

The double ballot: what it means to you as a voter.

To understand the double ballot system, we have to understand what we are voting for.

According to the new constitution, South Africa will be electing a National Assembly and 9 Provincial Legislatures. When you vote, you will receive two ballot forms: one for the National Assembly and one for the Provincial Legislature.

ON VOTING DAY

When you go to the voting station on April 27 or 28, your ID will be checked at the door.

Inside you will be asked to hold your hands under an ultraviolet light. Your knuckles will be marked with an invisible marking fluid. The fluid is invisible under normal light, but shows up under ultraviolet light. The ink wears off after about seven days.

THE FIRST BALLOT

Your ID will be stamped or your

Temporary Voter's Card will be retained and one of the officials will hand you the first ballot paper for the National Assembly.

You go into one of the voter compartments and make a cross next to the party you wish to vote for in the National Assembly. You then put your ballot paper in the ballot box indicated for the National Assembly. Your vote is completely secret.

THE SECOND BALLOT

You now move on to the next table, where a second ballot paper for the Provincial Legislature will be handed to you.

You draw a cross next to the party you wish to vote for in the Provincial Legislature. Once your cross has been made, you deposit this second ballot paper in the ballot box indicated for the Provincial Legislature.

A FEW IMPORTANT POINTS

Remember, both your votes will be secret. Unless you tell someone, no one will be able to find out for which party you have voted.

Your vote will count only for the Province you have voted in.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of the voting process, call the IEC toll free at 0800-11-8000.

THIS IS YOUR ELECTION

The IEC will be at every voting station protecting your right to vote – in secret and without fear of intimidation.

The success of the election depends on you. You have the right to exercise democracy's most powerful weapon, the vote.

Make the most of it.





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