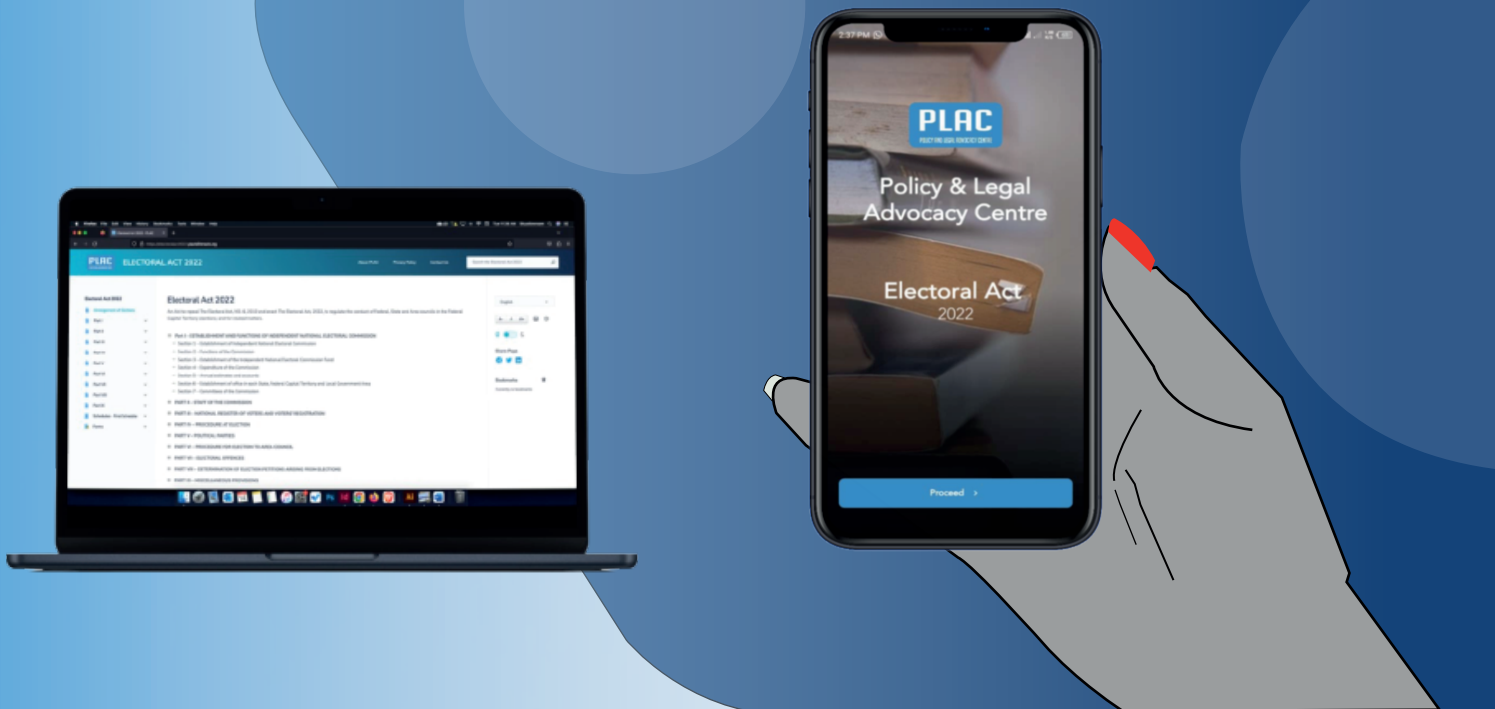




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PLAC Electoral Act App contains the complete text of the Nigerian Electoral Act passed in 2022. It comes in a web version, as well as Android and iOS mobile versions. It contains simplified explanations for every section of the law, relevant court decisions that interpret the provisions and demonstrate its practical application, as well as reference to additional reading material for researchers. The objective is to disseminate the provisions of the law to the public and ensure that citizens have it in a readily accessible format.



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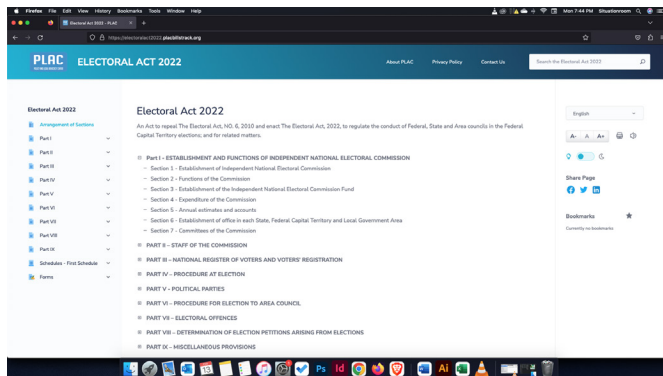


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Section 31

Withdrawal of candidate

A candidate may withdraw his or her candidature by notice in writing signed by him and delivered personally by the candidate to the political party that nominated him for the election and the political party shall convey such withdrawal to the Commission not later than 90 days to the election.

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- This section clearly states the way a candidate may withdraw his/her candidature as well as the time frame for conveying such withdrawal to INEC for it to be valid. It emphasises that the withdrawal which is to be written and signed by the candidate must be delivered personally to the Political Party.
- The 2022 Act changes the timeline or deadline for withdrawal of candidates to at least 90 days to the election. In the repealed Act, the deadline for withdrawal was no later than 45 days to the election. It further changes the words "delivered by himself" to delivered "personally" to the political party that nominated him. Both words appear to have the same meaning and effect.
- Since the introduction of withdrawal of candidate as one of the only means to substitute a validly nominated candidate by a political party, there were various disputes on withdrawal of candidature prior to the 2011 general elections centered on political parties unilaterally withdrawing candidates under the guise of complying with the provisions of the Act

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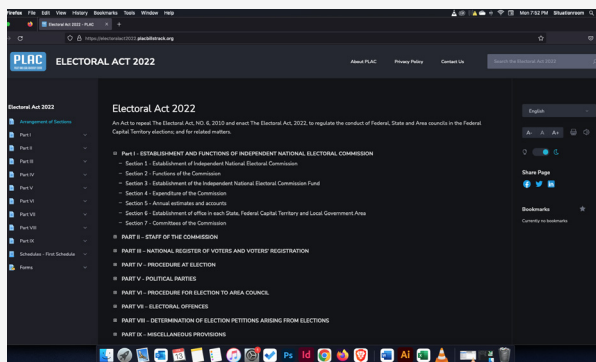
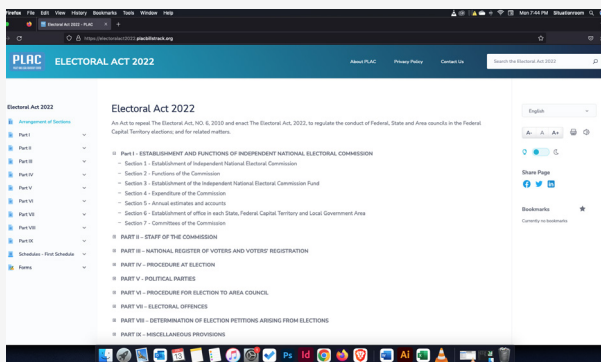
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ANPP V. USMAN (2008) 16 NWLR (PT. 1113) 357 AT 410
By virtue of Section 36(1) and (2) of the Electoral Act, 2006 (which is in Pari materia with section 31 of the Electoral Act 2022), a candidate may withdraw his candidature by notice in writing signed by him and delivered by himself to the political party that nominated him for the election and the political party shall convey such withdrawal to the Independent National Electoral Commission and which shall only be allowed not later than 70 days to the election. Where the Commission is satisfied that a candidate has withdrawn as provided in subsection (1) of the section, his political party shall be allowed to nominate another candidate not later than 60 days before the date of the election. In the instant case, by withdrawing his candidature in compliance with the Electoral Act, 2006, the 1st Respondent did not contravene the provision of 5.36(1) of the Act

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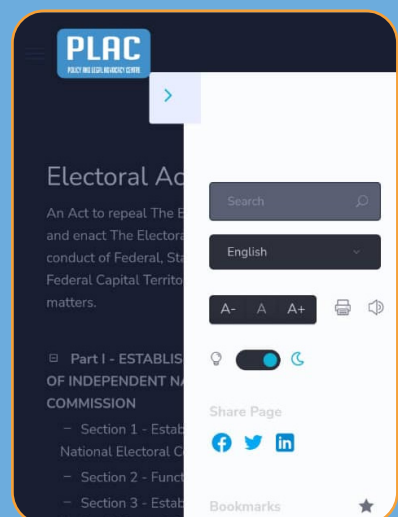
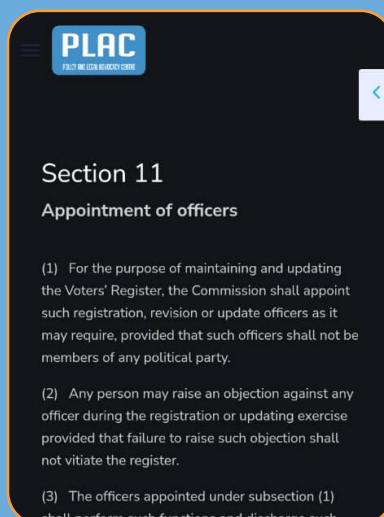
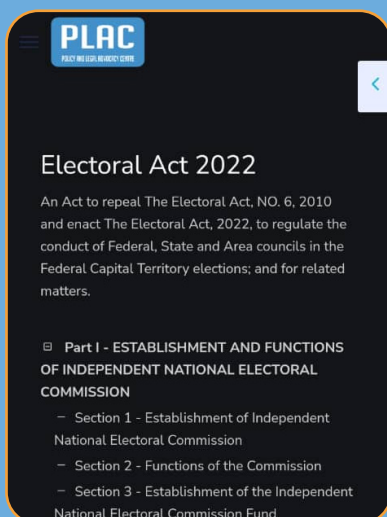
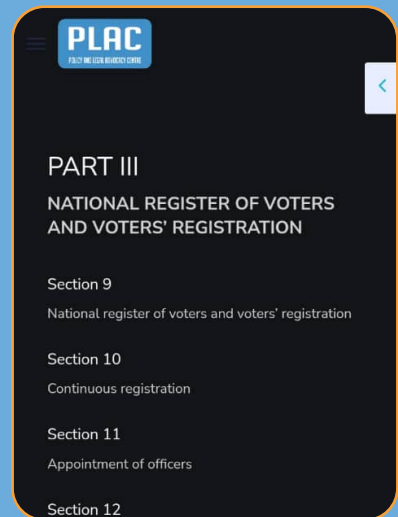
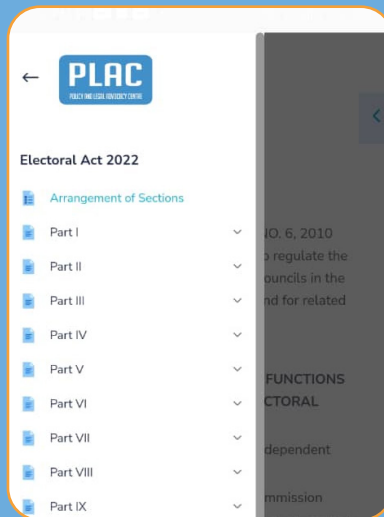
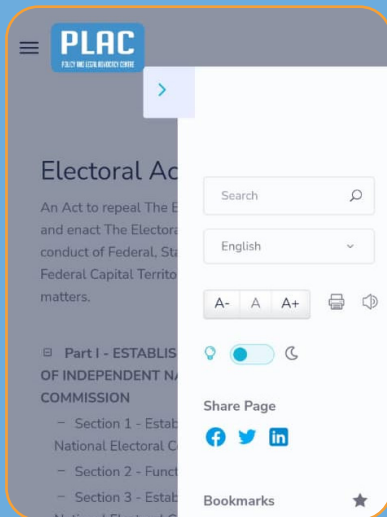
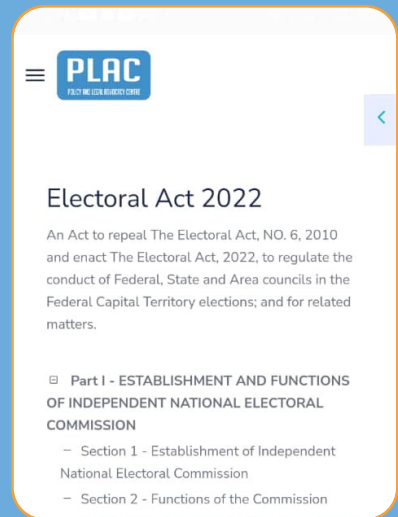
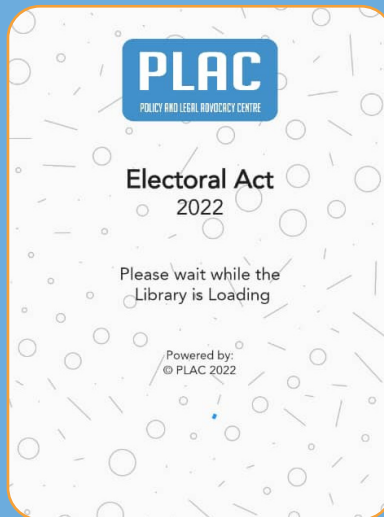


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