

TENURE OF SEATS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

According to the Constitution Section 92 –

- (1) The seat of a Senator or a member of the House shall become vacant where-
 - (a) Parliament is dissolved;
 - (b) The holder of that seat resigns in writing addressed to the Clerk to Parliament;
 - (c) The holder is absent from twenty sittings of the chamber during any meeting of that chamber without the permission in writing of the presiding officer and is unable to offer a reasonable explanation to the Parliamentary Committee on Privileges;
 - (d) Circumstances arises that would cause the holder to be disqualified or ineligible for election or appointment;
 - (e) The holder is expelled by a resolution of at least two thirds of all members of a chamber for contempt of Parliament;
 - (f) The holder becomes a member of the other chamber of Parliament;
 - (g) The holder becomes a party to any Government contract contrary to section 97 (1) (g)
- (2) If in the circumstances it appears to them to be just to do so, the Senate or the House as the case may be, may by a resolution exempt the holder of a seat from vacating the seat as required under subsection (1) (h) where the holder before becoming a party to the contract or before or as soon as practicable after otherwise interested in the contract discloses to the president or the Speaker as the case may be the interest of that holder.

