

Fire Service

Cap. 163.

FIRE SERVICE (ASSOCIATION) RULES, 1963
(Formerly Schedule to the Fire Service (Amendment) Act, 1964)

1. These Rules may be cited as the Fire Service (Association) Rules, 1963.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

2. The Fire Service Association, hereinafter in these rules referred to as "the Association", shall consist of all members for the time being of the Service below the rank of superior officer.

THE COMMITTEE

3. There shall be constituted a Committee of the Association, which Committee is hereinafter in these rules referred to as "the Committee" consisting of thirteen members of the Association.

4. One member of the Committee shall be a member of the Service of the rank of sub-officer, two members of the Committee shall be leading firemen, and ten members of the Committee shall be firemen.

5. No person who is a member of the Association shall be a member of the Committee unless such person is elected at an election held under the provisions of rules 8 to 11 inclusive of these rules to be a member of the Committee by members of the Association of the same rank in the Service as the said person.

6. A member of the Committee shall hold office as such member for a period of one year and shall be eligible to be re-elected as a member of the Committee.

7. The Committee shall—

- (a) receive representations from the Association and may, after notifying the Chief Fire Officer, request him to

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- forward such representations to the Governor-General;
- (b) consider and report upon any matters referred to it by the Chief Fire Officer or the Governor-General.

ELECTIONS

8. All elections under these rules shall be by secret ballot and the provisions for securing secrecy and freedom from interference in voting as set out in rule 9 of these rules shall apply in respect of all elections under these rules.

9. (1) Every person in attendance at a polling station or other place of voting shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting at such station or place, and shall not communicate, except for some purpose authorised by law before the poll is closed, to any person any information as to the name or other means of identification of any elector who has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at that station or place, and no such person and no person whosoever shall interfere with or attempt to interfere with a voter when making his vote, or otherwise attempt to obtain in the polling station or other place of voting information as to the candidate for whom any voter in such station or place is about to vote or has voted.

(2) Every person in attendance at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting and shall not communicate any information obtained at such counting as to the candidate for whom any vote is given in any particular ballot paper.

(3) No person shall directly or indirectly induce any voter to display his ballot paper after he shall have marked the same so as to make known to any person the name of the candidate for or against whom he has so marked his vote.

(4) Every person who acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this rule shall be liable on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

10. At any election under these rules, each elector may give one vote and no more for each of any number of candidates not exceeding the number to be elected.

11. Subject to the provisions of these rules, the Committee may make regulations as to the mode of election of the members thereof, and as to the filling of casual vacancies occurring amongst such members.

OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

12. (1) The Committee shall choose its Chairman and Secretary from amongst its own members.

(2) The Chairman and Secretary of the Committee shall be *ex officio* the Chairman and Secretary of the Association.

13. The Chairman at any meeting of the Committee at which he is present shall have a second or casting vote.

14. Subject to the provisions of these rules, the Committee may regulate their own procedure, including the appointment of committees or sub-committees; but the first meeting of the Committee shall be convened in such manner and the proceedings to be followed thereat shall be such as the Chief Fire Officer may direct.

15. The Committee may hold meetings four times in each year, each lasting not more than one day, but additional meetings for any purpose may be held with the consent of the Chief Fire Officer.

16. Except where in special circumstances a member of the Committee is required for duty for which no substitute is available, leave shall be given for attendance at all meetings of the Committee duly held, and every such attendance shall, as regards allowances and expenses, be deemed to be an occasion of Fire Service duty.

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