



College Act 2023

An Act to define the statutory powers of the Royal College of Elmwycke and its members, and to define the proceedings of the Royal College of Elmwycke.

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Schedule 1: The Royal College of Elmwycke

1. There shall be a Royal College of Elmwycke to act as its legislature.
2. Two members of the Royal College shall be returned for each constituency at an election held in the constituency, under the Single Transferrable Vote system.
3. The validity of any proceedings of the Royal College is not affected by any vacancy in its membership.

Schedule 2: Ordinary Elections

1. An election for each constituency shall be held on, or within 7 days of, the 6th of June every year.
2. If this is not possible, the date of the election shall be decided by the Royal College of Elmwycke.
3. The Royal College of Elmwycke must dissolve on the 31st of May of each year, and may only meet if either:
 - a. The date of the election for one or more constituencies must be moved, or if;
 - b. All members of the Royal College have been elected.

Schedule 3: Extraordinary Elections

1. Should a Member of the Royal College resign or be expelled, a by-election must be called within 14 days in their constituency to replace them.
2. Extraordinary elections should use the Supplementary Vote system.
3. Extraordinary elections do not affect the date of ordinary elections to the Royal College.

Schedule 4: Candidates

1. At a general election, candidates may stand for return as members of a constituency.
2. A person may not stand as a candidate for return in more than one constituency.
3. A person may not stand for return as a candidate for return if they have been expelled from the Royal College of Elmwycke within the past 24 months.
4. A person may not stand for return as a candidate in an extra-ordinary election if they already sit in the Royal College of Elmwycke.

Schedule 5: Electors

1. Electors for the Royal College of Elmwycke must have;
 - a. surpassed the age of 13;
 - b. not been convicted of electoral fraud, and;
 - c. been registered on the electoral roll
2. Electors for the Royal College of Elmwycke must not vote in more than one constituency.
3. Electors may not change their ballot after they have voted.

Schedule 6: Membership

1. The term of office for Members of the Royal College starts immediately when elected, and ends when the Royal College dissolves.
2. Members of the Royal College may resign from their positions before their term ends.
3. A person is disqualified from being a Member of the Royal College if;
 - a. They do not hold citizenship of Elmwycke, or if;
 - b. They have been expelled from the Royal College, or if;
 - c. They are a non-residing citizen of Elmwycke
4. The Royal College may vote to disregard a disqualification of a person from being a Member of the Royal College.
5. The Royal College may vote to expel a Member, and if the vote is passed, then:
 - a. The Member's seat will become vacant, and;
 - b. Any titles held by the Member will be revoked by the Speaker
 - c. The Member will remain until their seat's vacancy is filled, but;
 - i. They shall not be able to vote in the Royal College
 - ii. They shall not be able to speak in the Royal College
6. Any Member expelled by the Royal College may appeal directly to the Royal College or to the Supreme Court

Schedule 7: Speaker of the Royal College

1. The Speaker of the Royal College is the head of state of Elmwycke.
2. The Speaker of the Royal College holds the title for life or until resignation.
3. If the Speaker of the Royal College's seat becomes vacant, then:
 - a. The longest-serving member of the Royal College becomes Speaker until a new Speaker is elected.
 - b. There will be an election within the Royal College to determine a new Speaker.
 - i. This election will use the Supplementary Vote system.
 - ii. Only Members of the Royal College may stand for return in this election.
 - iii. Only Members of the Royal College may stand as electors in this election.
 - iv. The elected Member's seat shall become vacant.
4. The Speaker of the Royal College must give assent to any legislation.
5. The Speaker of the Royal College chairs College sessions.
6. The Speaker of the Royal College has the ability to vote in order to break a tie, and to speak during College sessions.

Schedule 8: Proceedings

1. The Royal College may solely make, unmake or amend laws with a simple majority vote.
2. Legislation presented to the Royal College must go through three stages.
 - a. The first stage is an initial reading, by the Member who has presented it.
 - b. The second stage is revision, where the legislation is scrutinised by the Royal College
 - c. The third stage is the final vote on legislation.
3. Legislation presented to the Royal College must be entered into the National Library of Elmwycke.

Schedule 9: The Royal Government

1. Departments of Government can be created and removed at the sole discretion of the Speaker of the Royal College.
2. Secretaries of State may be appointed and removed at the sole discretion of the Speaker of the Royal College.
3. Under-Secretaries may be appointed by Secretaries of State.
4. The Royal Government of Elmwycke shall act as a collective authority, and shall have collective responsibility for the Departments of the Royal Government of Elmwycke.

Schedule 10: Miscellaneous

- 1. The National Library of Elmwycke is to be a permanent department, exempt from the singular veto powers of the Speaker of the Royal College, and can only be dissolved by an Act of the Royal College.**
- 2. The National Library of Elmwycke is to be administered by the Speaker of the Royal College.**
- 3. All those speaking in the Royal College of Elmwycke must swear an affirmation of truth.**
- 4. The Royal College of Elmwycke is granted its own flag, which must only be presented alongside, or below, the national flag of Elmwycke.**
- 5. Upon affirmation of this Act, the Constitution of Elmwycke will be considered null and void.**