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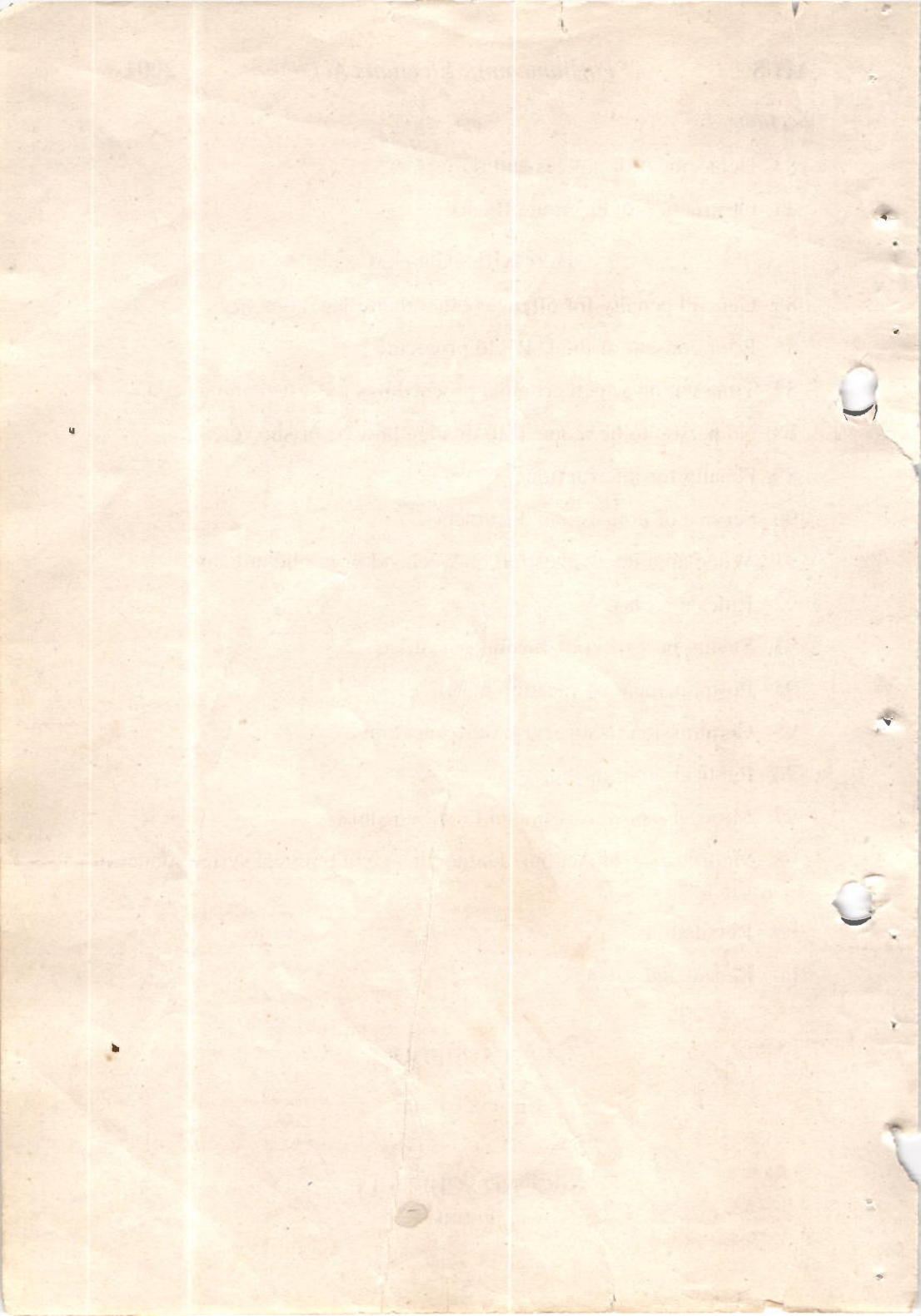
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FIRST SCHEDULE

Currency point.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Forms



Amended by Act No. 9/2001

THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT, 2001.

An Act to make provision for parliamentary elections and related matters in accordance with article 76 of the Constitution; to repeal and replace the Parliamentary Elections (Interim Provisions) Statute, 1996 and to provide for other related matters.

DATE OF ASSENT: 12th April, 2001.

Date of commencement: 20th April, 2001.

WHEREAS paragraph 11 (Democratic Principles) of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy of the Constitution, provides inter alia as follows—

- “(i) The State shall be based on democratic principles which empower and encourage the active participation of all citizens at all levels in their own governance;
- (ii) All the people of Uganda shall have access to leadership positions at all levels subject to the Constitution”;

AND WHEREAS clauses (3) and (4) of article 1 of the Constitution provide as follows—

“(3) All power and authority of Government and its organs derive from this Constitution, which in turn derives its authority from the people who consent to be governed in accordance with this Constitution.

(4) The people shall express their will and consent on who shall govern them and how they should be governed, through regular, free and fair elections of their representatives or through referenda”;

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Elections (Interim Provisions) Statute, 1996 was enacted in pursuance of article 264 of the Constitution for the purposes of establishing an Interim Election Commission and the holding of the first elections under the Constitution:

AND WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to enact legislation to govern future elections of members to Parliament subject to article 271 of the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE. BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

PART I—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections Act, 2001.

2. (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“agent” by reference to a candidate, includes a representative and polling agent of a candidate:

“authorised mark of choice” means the tick or mark authorised under section 31 of this Act to be applied to a ballot paper against or in the picture of a candidate of choice of a voter:

“campaign period” means the period determined by the Commission under section 21 as the period during which campaigning may take place;

“candidate” means a person nominated as a candidate for election as an elected member of Parliament;

Short title.

Interpretation