

# Objection to Voter During Poll

## Overview

A candidate, polling agent or voter may object to another voter at the polls on the following grounds:

- They believe the voter is not the voter named on the Voter Registration Card;
- They believe the voter has voted before in the same election; or
- They believe that the voter is disqualified from voting in the election.

## Who is eligible?

Citizens of Botswana, 18 years or above who hold a valid voters' registration card.

## How do I get this service?

- Complete Form Q (Objection to Voter) before a presiding election officer at the poll. This declaration is made under oath.
- If the voter does not respond to the objection by making a written declaration using Form R, the presiding election officer will either:
  1. Not issue a ballot to that person.
  2. If a ballot was already issued, but the voter has not yet entered the polling booth, the officer will impound and cancel the ballot paper.
  3. If a ballot was already issued and the voter has already cast the ballot, the presiding elections officer will make a notation on the election roll stating, "protested against under section 57".

## What supporting documents are required?

- Voter Registration Card
- Form Q – (Objection to Voter)

## How long will this service take?

Within 10 minutes of application at the poll.

## How much does it cost?

There is no fee for this service.

## Where can I get more information on this Service

Please contact the office listed below.

The Secretary  
Independent Electoral Commission  
Private Bag 00284  
Gaborone, Botswana

Phone: (+267) 361 2400

Toll free No: 0800 600 710

Fax: (+267) 3900581/3905205/3190889

Website: [www.iec.gov.bw](http://www.iec.gov.bw) ,

Facebook: IEC Botswana

Email: [iec\\_info@gov.bw](mailto:iec_info@gov.bw)

Opening hours: 06:30 to 19:00 on Polling day.

Additional information can also be obtained in the Electoral Act.