



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق
كۆمیسونی بالای سه ربه خۆی هه ئیژارد نه كان له عێراق

The Independent High Electoral Commission

The Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq has the exclusive responsibility to organize, implement and oversee the voter registration update and all upcoming electoral events and referenda. The Commission is a professional, governmental, independent, neutral and autonomous body, subject to the monitoring of the Council of Representatives.

The IHEC

The IHEC is a governmental and neutral electoral authority appointed in April 2007 to replace the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI), the transitional election body responsible for conducting the 2004 and 2005 Iraq election events.

Functions of the IHEC

The IHEC, under supervision of the Council of Representatives (CoR), is the only body that has the authority to declare, organize, implement and oversee all electoral activities including voter registration, governorate council elections, and referenda. The IHEC consists of the Board of Commission (BoC) and the electoral administration. IHEC is comprised of 19 offices in the Governorates (two in Baghdad), a regional office in Kurdistan and a Head Quarters office in Baghdad.

The IHEC Board of Commission

The BoC includes eight permanent election Commissioners and one Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), who were selected by the CoR. In order to be selected Commissioners must have elections expertise and must be known for their competence, integrity and independence. Two of the Commissioners are women. The IHEC law also mandates that two Commissioners must be lawyers. The CEO heads the IHEC Administration and is a non-voting member of the BoC.

Functions of the IHEC BoC

The IHEC BoC is responsible for deciding on electoral policy, management and operations. The IHEC Board of Commissioners set policy and have the following functions:

- To establish and update a voter registry in collaboration with governorate and regional electoral offices;
- Regulate the registration and certification of political entities for the purpose of contesting elections;

- Regulate and certify candidate lists for elections;
- Accredite election observers and political party agents and media representatives;
- Adjudicate all electoral complaints and appeals;
- Certify tally procedures;
- Declare and certify final results of elections and referenda with the exception of the results of the Council of Representatives elections;
- Set regulations and instructions preserving fair electoral processes;
- Certification of the structure of the electoral administration and the appointment of senior posts;
- Set financial policy of the IHEC.

The IHEC Administration

The IHEC Administration is comprised of the headquarters office located in Baghdad, 19 offices in the governorates (two in Baghdad) and a regional office in Kurdistan. The governorate offices are headed by the Governorate Election Office (GEO) director, which are selected by the CoR and appointed by the IHEC BoC. The GEO offices are responsible for carrying out electoral activities throughout the country, which includes the conduct of voter registration, polling and counting.