

Fact Sheet

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION 2010: Ballot Paper

Iraq is divided into several electoral constituencies based on governorates; each governorate represents one electoral constituency. There will be a specific ballot for each of the eighteen governorates and a separate all-governorate ballot for Out of Country voting

- Each voter will receive a ballot paper from the Ballot Issuer.
- The Ballot Issuer will explain the method of voting to the voter.
- Each ballot paper must be pre-folded and stamped with the official IHEC ballot stamp. Unstamped ballots will not be included in the results.
- The Ballot Issuer explains to the voter how to mark the ballot:
 - Place a mark (√) in the box next to the political entity you would like to vote for.
 - If you would like to vote for a candidate, place a mark (√) in the box next to the candidate number in the candidate area on the left hand side of the ballot paper, in addition to the mark for the political entity.
 - **If you place a mark only for a candidate, with no mark for a political entity, your vote is invalid.**
- The Ballot Issuer directs the voter to a vacant voter screen where the voter can mark his/her choice on the ballot paper in secret.
- The poster of political entities and candidate names will be displayed behind the voting screens (for regular voting) or provided in a booklet (for absentee and special voting), so voters are able to check a name or number of a political entity or candidate.
- If the voter spoils a ballot paper, or wants a new ballot paper for any reason, s/he may return to the Ballot Issuer and receive a replacement ballot.
- The ballot must be folded so that no-one can see the voter's choice. Then it will be cast in the ballot box.
- Following IHEC's decision, votes cast for disqualified candidates will not be tabulated at the National Data Entry Centre.

