The lead-up to the General Election

1 Flectoral Boundaries Review Committee is formed

Set up in May 2015; chaired by Tan Kee Yong, Secretary to Prime Minister

2 Committee submits report to the Prime Minister

For the 2006 and 2011 polls, the committee took about four months to issue its report

3 Parliament is dissolved

The Prime Minister can advise the President to dissolve Parliament by Proclamation in the Gazette before the expiry of its term. After Parliament is dissolved, the election must be held within three months. For GE2011, the committee's report was issued on Feb 24 and Parliament was dissolved on April 19

4 President issues Writ of Election

The President, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister, issues the Writ. This will indicate the date and location for the nomination of candidates

5 Nomination Day

Nomination Day must take place between five days and one month after the Writ is issued. All prospective candidates to submit their nomination papers at their respective nomination centres

6 Polling Day Polling Day must be held between 10 and 56 days after the Returning Officer publishes the Notice of Contested Elections after Nomination Day