

Article 32 Use of mass media in pre-election campaign publicity

1. Candidates for President of Ukraine are granted the right to use state mass media free of charge, i.e. they shall be provided with equal and commensurable air time at the national level and within a particular election constituency. The specific extent and time of radio and television programs allotted for candidates' pre-election campaign advocacy shall be set at the national level by the Central Election Commission, and in territorial election constituencies by territorial election commissions acting in agreement with the managers of appropriate mass media organizations. Television and radio companies are prohibited from interrupting campaign advocacy programs with advertisements of goods, works, and services.

2. Candidates for President of Ukraine shall have the right to place, free of charge, the text of their pre-election programs which are to be no more than four printed pages long (7800 printed symbols) and having similar printing layout, in "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uriadovyi Kuryer" newspapers. The Central Election Commission shall determine the order of publishing pre-election programs of candidates for the President of Ukraine by drawing lots.

3. The Central Election Commission and territorial election commissions shall, at the expense of election campaign funds allocated for conducting from State Budget of Ukraine, pay for the following on the basis of this Law: time on state radio and television, printing of pre-election posters and publishing of pre-election programs of candidates Ukraine in "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uriadovyi Kuryer" newspapers and in oblast publications.

4. Candidates for President of Ukraine have the right to print their pre-election campaign materials in state as well as in non-state printed periodicals on the terms of equal payment for newspaper space. Candidates may also to conduct their own pre-election campaign publicity on state and non-state television and radio channels on the terms of equal payment for air time. Such publicity shall be funded at the expense of and within the limits of candidates' personal election funds.

5. In the event materials about a candidate is published in mass media which are false, according to a candidate for President of Ukraine, this mass media shall provide the candidate for the President of Ukraine about whom false information was disseminated the same radio or television time or the same printed newspaper space for his or her refutation of the false materials within 7 days but no later than one day prior to the elections.