

## ELECTORAL ACT, 1965



1965, No. 1

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE HOLDING OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN CONSTITUENCIES IN WHICH NO ELECTION WAS HELD IN THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR.

[See section 5 (2)]

Commence-  
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

1. An election shall, on a date to be appointed by the Electoral Commission of the Federation, be held in every constituency in which no election was held in the month of December nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

Holding of  
elections in  
certain  
constituen-  
cies.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Electoral Act, 1962 as amended by the Electoral Act, 1964 shall apply to the elections held under this Act as it applies to a general election held under that Act as so amended and the said Electoral Act, 1962 as so amended shall be construed and have effect accordingly.

Application  
of Electoral  
Acts.

3.—(1) The candidates remaining nominated for the said general election in respect of every constituency in which no election was held shall be deemed to have been nominated in that constituency for the purposes of the election therein under this Act.

Nominations

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, no new nomination shall be permitted for the purposes of the election held under this Act.

4.—(1) All electoral officers, returning officers and the assistants of any such officers and all polling clerks and polling agents appointed for the purposes of the said general election in such constituency shall be deemed to have been appointed for the purposes of the election held therein under this Act.

Electoral  
officers, etc.

(2) In the event of the death of the holder of any of the appointments referred to in subsection (1) or of his being unable by illness or absence to exercise the functions of his appointment the authority or person by which or whom he was appointed shall appoint another person to exercise those functions.

5.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Electoral Act, 1965 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

(2) This Act shall come into force on a date to be appointed by the President.

Short title,  
application  
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mencement.