



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق كۆميسۆنى بالآى سهربه خوى ههلبژاردنه كان له عيراق

The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq

Under the authority of the Law of Administration for the State of Iraq for the Transitional Period and the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq Law and the Political Parties and Entities Law, Orders 92 and 97 dated 31/5 and 5/6 of 2004, the Board issues the following regulation:

IECI REGULATION 14-2005 Registration and Voting Out of Country

Preamble

Order 92 of 31 May, 2004 established the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq 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.

Section 1

Terminology

- 1.1. "Commission" and "IECI" mean the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq.
- 1.2. "Elections Law" means the law passed by the National Assembly September 12th, 2005.
- 1.3. "eligible voter" means the person who meets the citizenship criteria and eligible to vote in any election as it is described by the election law and regulation 1 for the year 2005 issued by IECI.
- 1.4. "Council of Representatives" means the Council of Representatives to be elected under Article 1 of the Election Law.
- 1.5. "voters list" means the list which the name of the eligible voters are listed to vote in the Council of Representatives.
- 1.6. "host government" means the government of a country where registration and voting will be held abroad.
- 1.7. "host country" means any country outside Iraq in which voting is conducted.
- 1.8. "registration and out of country voting" means the process that enables eligible Iraqis who are living abroad to register and vote in the election for the Council of Representatives.
- 1.9. "Ministry" means Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Section 2

Out of Country Voting Offices

- 2.1.** Registration and out of country voting will be conducted by IECI, with support and coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its embassies, according to this regulation and decisions made by the Board of Commissioners.
- 2.2.** The Ministry of External Affairs, in coordination with IECI, shall negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding concerning out of country voting with the host countries.
- 2.3** In each host country, an IECI representative, in coordination with the Iraqi Embassy in that country, will establish an office to conduct registration and voting.
- 2.4** Registration and voting will take place during the same period.
- 2.5** IECI will decide the countries in which registration and voting will be held for eligible Iraqis dependent on the consent of the host country.

Section 3

Registration and Out of Country Voting

- 3.1.** Registration and out of country voting centres will be established in each host country. A main office shall be established in Amman called the "Program Office". Additional division offices may be established in a host country that has a large population of Iraqis.
- 3.2** If possible, the registration and voting centre in a host country will be established in, or near the Iraqi Embassy building, if permitted by law in the host country.
- 3.3** The registration and the polling centres will conduct the registration and voting process, and will not be involved with any other operations outside of this mandate unless determined by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 4

Eligibility to Vote

- 4.1.** The voter must meet the following legal criteria to participate in the Council of Representatives election:
 - 4.1.1.** Be an Iraqi citizen, or eligible to gain an Iraqi citizenship.
 - 4.1.2.** Have reached eighteen years of age in the month the election is conducted.
 - 4.1.3.** Become registered in the voters' list according to the procedures issued by IECI.

Section 5

Registration and Voting

- 5.1.** Eligible voters will be able to register their names in the voters list during the three days and during the hours determined by IECI for voting.
- 5.2.** In order to be registered on the voters list, the voters must present documentation specified by IECI to prove their eligibility.
- 5.3.** A voter is able to vote same day as the voters documents are accepted for registration.
- 5.4** An eligible voter living outside the host countries may travel to a host country to register and vote during the days, and the hours set by IECI.

- 5.5** Information respecting voters in the voters list established by offices established by IECI in the polling centres in the host countries involved in the out of country voting, is the property of IECI and no other person or organization has the right to examine it, unless permitted by IECI.

Section 6 Voting and Counting

- 6.1.** Out of country registration and voting will take place throughout three days, from December 13th through December 15th 2005.
- 6.2.** The voter may register and vote only in one voting centre.
- 6.3.** Voting, counting and collecting results outside Iraq will be conducted according to the procedures established for inside Iraq by IECI regulation number 7-2005.
- 6.4.** Election results will be transferred to a central location in each hosted country, or in another country.
- 6.5.** The votes cast outside of Iraq will not be included in the calculation for governorate seats for the political entities, but it will be added to the votes cast inside Iraq to allocate compensatory and national seats for the Council of Representatives according to Article 19 of the Elections Law, and the regulations issued by IECI.

Section 7 Entry into Force

- 7.1.** This regulation comes into force from the date it is passed by the Board of Commissioners. 20 Nov 2005.

Board of Commissioners