

- in the polling division in which he/she is registered.
- Each voter must place an X in the slot next to the name of the person he/she wishes to vote for on the Ballot Paper.
 - If a voter inadvertently spoils the ballot, he/she can ask the Presiding Officer for a fresh ballot.

Rejected Ballots

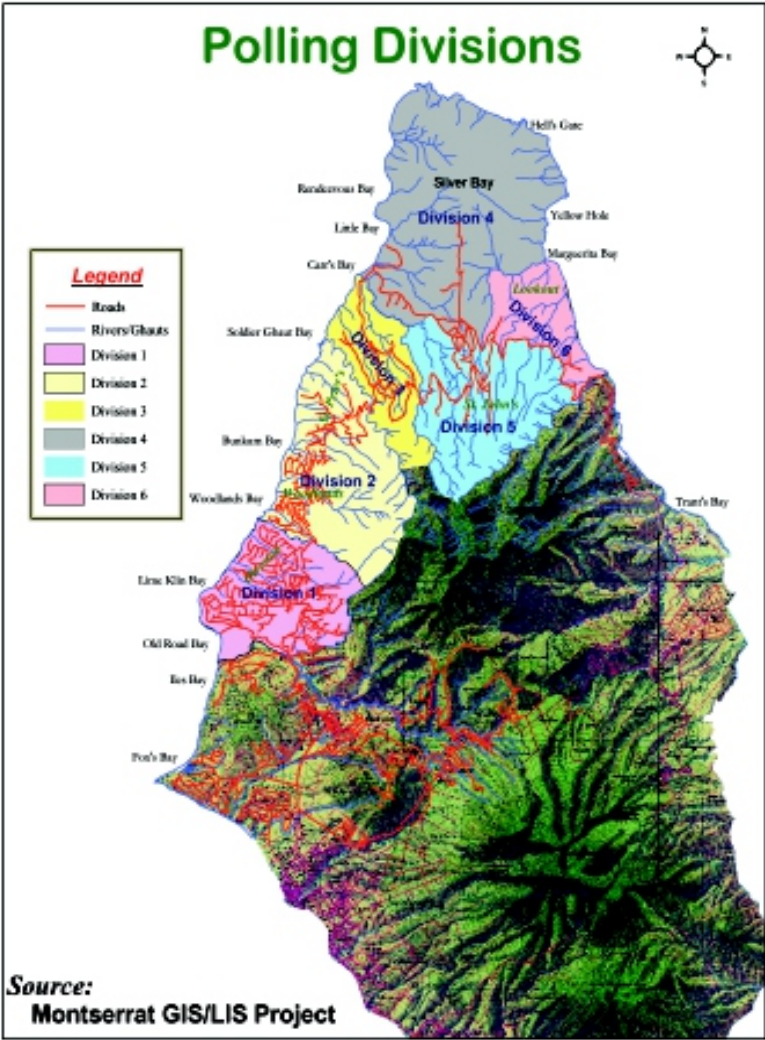
- A rejected ballot is a ballot placed in the ballot box by a voter and falling into any of the following categories-
- A ballot with more than one (1) X in different slots on the ballot paper.
 - A ballot with more than one (1) X in any given slot on the ballot paper.
 - A ballot on which was placed any symbol other than an X.

(IX) ELECTION RESULTS

- The person obtaining the highest number of votes shall be deemed duly elected, provided however, that they did not receive less than six per cent of the valid votes cast. (See the Interpretation Section (2) of the Election Act for the meaning of “vote(s)”).
- A candidate’s deposit shall be forfeited if the number of votes polled by him does not exceed one eighth of the total number of votes cast.

(x) General Comment

- For further information on General Elections and the Electoral Process please refer to:
- Elections Ordinance Cap 1.04.
 - The Montserrat Constitution Order 1989
 - Interpretation Act
 - Guidance on the role of public servants during the election period would be issued by the relevant authority in due course.



(XI) ELECTORAL OFFICE

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Supervisor of Elections - **Howard A. Fergus**
Returning Officer - **Claudette Weekes**

SAMPLE BALLOT PAPER

PHOTOGRAPH	NAMES	VOTE
	1. John Beach Baker Hill Electrician	
	2. Gregory Beal Salem Businessman	
	3. Julius Berry Olveston Carpenter	X
	4. Winston Bird Flemmings Tailor	
	5. Henry Black Davy Hill Banker	
	6. Cynthia Coor Lookout Seamstress	
	7. Ada Croan Dick Hill Housewife	
	8. James Diggs Cudjoe Head Mechanic	
	9. Simeon Doe Barzey's Farmer	
	10. Phillip Drew Sweeney's Mason	

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This pamphlet provides basic information on the electoral system and serves to highlight the consequential amendments as stipulated in the Elections Act Chapter 1.04 of the revised laws of Montserrat.

QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS

1. Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), every person who-
- (a) has attained the age of eighteen years; and
 - (b) is not a person of unsound mind so found under any law in force in Montserrat; and
 - (c) is a Commonwealth citizen; and
 - (d) has resided in Montserrat for 36 months immediately preceding the date of registration as a voter or is domiciled in Montserrat and is resident therein at the date of such registration; and
 - (e) is not disqualified under the provisions of this Act from being registered as a voter;

shall be entitled to be registered as a voter and, when registered, to vote at an election:

Providing that a person who is domiciled in Montserrat may, if he is not resident at the date of registration as a voter, nevertheless be registered as a voter and vote, if he is out of the country to follow a recognized course of full time study or training and obtains a certificate to that effect from the Ministry of Education.

2. No person shall be registered as a voter or be entitled to vote at an election who has been sentenced by any court in Her Majesty's dominions or in any territory under Her Majesty's protection to death, penal servitude, or imprisonment for a term exceeding twelve months, and has not either suffered the punishment to which he was sentenced or such other punishment as by competent authority may have been substituted for the same or received a free pardon from Her Majesty.

ELECTIONS OFFICERS

(I) THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

The Supervisor of Elections shall

- Exercise general direction and supervision over the administrative conduct of elections and enforce on the part of all elections officers fairness, impartiality and compliance with the provisions of the Elections Ordinance;
- Issue to elections officers such instructions as from time to time she may deem necessary to ensure effective execution of the provisions of this ordinance;
- appoint a person to be the Registering Officer for Montserrat and persons to be Assistant Registration Officers as he or she sees fit.

(II) THE RETURNING OFFICER

The Returning Officer is responsible for the holding of elections - Elections Ordinance Section 20(3). This would include:

- Publishing appropriate notices
- Supervising the nomination of candidates
- Providing all necessary guidance, materials and equipment to facilitate the voting process
- Receiving ballot boxes at the close of the polls
- Supervising the counting of the votes
- Returning the results of the polls to the Supervisor of Elections

(IV) THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The Presiding Officer is responsible on Polling Day for efficiently manning a Polling Station. This includes:

- Receiving ballot boxes from the Returning Officer
- Receiving and issuing ballot papers
- Manage the Polling process at a Polling Station
- Supervise Poll Clerks
- Deliver ballot boxes as well as spoiled and unused ballot Papers to the Returning Officer

(V) The Poll Clerk is responsible for making entries in the Poll Book.

(VI) The Tally Clerk is responsible for tallying the votes during the time when the votes are being counted.

(VII) POLLING DIVISIONS

For the purposes of registration and voting the single island constituency will be subdivided into convenient polling divisions by physical boundaries as listed below and as shown on the map on page 7.

No.	Communities
1	Salem, Friths, Glebe, Flemmings, Isles Bay, Old Town, Olveston
2	Woodlands, Cheapend, Palm Loop, St. Peter’s, Forgarthy, Virgin Islands, Providence, Jones Hill
3	Cudjoe Head, Baker Hill, Cavalla Hill, Nixons, Banks, Brades, Shinn Lands, Man Jack
4	Carrs Bay, Little Bay, Davy Hill, Sweeney’s, Old Norwood, Geraldts, Drummonds, Rendezvous
5	St. John’s, Mongo Hill, Dick Hill, Judy Piece, Barzeys
6	Lookout

Boundaries of Polling Divisions

1. Belham River and Runaway Ghaut from coast to source.
2. Runaway Ghaut and Soldier Ghaut from coast to source.
3. Soldier Ghaut and Caines River / Collins River from coast to source.
4. Collins River from coast and on both sides of Northern Main Road to the junction at A & F Gas Station; along left of Northern Main Road to Yellow Hill junction; Down left of Yellow Hill Road to Hospital junction; Along road to Geraldts Road (dead end) to Quashie Spring; Quashie Spring to junction with Brimm's Ghaut; Brimm's Ghaut to coast.
5. Bottomless Ghaut from source to Trants Road; Both sides of Trants Road to Hospital Junction; On the left of Yellow Hill Road to junction with Northern Main Road; Down Collins River to junction with Caines River; Up Caines River to source.
6. Brimms Ghaut from coast to junction with Quashie Spring; Along Quashie Spring to Trants Road; Along Trants Road to Bottomless Ghaut; Bottomless Ghaut to coast.

POLLING STATIONS

- Division 1 Montserrat Secondary School
- Division 2 St. Peter’s Community Centre/Clinic
- Division 3 Brades Primary School
- Division 4 Wesleyan Holiness Church, Davy Hill / A&G Supermarket (downstairs)
- Division 5 Church of God of Prophecy / S.D.A. Church (downstairs)
- Division 6 Lookout School

VOTERS’ LIST MAY BE DISPLAYED ON PROMINENT BUILDINGS IN EACH POLLING DIVISION

(VIII) AT THE POLLS

1. Each voter has one (1) vote. This means that he/she is entitled to vote for one (1) candidate.
2. Each voter would only be permitted to cast his/her vote