

THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY  
ELECTIONS ACT, 2012.

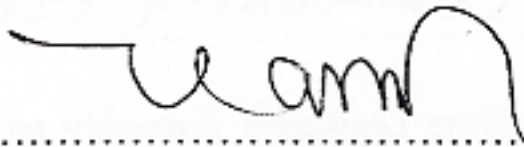






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*Clerk to the East African Legislative Assembly*

Date of Authentication: *25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012*.....

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Forwarded by me is the printed copy of the bill entitled

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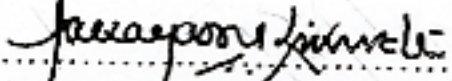
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*Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly*

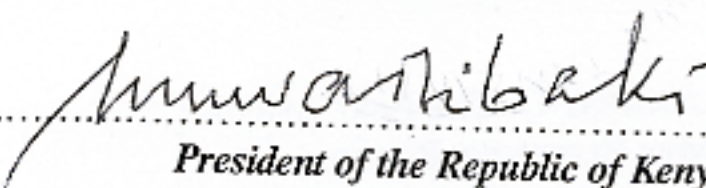


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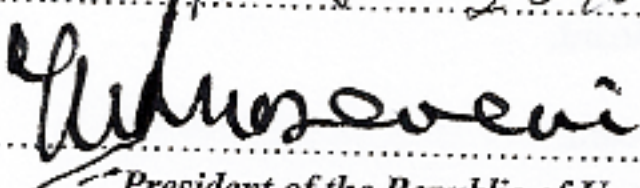
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Signed: .....   
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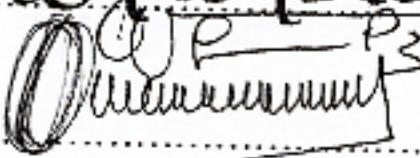
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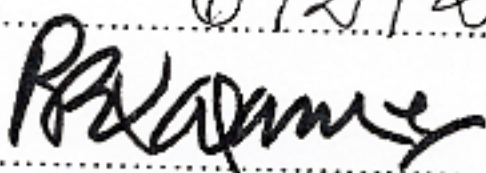
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President of the Republic of Uganda

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President of the Republic of Burundi

Date of Assent: ..... 6/2/2013

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President of the Republic of Rwanda

Date of Assent: ..... 22/08/14



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**THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ELECTIONS  
ACT, 2012**

**An Act of the Community to establish the East African  
Community Elections Board, to provide for its functions,  
powers and duties and to provide for other related matters.**

ENACTED by the East African Community and assented to by  
the Heads of State.

**PART I—PRELIMINARY.**

1. This Act may be cited as the East African Community Elections Act, 2012 and shall come into force on such date as the Council may, by notice published in the Gazette appoint. Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Inter-  
pretation.

“Assembly” means the East African Legislative  
Assembly established by Article 9 of the Treaty;

“Board” means the East African Community  
Elections Board established under section 3;



“Council” means the Council of Ministers established by Article 9 of the Treaty;

“financial year” means a period of twelve months commencing on 1st July and ending on the 30th June;

“National Electoral Commission” means a national body by whatever name called, established by law to handle elections in a Partner State;

“standards” means such levels of electoral conduct as the Board may determine, to ensure a transparent, democratic free and fair elections in a Partner State;

“Secretary General” means the Secretary General of the East African Community appointed under Article 67 of the Treaty;

“Treaty” means the Treaty for the establishment of the East African Community.

## PART II—ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ELECTIONS BOARD.

Establishment of the Board.

3. There is established a board to be known as the East African Community Elections Board.

Functions of the Board.

4. The functions of the Board shall be to—

- (a) develop, set standards and advise Partner States on standards and other electoral best practices;
- (b) harmonise electoral standards to be adhered to by the National Electoral Commissions;
- (c) monitor, harmonise, evaluate and report on adherence to the set standards by the Partner States;



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- (d) monitor and evaluate elections in the Partner States;
- (e) conduct research in electoral processes and practices;
- (f) provide a consultative forum for political parties and other stakeholders in matters related to elections in the Community; and
- (g) exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be necessary for the better carrying out the provisions of this Act.

5. (1) The Board shall consist of the head of the Electoral Commissions from each Partner State. Members of the Board.

(2) The Chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Board from among themselves on rotational basis and shall serve for a period of one year.

(3) The Secretary General or such officer as he or she may delegate shall be secretary to the Board.

(4) The Board shall employ such staff as may be determined by the Council.

PART VIII—MISCELLANEOUS

6. (1) The funds for the purpose of enabling the Board to perform its functions shall consist of— Funds of the Board.

- (a) such sums as the Council may determine; and
- (b) contributions and donations from any country or organisation as may be approved by the Council.



Estimates.

7. The Board shall before the end of each financial year prepare and submit to the Secretary General, estimates of expenditure of the Board for the next ensuing year and may, at any time prepare and submit to the Council for approval, any estimates supplementary to the estimates of a current financial year.

Annual  
report.

8. The Board shall prepare and submit to the Assembly for debate an annual report of its activities.

Regulations.

9. The Council may, in consultation with the Board make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.