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Boards in readiness for Urbco election

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THE Yau Tsim District Board has decided to elect its member to the Urban Council on March 17, eight days after the council's direct elections.

Board members decided the first round of balloting would start at 11 am and end when a conclusive result was reached.

The decision followed announcements by other urban district boards of similar plans.

All of them have named different dates for electing their Urbco representatives.

The Southern District Board will vote from 2.30 pm on March 16; the Sham Shui Po District Board will vote at 10 am on March 21; and the Eastern District Board will start casting their ballots at 2.30 pm on March 23.

The Government decided in its political review for 1988 that the present arrangement for district board members to sit on Urbco would end this year.

The system will be replaced by indirect elections which will enable each of the 10 urban district boards to elect their members to an Urbco seat.

According to election rules, candidates who opt to run will be required to hand in their nominations at least four working days before voting day.

Meanwhile, the Eastern District Office is organising two election forums to introduce the candidates in its North Point and Shau Kei Wan constituencies.

The forum in Shau Kei Wan, where Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Chiu Kin-man are opponents, will be held on February 21. The one in North Point, where Mr Man Sai-chong and Mr Wong Tak-lun are competing, will be held the next day.

There are nearly 1.6 million voters in 27 constituencies of the Urban and Regional Council elections on March 9.