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EMPLOYERS TO ALLOW EMPLOYEE PRESCRIBED PERIOD FOR VOTING

Employers must allow reasonable time for Employees to vote. Such violation is an **OFFENCE**.

Section 147 of the Cities and Town Councils Regulations requires employers to grant reasonable time off to allow employees to cast their votes between the hours of 7:00a.m. and 6:00p.m. on Election Day, Wednesday, 6th March 2024.

- (1.) Every employer shall, on polling day, allow every voter in his employ a reasonable time during the prescribed period for voting, and no employer shall make any deduction from the pay or other remuneration of any such voter or impose upon or exact from him any penalty by reason of his absence during such period.
- (2.) Any employer who, directly or indirectly refuses to grant, or by intimidation, undue influence or in any other way, interferes with the granting of reasonable time to any voter in his employ during the prescribed period of voting as in this section provided, shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year.

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