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The Independent High Electoral Commission

IHEC Regulations 1 - UN Unofficial Translation

(Regulation)
(Update of Voter Registration, and Exhibition and Challenges)
For Kurdistan Region-Iraq
No. 1, year 2009

(Preamble)

The Independent High Electoral Commission in Iraq has been established according to the law no. (11) of the year 2007 to be precisely the only electoral authority in Iraq, the commission is professional, autonomous, neutral and enjoys juridical personality, subjected to the supervision of the CoR.

(1st Section)

(Terms of IHEC)

The following terms represented the meaning in the face of each one of them:

1. "**Commission**": means the Independent High Electoral Commission.
2. "**The Board**": Board of Commissioners (BOC).
3. "**Voter Registration-VR**": (VR) a registration is composed of the names of qualified voters to vote in elections or referendum.
4. **Regional Authority**: IHEC office for electoral administration in Kurdistan Region.
5. "**Voter Registration Center-VRC**": A place which is located and prepared by IHEC where voters could refer to make sure of correctness of their personal data in the voter's registration to make the amendments on (addition, deletion, amendment and Transfer).
6. "**Preliminary Voter Register-PVR**": A list contains names of qualified voters to vote before doing operations of (addition, deletion, amendment and Transfer).
7. "**Final Voter Register- FVR**": A list contains names of qualified voters to vote before doing update operations of (addition, deletion, amendment and transfer) after appeals and challenges period.
8. **Display VR**: Enables citizens to check the PVR during a period specified by IHEC.
9. **Challenge in VR**: Challenge in the data accuracy in PVR by those who have the right to challenge according to this regulation.



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(2nd Section)

(Eligibility of Voter)

The following legal conditions should be provided in the voter to participate in referenda and elections of KR-Iraq:

1. He/She should has Iraqi nationality.
2. Fully qualified.
3. Has completed 18 years of age in the year of elections.
4. Registered in voter's registration (VR) in one of KR governorates-Iraq, and according to the procedures issued by IHEC.

(3rd Section)

(Voter Registration)

1. VR is based on the database of the general distribution system of the Ration Card which will be updated according to IHEC procedures of addition, amendment and transfer.
2. Each person, who is eligible and his name is not in the PVR, has the right to ask VRC to enlist his name in (VR) after showing the required documents to prove his eligibility.
3. Eligible Voters have the right to enlist their names in PVR and update their information: (deletion, amendment and transfer) according to procedures issued by IHEC.
4. IHEC will open VRC in all governorates in KR to begin its tasks in the locations and dates set by IHEC.
5. VRC should be informed with any changes occurred on their data in VRU period.
6. Requests for data to be updated (addition, deletion, amendment and transfer) will not be before or after the period set by IHEC.
7. Those who are not registered in FVR, have no right to vote in referenda and elections.
8. Information in VR is considered correct and will not be amended.
9. The registration will be in person or by proxy according to the procedures set by IHEC.



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10. IHEC will open VRC outside KR to register its citizens according to IHEC procedures.

(4th Section)

(Display of Voter Register)

1. The VR and copies of the updated lists of data shall be displayed in VRCs during a period set and announced by IHEC.
2. Voters have the right, during the time set by IHEC, to visit VRCs and confirm that their updated data are duly listed in the VR.
3. Local and international observers, media personnel and PE agents have the right to observe the process of updating and displaying the VR.

(5th Section)

(Challenging the Voter Register)

1. Every voter has the right, during the display period of VR, to challenge, in writing, the register's accuracy or any other changes therein and submit the related evidences to the VRC manager. The GEO manager must adjudicate all the appeals, except for those related to changing of data, within 3 days after the end of the exhibition and challenges period.
2. Every voter has the right to challenge, in writing, listing another voter's name in VR, if the that voter is :
 - a. Not Iraqi.
 - b. His date of birth is after 31/1/1990.
 - c. Dead.
3. No challenges will be accepted unless accompanied with evidence; the proof is the responsibility of the challenger.
4. The voter has the right to challenge not listing his name or data in the VR, based on the following reasons:
 - a. Name is listed in his family's registration data form, and the family has not changed its data.
 - b. Name is added to the VR during VRU period; in this case the challenger must present the registration receipt.
 - c. Data regarding the transfer, change or amendment is not updated.



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5. Challenges must be submitted during the display period of the PVR.
6. The register shall be deemed final and no challenges shall be accepted, after issuing the final decisions regarding all challenges to the PVR. Thus, the Polling process shall be implemented using the FVR.

(6th Section)
(Validity Date)

Any other regulations that contradict this regulation are inapplicable.

(7th Section)
(Enforcement Date)

This regulation shall enter into force from the date of ratification by the Board of Commissioners in 01/04/2009.