

ELECTION BY SECRET BALLOT

According to Section 87 of the constitution of Swaziland

- (1) The election of any persons to any chamber of Parliament or Bucophu shall be by secret ballot at both primary and secondary levels and any other level in accordance to the first-past-the-post system in which the person receiving the highest number of votes is elected.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the votes shall be cast in ballot boxes of a design calculated to ensure efficiency and reliability.
- (3) Notwithstanding the principle of secrecy, a voter who is handicapped may be assisted in casting the vote.
- (4) All nominations of Bucophu or Member of Parliament shall be open and supported by at least ten persons qualified to vote in that Inkhundla.
- (5) At the primary level, there shall be no canvassing for votes as persons are nominated (that is, invited to serve) on the basis of their being known to that community.
- (6) For purposes of this section, nomination or election at õprimaryö or õsecondaryö level means nomination or election of the elected Member of Parliament or Bucophu as the case may be at the level of chiefdom or polling division or Inkhundla respectively.

