52 (1) (f) and (2) with respect to rejected ballots.