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According to the authority granted to BoC in article (4) paragraph (Eight) of IHEC law no. (11) for 2007, we decided to issue the following regulation:

**VRU Regulation for the Board of Representatives Elections in 2010  
no. (12) for 2009**

**(Preamble)**

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) was established according to law no. (11) for 2007, to be the only electoral authority in Iraq. IHEC is a professional, independent, neutral commission that enjoys juridical personality, and is subject to the supervision of CoR.

**Section One  
(Terminology)**

The following terms have the following meaning:

1. **Commission:** The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC).
2. **The Board:** Board of Commissioners (BOC).
3. **Voter:** Every eligible Iraqi born on or before 31/12/1992.
4. **Voter Registration (VR):** A list that contains the names of eligible voters to vote in elections and referenda according to the latest update performed by IHEC.
5. **Voter Registration Center (VRC):** A place designated and managed by IHEC, which voters can visit to check that their personal data is correct in VR, and to make amendments (addition, deletion, change and absentee voting for IDPs).
6. **Provisional Voter Register (PVR):** A list that contains the names of eligible voters to vote, before (adding, deleting, correcting, amending and absentee voting for IDPs).
7. **Final Voter Register (FVR):** A list that contains the names of qualified voters to vote after (adding, deleting, correcting, amending and absentee voting for IDPs), and after the period of appeals and challenges.



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8. **Displaying VR:** It enables the voters to check the PVR during a period specified by IHEC, to make sure that their data is correct.
9. **Challenge of VR:** Appeal on the data recorded in PVR, by those who have the right to challenge according to this regulation.
10. **Displaced voter (IDP):** Any Iraqi who has been displaced from his permanent residence to another place in Iraq by force after 09/04/2003, and the displacement was recorded at MoDM.

## Section Two (Eligibility of Voter)

The following conditions should be met by a voter:

1. He should have Iraqi nationality.
2. Fully qualified legally.
3. Born on or before 31/12/1992.
4. Registered in voter register (VR) in one of the Iraqi governorates, according to the regulations and procedures issued by IHEC.

## Section Three (Voter Registration)

1. IHEC prepares PVR based on the database of PDS of the Ration Card, according to the latest update performed by IHEC.
2. VRU will be conducted within a period specified by IHEC, and according to IHEC procedures to enable voters to make sure their data is correct, by using a form for registration (addition, deletion, correction, amendment and absentee voting for IDPs).
3. Every person eligible to participate in elections and referenda, and whose name is not listed in PVR, has the right to ask VRC to list his name in (VR), after presenting the required documents that IHEC deems necessary to prove his eligibility.
4. Relatives of dead voters, whose names are listed in PVR, have the right to delete their names by using registration form after presenting documents that prove their death.



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5. Eligible Voters, whose names are listed in PVR, have the right to change their polling units, according to the procedures issued by IHEC.
6. Polling will be conducted according to FVR. Those who are not listed in FVR, do not have the right to vote in referenda and elections.
7. IHEC will rely only on the data of VR in the polling process.
8. IHEC will open VRC in all Iraqi governorates, and they will perform their tasks in the locations and dates set by IHEC.

**Section Four**  
**(Registering IDPs)**

- 1- IHEC prepares a PVR for IDPs based on the database of MoDM and its counterpart in Kurdistan, which were received before VRU in sufficient time.
- 2- All eligible IDPs, whose names are listed in IDP PVR, must visit VRC in order to fill the update forms.
- 3- All eligible IDPs, whose names are not listed in IDP PVR, must visit VRC in order to fill the update forms after presenting confirmation letter issued by MoDM branches in the governorates or authorized parties in Kurdistan, and after presenting the required documents that IHEC deems necessary.
- 4- IDP data update will take place in all VRC in Iraq, in the locations and dates set by IHEC.
- 5- Polling for IDPs will be conducted according to FVR for IDP. Those who are not registered in FVR, have no right to vote in referenda and elections.
- 6- VRU for IDPs will be in person, or by proxy by any family member, according to the procedures issued by IHEC.
- 7- IHEC will rely only on the data of FVR for IDPs in the IDP polling process.



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**Section Five**  
**(Display of Voter Register)**

1. VR and the updated data will be displayed in VRCs during a period set by IHEC.
2. Voters have the right, during the time set by IHEC, to visit VRCs and confirm that their updated data are listed in VR according to IHEC procedures.
3. Local and international observers, media representatives and PE agents have the right to observe the process of updating and displaying VR.

**Section Six**  
**(VR Challenges)**

1. Every voter has the right to challenge their data, and all voters and PEs have the right to challenge VR regarding changes of data.
2. Every eligible voter has the right to challenge the listing of another voter's name in VR, in writing, if voter complained of is :
  - a. Not Iraqi.
  - b. His date of birth is after 31/12/1992.
  - c. Dead.
3. No challenges will be accepted without evidence. The onus of proof is the responsibility of the challenger.
4. Challenges must be submitted during the display period of the PVR.
5. The decisions of EA on VR can be appealed before BoC, within 3 days from the notification date of the decision. This decision can be appealed before EJP.
6. After issuing final decisions regarding all challenges and appeals on PVR, the register shall become final and the Polling process shall be implemented accordingly.



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**Section Seven**  
**(Validity of the regulation)**

1. IHEC will set a VR for eligible voters outside Iraq as per the procedures set for this purpose
2. IHEC will set VR for military members and Internal Security Force as per the procedures set for this purpose.
3. Any other regulation that contradicts this regulation is inapplicable
4. All provisions of this regulation are to be applied for all elections and referenda conducted at the same time of CoR elections in 2010.

**Section Eight**  
**(Enforcement Date)**

This regulation shall enter into force from the date of ratification by the Board of Commissioners on 22/07/2009.

Board of Commissioners