

KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL, BENGALURU - 560 001

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF VOTERS

With the approval of HPEC.

1. The number of Members to be elected is **TWENTY-THREE**.
2. Out of Twenty-Three, minimum **FIVE** Members to be represented by the Women Candidates.
3. No minimum number of casting of Votes.
4. Compulsory Identity Card - **Bar Council or Bar Association** with photograph.
5. Voting Between **9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.**
6. No Advocate will be permitted to stay inside the Polling Booth after casting his/her vote.
7. No Advocate or Candidates to canvas for contesting candidates within the radius of 50 - 100 Meters of the Polling Booth.
8. No mobile phones be permitted inside the Polling Booths.
9. No Voter should take the Photograph of the Ballot Paper or carry the Ballot paper if found same would be treated as serious misconduct and may constitute criminal offence.
10. The voting is by single transferable preference vote.
11. The mark should be so placed as to indicate clearly and beyond doubt to which candidate he/she has casted the vote. If the mark is so place as to make it doubtful to which candidate the vote has been casted, such vote will be treated as invalid.



12. **Method of voting:**

(1) A voter casting his vote: -

- (a) Shall place on his Ballot Paper the word '**One**' and no other mark or word in the space opposite the name of the candidate whom he/she chooses to cast his first preference; and
- (b) May, in addition, the words '**two**' '**three**' '**four**', and so on, in the space opposite the name of the other candidates in the order of his/her preference whomsoever he / she chooses.

(2) A voter shall not sign or mark on the Ballot paper thereon by which he/she could be identified.

13. **Vote when becomes invalid: -**

A voting paper shall be invalid on which:

- (a) The word '**one**' is not marked; or
- (b) The word '**one**' or '**two**' or '**three**'... in order of preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate or is so placed as to render it doubtful to which candidate it is intended to cast his/her vote; or
- (c) the word '**one**' or '**two**' or '**three**'... in order of preference and some other figures and words are set opposite the name of the same candidate; or
- (d) there is any mark or writing by which the voter can be identified; or
- (e) if there is such effacement, obliteration, erasure or mutilation as to make the first preference ambiguous.

14. **Voter voting in person:** A voter voting in person shall put the Ballot paper after voting, into the Ballot Box.



(Justice **SUBHASH B. ADI**)

Rtd. Judge, HCK & Returning Officer, KSBC