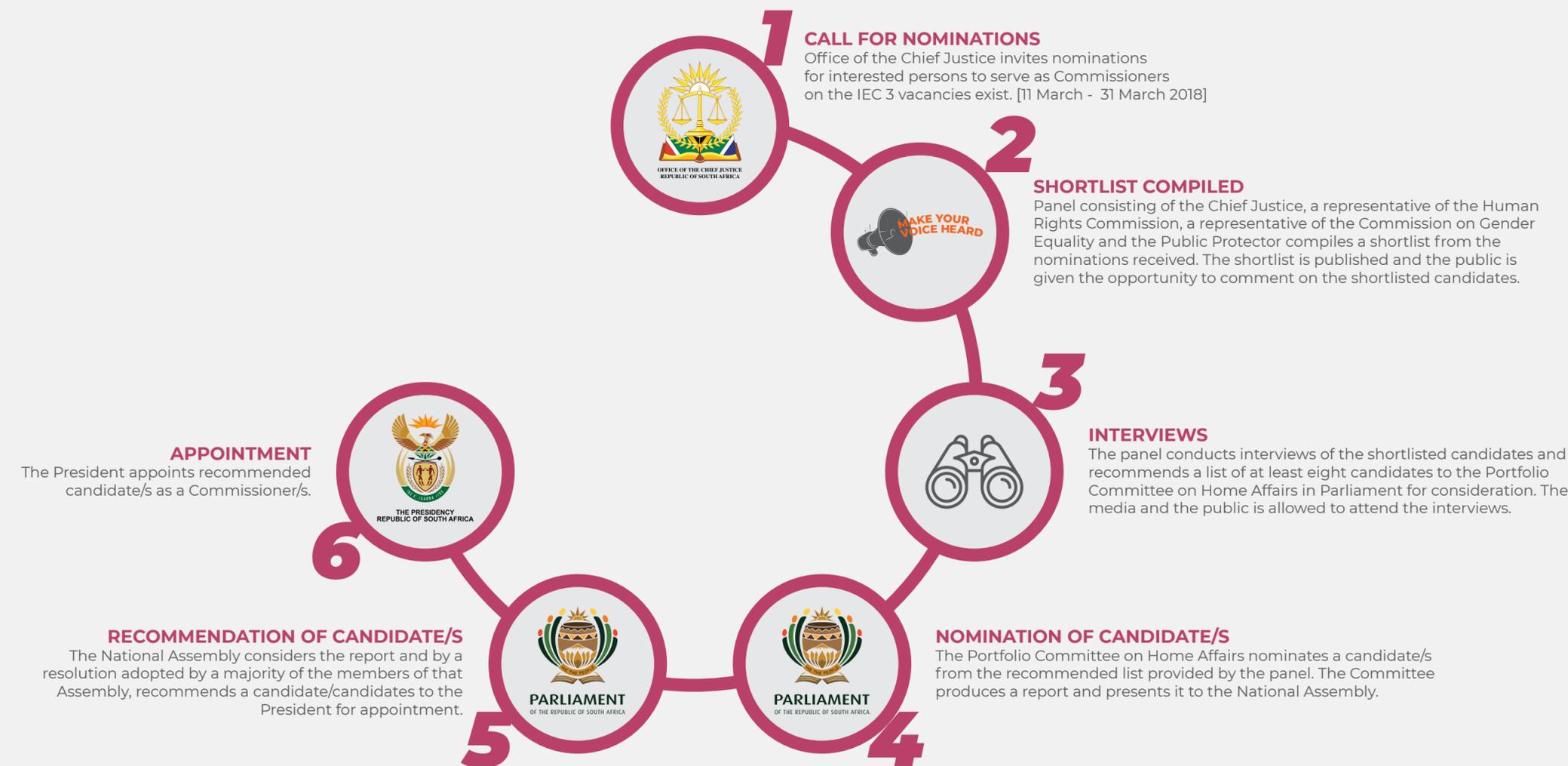
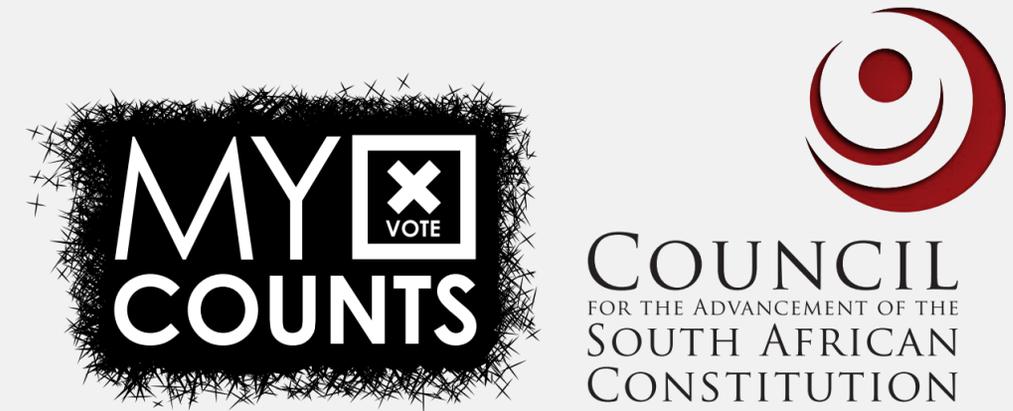


MONITORING THE IEC COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT PROCESS



WHO SITS ON THE INTERVIEW PANEL?

A panel consisting of the Chief Justice, a representative of the Human Rights Commission, a representative of the Commission on Gender Equality and the Public Protector will compile a shortlist of candidates, interview them and provide the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs with a list of at least eight recommended candidates for the position of Commissioner.

WHY IS THIS APPOINTMENT PROCESS IMPORTANT?

The IEC is at the helm of our democracy as it facilitates our participation in the electoral process. The individuals appointed to be Commissioners ought to be impartial and competent. Public trust in the institution needs to be maintained and the calibre of the Commissioners appointed can affect this. We are headed towards the biggest elections in 2019 since the birth of our democracy. The new Commissioners ought to be people who will not buckle under the pressure that these elections will bring nor be swayed by the forces of any political party.