

TITLE IV

ELECTION PERIOD

CHAPTER I

WRIT OF ELECTION

- Order instituting election. **128.** The holding of an election is instituted by an order of the Government addressed to the chief electoral officer. The order enjoins him to hold an election on the date fixed therein and indicates each electoral division in which an election must be held.
- Copy to returning officer. The chief electoral officer shall send a copy of the order to the returning officer of each electoral division in which an election must be held, and the returning officer shall comply with it.
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- 1989, c. 1, s. 128.
- Election date. **129.** At a general election, the election date is the same for all the electoral divisions.
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- 1989, c. 1, s. 129.
- By-election. **130.** Where the seat of a Member in the National Assembly becomes vacant, the order instituting the holding of a by-election must be issued not later than six months after it becomes vacant.
- General election. Once the order instituting the holding of a general election is issued, any order instituting the holding of a by-election becomes null.
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- 1989, c. 1, s. 130.
- Polling day. **131.** The polling shall take place on the fifth Monday following the issue of the order instituting the election if the order is issued on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, or on the sixth Monday if the order is issued on another day.
- Holiday. If polling day falls on a holiday, the poll shall be held on the following day.
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- 1989, c. 1, s. 131; 1995, c. 23, s. 13.
- Main office. **132.** As soon as the order has been issued, the returning officer shall immediately establish a main office in an easily accessible place in the electoral division, and communicate the address to the chief electoral officer, to each party authority at the level of the electoral division and to the public.

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Opening hours. The main office shall be open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. It must be accessible to handicapped persons and its material arrangements must be in accordance with the norms prescribed by the chief electoral officer.

1989, c. 1, s. 132; 1995, c. 23, s. 14.

Election calendar. **133.** The chief electoral officer shall publish an election calendar.

1989, c. 1, s. 133.

134. The chief electoral officer shall send to each dwelling, not later than the twenty-second day preceding polling day, a manual informing citizens on the right to vote, the list of electors and revision of the list, the financing of political parties and independent candidates, the control of election expenses, and voting procedures.

1989, c. 1, s. 134; 1995, c. 23, s. 15.

Reminder. **135.** The returning officer shall send to every dwelling in his electoral division, not later than the second day preceding polling day, a reminder informing the electors of the place, date and hours of the polling, the number of their polling station, and the particulars that will be contained in the ballot paper.

1989, c. 1, s. 135.

CHAPTER II

ELECTION OFFICERS

Election officers. **136.** Returning officers and their aides, assistant returning officers and their assistants, polling officers, enumerators, revisors, revising officers and secretaries of a board of revisors are election officers.

Qualification. Election officers are chosen from among the qualified electors.

Oath. Apart from the returning officer, who shall make an oath in accordance with section 509, the election officers shall make the oath provided in Schedule II before the returning officer or the person designated by him.

Directives. Election officers shall comply with the directives of the chief electoral officer.

1989, c. 1, s. 136; 1995, c. 23, s. 16.

Remuneration. **137.** The tariff of remuneration and expenses of election officers shall be fixed by government regulation.

Remuneration. The first ranking representative of a candidate who has recommended the appointment of a deputy returning officer or poll clerk shall receive, when he acts in a polling station, the same remuneration as the poll clerk.