



**THE POLITICAL PARTIES (GRANT OF
SUBVENTIONS) ACT, 1997**

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ACT NO. 6 OF 1997

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CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
5th August, 1997

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE GRANT OF SUBVENTIONS
TO POLITICAL PARTIES IN ZANZIBAR AND
OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

ENACTED by the House of Representatives of Zanzibar

1.-(1) This Act may be cited as the Political Parties (Grant of Subventions) Act, 1997 and shall be read as one with the Political Parties Act, No. 5 of 1992 in this Act referred to as Principal Act. Short title
and Com-
mencement

(2) This Act shall come into operation immediately after being assented to by the President.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires :-

Interpreta-
tion

"Government" means the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

"House" means the House of Representatives of Zanzibar.

"Local government authorities" means The Zanzibar Municipal Council, District Councils and Town Councils as established under the laws of Zanzibar;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for legal affairs in Zanzibar.

"Political Party" means any political party registered under the political parties Act, No.5 of 1992.

"President" means the President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council.

"Commission" means the Zanzibar Electoral Commission.

3.-(1) The Government shall, disburse not less than one percentum of the annual government recurrent budget, in the grant of subventions to political parties in pursuance of the provisions of this Act. Grant of, and
party qualifi-
cation for
Subvention



(2) The Government shall, grant an annual subvention to every qualifying political party in relation to its Presidential post, constituencies or its local government authority activities which shall be computed on the basis of the number of the members of a political party who are members of House or local government authorities.

(3) No political party shall qualify for the grant to it of subvention in accordance with this Act unless—

- (a) It is a political party which is fully registered under the Principal Act;
- (b) It has, in the immediate proceeding general or local government authority election, had any of its candidates elected to be a President or a Member of the House or of a local government authorities.

4.—(1) Subventions granted under this Act shall be disbursed to a qualifying political party once in every financial year and in such instalments as the Minister for Finance may, considering the prevailing economic and financial conditions, determine.

When, and how the amount of subvention to be granted

(2) The fund disbursable pursuant to section 3(1) as subventions to qualifying political parties shall be disbursed as follows—

- (a) fifty per centum (50%) of the funds shall be disbursed to the political party which won the presidential seat;
- (b) thirty per centum (30%) of the funds shall be disbursed to qualifying political parties on basis of the ratio between the number of constituencies won in the House;
- (c) the other twenty per centum (20%) of the funds shall be disbursed to every qualifying political party on the basis of the ratio of the number of the members of the political party who are members of the local government authorities.

(3) There shall be no subventions granted to any political party during the general or bye elections.

5.—(1) Subventions granted to a political party may be spent only on—

Application and accounting for subvention

- (a) the House of Representatives or local government activities of a political party;



- (b) the civic activities of a political party;
- (c) any lawful activities relating to an election in which a political party nominates a candidate;
- (d) any other necessary or reasonable requirement of a political party;

(2) Subvention granted to a political party shall be accounted for to the Commission, separately from the accounting for other funds of the political party.

(3) Any political party which fails or neglects to account for subvention in according with this Act, shall forfeit the right to any subsequent subvention due to the political party in accordance with this Act.

(4) Where the Commission is for any reasonable cause, dis-satisfied with any account of subvention submitted by any political party, so much of the subvention which has not been accounted for or has not accounted for satisfactory, shall be deducted from any subsequent subvention due to that political party.

(5) If by reason of failure to submit an account or for any other reason, the Commission has reason to suspect that any offence under the Penal Decree may have been committed in relation to the money which has not been accounted for, he may make a report to a police station and the officer in charge of that police station shall cause the matter to be investigated.

6.-(1) The Commission shall be responsible for the management and payment of subventions payable to political parties under this Act.

Subvention
to be con-
trolled by the
commission

(2) The Minister may make rules, order or regulations prescribing anything which needs to be prescribed under this Act.

Passed on the House of Representatives on 22nd day of July, 1997.


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Clerk of the House of Representatives