

**BELIZE:**

**BELIZE CONSTITUTION (NOMINATION OF SENATORS)  
REGULATIONS, 2025**

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*RULES made by the Governor-General in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by section 61(9) of Belize Constitution, Chapter 4 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto her enabling.*

*(Gazetted 13th March, 2025).*

1. These Rules may be cited as the

Citation.

**BELIZE CONSTITUTION (NOMINATION OF SENATORS) RULES, 2025.**

2. In these Rules–

Interpretation.

“Constitution” means the Belize Constitution;

CAP. 4.

“organisations” means the organisations listed in rule 3; and

“relevant authority” means the Chief Executive Officer, Chairperson, Director or President of any organisation listed in rule 3.

3. These Rules shall apply to the following organisations–

Application of Rules.

- (a) the Belize Council of Churches and Evangelical Association of Churches;
- (b) the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Belize Business Bureau;
- (c) the National Trade Union Congress and the Civil Society Steering Committee; and

(d) non-governmental organisations.

Duties of  
organisations.

4.-(1) In nominating candidates as Senators, the organisations shall—

- (a) consider the selection criteria set out in rule 5;
- (b) be committed to independent and fair nominations; and
- (c) nominate the candidates on individual merit.

Selection  
criteria for  
nomination.

5. Subject to sections 62 and 63 of the Constitution, the organisations shall nominate candidates as Senators who—

- (a) have the ability to make an effective and significant contribution to the work of the Senate in their areas of particular interest and special expertise and in a wide range of other issues coming before the Senate;
- (b) have a record of significant achievement that demonstrates experience, skills and competencies;
- (c) are willing to commit the time necessary to make an effective contribution to the work of the Senate.
- (d) have good understanding of the constitutional framework, including the place of the Senate, and the skills and qualities needed to be an effective member of the Senate;
- (e) are able to demonstrate outstanding personal qualities, including integrity and independence;
- (f) have a strong and personal commitment to the principles and highest standards of public life; and

- (g) are and intend to remain independent of any political party.

**6.-(1)** Where the Governor-General sends a written invitation to the organisations to give written advice of their candidates as Senators in accordance with section 61(5) of the Constitution, the organisations shall submit a nomination letter within fourteen days of receiving the invitation.

**Nomination letter.**

(2) The nomination letter shall include the following—

- (a) full name of their candidate;
- (b) date of birth of their candidate;
- (c) occupation of their candidate;
- (d) a certification that their candidate satisfies the qualifications under sections 62 and 63 of the Constitution; and
- (e) a certification that their candidate satisfies the selection criteria under rule 5.

(3) The candidate and the relevant authority of the organisation shall assent to the nomination by affixing their signatures to nomination letter.

**7.** The Governor-General shall only appoint candidates who were nominated by the organisations in the manner set out under these Rules.

**Appointment of Senator.**

**8.** In accordance with section 61(5) of the Constitution, where an organisation fails to advise the Governor-General, within fourteen days of receiving a written invitation from the Governor-General, the Governor-General shall appoint that Senator in accordance with the advice of the Belize Advisory Council.

**Failure to make nomination.**

Nomination by  
Belize Advisory  
Council.

9. Rules 4 to 6 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the nomination of a candidate as Senator by the Belize Advisory Council under rule 8.

**MADE** by the Governor-General this 13th day of March, 2025.



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**(HER EXCELLENCY FROYLA TZALAM)**

*(Governor-General)*