

Article 142

1. During the period between the 15th day before the election day and the day ending the election campaign the "Polish Television Joint-stock Company" and the "Polish Radio Joint-stock Company", hereinafter called "Polish Television" and "Polish Radio", shall broadcast, without payment, the election programmes prepared by election committees, pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

2. An election committee shall have the right to broadcasting of its election programmes without payment on:

1) nationwide channels — provided that it has registered a national list of candidates for deputies to the Sejm,

2) regional channels — provided that it has registered a constituency list of candidates for deputies to the Sejm in at least one constituency.

3. The total length of time of broadcasts without payment of election programmes shall amount to:

1) on nationwide channels — 15 hours for Polish Television and 30 hours for Polish Radio,

2) on regional channels — 10 hours for Polish Television and 15 hours for Polish Radio.

4. The boards of companies referred to in para. 1, having taken into account the opinion of the appropriate programming council, shall determine:

1) the length of time assigned for broadcast of election programmes without payment on each of the nationwide and regional channels,

2) an outline of time allocations referred to in subpara. 1, during the period between the 15th day before the election day and the day ending the election campaign.

5. Information about the above-mentioned decisions shall be made public in the form of a communiqué publicized in a daily newspaper with nationwide circulation, no later than the 30th day before the day of the election.

Article 143

1. Persons responsible for the management of production of the appropriate nationwide television and radio broadcasts shall determine the allotment of time without payment assigned for the broadcasting of the election programmes of election committees, referred to in [Article 142](#), para. 2 subpara. 1, dividing such time allocated into equal parts amongst the election committees so entitled, on the basis of information supplied by the National Electoral Commission concerning the registered lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm.

2. The sequence of broadcasting of the election programmes for each day shall be determined no later than the 18th day before the election day by persons responsible for management of production of the broadcast, referred to in para. 1, by random selection in the presence of the agents of those election committees so entitled.

Article 144

1. The directors of local branches of Polish Television and the boards of regional radio broadcasting companies shall conduct the allocation of time assigned for broadcasting of the election programmes of election committees without payment, referred to in [Article 142](#), para. 2 subpara. 2, distributing such units of time to those election committees entitled, in proportion to the numbers of constituency lists of

candidates for deputies to the Sejm registered by them, on the basis of information about the registered constituency lists provided by the constituency electoral commissions territorially competent for the area covered by a regional channel.

2. The provisions of [Article 143](#), para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

Article 145

1. Notwithstanding the length of time allotted for the broadcast of the election programmes, without payment, each election committee may broadcast, between the 15th day before the election day and the day ending the election campaign only, paid election programmes by means of public and non-public radio and television broadcasters. The total time of paid programmes cannot exceed 15 per cent of the total time allocated to a particular election committee for its broadcast of election programmes without payment.

2. Broadcasters shall not refuse to broadcast the paid election programmes referred to in para. 1.

3. Rates charged for the broadcast time of the election programmes referred to in para. 1 cannot exceed 50 per cent of the rates charged for commercials and they shall be identical for each user and shall be fixed in accordance with the price list in force on the day of proclamation of elections.

4. The rules concerning advertisement activity in television and radio broadcasts, subject to the provision of para. 5, shall apply to the programmes referred to in para. 1.

5. The time assigned for broadcast of paid election programmes shall not be subject to the time limits for commercials, established by other regulations.

Article 146

An agent of an election committee may appeal to the National Electoral Commission, within 48 hours after their issue, against the decisions referred to in [Article 143](#), para. 1 and [Article 144](#), para. 1. There shall be no legal recourse against the decision of the National Electoral Commission.

Article 147

Election information, communiqués, appeals and slogans announced in the press (in printed form or on television or radio) at the expense of an election committee, political party or other social organization supporting the lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm, and at the expense of candidates themselves, shall include an indication by whom they are paid and shall fulfill the requirements provided for in [Article 137](#), para. 1.

Article 148

Matters related to carrying out of election campaign in television and radio broadcasts, which are not subject to the provisions of this Act, shall be governed by the provisions of the Act of 29 December 1992 on Radio Broadcasting and Television (Journal of Laws of 1993, No. 7, item 34).