

NOTES (any reference to "the Act" means the Local Electoral Act 2001)

If the election is for a subdivision of a local government area (ward, constituency or community/local board subdivision), **the nominators must be electors of that subdivision**. If under any enactment a candidate is not qualified for election unless he/she is an elector of the subdivision, then the nominee must also be an elector of that subdivision.

A nominator in the case of a candidate for city, district and regional council or a community/local board may be **residential or ratepayer elector**.

A candidate may not nominate him/herself for office.

Under *Section 21 of the Act*, any person is liable to a fine of \$2,000 who:

- (a) consents to being nominated as a candidate when knowing him/herself to be ineligible for election; or
- (b) nominates any person as a candidate whom he/she knows to be ineligible; or
- (c) not being a candidate, signs any nomination paper knowing that he/she is not qualified to vote at the election.

Evidence of New Zealand citizenship may be requested by the electoral officer at time of candidate nomination. Acceptable evidence includes a NZ passport, NZ birth certificate, or NZ Citizenship documentation, eg Certificate of Citizenship or Determination of Citizenship.

Section 58 of the Act prohibits any person from being a candidate for a regional council and a candidate for any constituent authority within that region, ie **no person can stand for the West Coast Regional Council and the Buller District Council (including the Inangahua Community Board)**.

Where no affiliation is claimed, or an affiliation is disallowed by the electoral officer under *Section 57 of the Act*, nothing will be shown in the public notice against the candidate's name, whether or not any other candidates have claimed an affiliation. You may identify yourself as an "independent candidate", ie "Independent".

A candidate may, under *Section 56 of the Act*, be nominated under a name by which the candidate is commonly known, provided the name will not:

- cause offence to a reasonable person
- be unreasonably long
- include or resemble an official title or rank
- cause confusion or mislead electors.

A candidate may, in accordance with Section 61 of the Act and Regulations 26-29 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, provide a candidate profile statement including a recent photograph for dispatch to the electors with the voting documents. **These must be lodged with the nomination form.**

In the case of a nomination for election to a district health board (DHB), the candidate must provide the electoral officer with a **conflict of interest statement** required by *Clause 2, Schedule 2, New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000*.