

Preps for EALA elections yet to begin as end of term draws closer

mental illness.

A candidate to EALA cannot be a Member of Parliament, Cabinet member or member of staff of the EAC at the time of elections. However, the law states that a person in such organs may be candidate after having beforehand temporarily resigned from their duties. If such a person loses elections, they can be reinstated in their functions unconditionally.

The number of candidates submitted by each category of political organisations and categories represented in the Chamber of Deputies is also established by law.

The Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF-Inkotanyi) and other political organisations in the coalition it leads can submit eight candidates.

The Liberal Party (PL), Social Democratic Party (PSD), national women

council, national youth council, and national council of persons with disabilities can submit two each.

Eventually, four from the RPF and political organisations from its coalition; and one from each of all the other five categories will be elected.

Dr Nyiramilimo, who doubles as PL Secretary General, said: "We are waiting for the best time to organise the primaries in PL. Aspiring candidates must be preparing their files."

"We will nominate two members who will then go for the final election in Parliament so as to get one."

The polling day is fixed by the joint Bureau of both chambers of Parliament. To be successful, a candidate must obtain at least one third of all votes cast.