

**REGULATION ON THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN OF CANDIDATES  
FOR THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE TRANSITION, IN  
THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE MEDIA, ATTACHED WITH THE  
DECISION OF THE COMMISSION NO. (52) 2014**

Having noted:

- The temporal Constitutional Declaration enacted on 3 August 2011 and its amendment
- Law No. 8 (2013) on the Establishment of the High National Elections Commission and its regulations.
- Law No. 10 (2014) on the CoR elections in the transitional period and its regulations.
- Decision No. 50 (2014), on approving the candidates' nomination regulation.
- Decision No. (51) 2014, On approving the electoral campaign regulations, for the CoR elections.
- The minutes of the HNEC 7<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2014,

This regulation has been enacted.

**CHAPTER I: DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1**

Unless specified otherwise, the terms mentioned in this regulation have the same meanings as those mentioned in Law No. (10), 2014, on the elections of the CoR, in addition to the following:

1. **Electoral Campaign:** the efforts exerted by candidates to declare their political programs in order to gain voters' confidence and attract their support.
2. **Electoral Campaign period:** the timeline set by the HNEC to start and end the electoral campaign process.
3. **Public media:** any national media, funded by the budget of the Libyan state.
4. **Private media:** any national media, legally established in Libya, funded by private sources, and works in Libya.
5. **Foreign media:** any media, legally established abroad and works outside Libya.
6. **News:** new information or information that deserves to be mentioned about important events.
7. **Survey:** assessment of the public opinion by questioning samples of them.
8. **Voters' opinion polls while leaving the station:** assessing the views of voters by questioning samples of them while leaving the polling station.

### **Article 2**

The High National Elections Commission is the concerned and legally authorized body to oversee the processes of electoral campaign in various media, in accordance to rules and regulations stipulated in the Law No. (10).

### **Article 3**

Conducting Electoral campaign, in the public and the private media, is a legally guaranteed right for all candidates of the CoR elections. Each candidate may use those means, in accordance with the procedures and regulations stipulated in the Law.

## **Chapter II: provisions of the electoral campaign in the public and the private media**

### **Article 4**

In addition to what is mentioned in the article No. (8) of the electoral campaign regulations for candidates of the CoR elections, and while conducting their electoral campaign in the public media, all candidates, and those who develop and produce the electoral materials, must comply with the following provisions:

1. Editors, journalists and reports' writers, are not allowed to participate in electoral campaigns in favor of or against any candidate.
2. Editors, journalists and reports' writers must differentiate clearly between information and personal opinions.
3. Candidates are not allowed to conduct their electoral campaigns through the foreign media, with the exception of their own website on the internet .

## **Chapter III : bulletins and news related to elections**

### **Article 5**

Media coverage, in the public media, is to be conducted neutrally and impartially without any bias against any candidate, and this requires avoiding bias in favor of any party during the implementation of any electoral programs such as newsletters or programs on current affairs or interviews or special electoral releases.

In order to achieve neutrality and impartiality, the coverage for all candidates must be guaranteed, on the basis of equality in the distribution of shares and time periods while conducting the electoral campaigns.

### **Article 6**

All reports, comments and clarifications should be displayed in full honesty and integrity. Editors must ensure that the information quoted from the press releases of candidates is accurate and not distorting the content of the press releases.

### **Article 7**

Editors of TV channels must always refer to the original source of pictures.

### **Article 8**

Editors must ensure that the pictures or personal expressions, in the audio /visual archive, do not distort the original meaning of the relevant documents, and that the source of information is mentioned.

#### **Article 9**

Candidates, approved by the HNEC, will get free airtime periods to present their political programs during broadcasting the electoral programs, in both public TV and radio channels.

#### **Article 10**

Electoral bulletins must be produced and aired during the official electoral campaign periods through private TV and Radio channels with full impartiality and integrity.

#### **Article 11**

The HNEC, with cooperation with the management of the public TV and radio channels, shall determine the length of time allocated for such campaigns, and shall distribute this air time periods to the candidates, and shall arrange the order of their appearance in the media, according to the related regulations.

### **Chapter IV : News in the printed media**

#### **Article 12**

Approved candidates shall get free space, equally, to present their political programs in the public printed media .

#### **Article 13**

The HNEC, with cooperation with the management of the public printed media, shall determine the free space allocated for such campaigns, and shall distribute this space to the candidates according to the related regulations.

### **Chapter V: Paid electoral campaign**

#### **Article 14**

Candidates are allowed to conduct campaigns and buy airtime through the private TV and radio channels, as well as buying space in the printed media. The cost of production and broadcasting shall be considered within the costs of electoral campaign of the candidate.

#### **Article 15**

Concerning the paid electoral campaigns in the private TV and radio channels, or in the private printed media, the candidate's name and contact details, in addition to the paid amount by the candidate must be mentioned clearly. In case the political campaign is conducted through a contribution from another local party, his name and contact details must be mentioned, according to the provisions set forth in this regulation.

### **Chapter VI : Surveys and questionnaires**

#### **Article 16**

Any surveys or studies or opinion polls, or voters' interrogation are prohibited during the (24) twenty-four hours before the polling day, this is also prohibited while voters leave the polling stations.

#### **Article 17**

Any journalist can correct any error that may appear in his/her own materials, if deemed to be necessary; he/she shall be granted the right to reply when deemed to be logical, and published in the available media.

#### **Article 18**

In the case of breaching the provisions of this regulation, it will be considered an electoral crime, punishable by the Law, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter VIII of Law No. (10) for the year 2014, on the elections of the CoR in the transitional period.

Board of Commissioners