



IECI REGULATION 07 / 2004

EXHIBITION AND CHALLENGES PERIOD

Amended 13 January 2005

Preamble

CPA Order number 92 of 31 May 2004 established the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) to be the exclusive electoral authority in Iraq. It is an independent and autonomous, non-partisan, neutral and professional government office, with the authority to promulgate, implement, and enforce regulations, rules and procedures with the full force of law in connection with elections during the Transitional Period.

This regulation elaborates on the legal framework already in place, and is issued by the IECI in consequence of the authorizations given in CPA orders 92, 96 and 97.

Section 1 Terminology

- 1.1. "TAL" means Transitional Administrative Law
- 1.2. "Commission" and "IECI" mean the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, as established by CPA Order number 92
- 1.3. "Governorate elections office" means the main office of the IECI in the governorate.
- 1.4. "Governorate electoral officer" means the head of the governorate elections office.
- 1.5. "Voter registration centre" means the place where people were able to amend their entry or apply for inclusion on the voter register.
- 1.6. "Exhibition of the voter register" means allowing people to examine the voter register to check its accuracy.

- 1.7. “Challenge to the voter register” means that a person challenges the accuracy of an entry on the register.

Section 2 Exhibition of the Voter Register

- 2.1. During a period to be determined by the IECI, the voter register will be exhibited at the voter registration centres throughout Iraq.
- 2.2. During this period, members of the public may go to the voter registration centres to check that they are correctly and appropriately listed on the voter register.

Section 3 Challenges to the Voter Register

- 3.1. Any challenges to the accuracy of the voter register must be submitted during the exhibition and challenges period to the governorate elections officer of the governorate where the voter registration centre is located.
- 3.2. An eligible voter may challenge the inclusion of a name on the voter register on the grounds that the person whose entry is challenged:
 - 3.2.1. is not an Iraqi citizen, not entitled to reclaim Iraqi citizenship, and not eligible for Iraqi citizenship; or
 - 3.2.2. was born after 31 December 1986; or
 - 3.2.3. is dead.
- 3.3. No challenge will be adjudicated without documentary evidence, and the burden of proof for the challenge rests with the challenger.
- 3.4. A member of the public may challenge the absence of her/his own name from the voter register, on the grounds that
 - 3.4.1. her/his name was on the family’s registration information form, and was not deleted by the family; or
 - 3.4.2. her/his name was added to the voter register during the voter registration period.In the latter case, the challenger must be able to produce the registration receipt form.

- 3.5. No new applications for addition to the register will be accepted during the exhibition and challenges period, unless otherwise decided by the Board in the interests of the electoral process.
- 3.6. The governorate electoral officer will rule on all challenges no later than one day after the end of the exhibition and challenges period.
- 3.7. Any appeal to the Board of Commissioners against the decision of the governorate electoral officer will not affect the voter register for the elections scheduled for January 2005.