

**The Regulation of the Election Commission of Thailand  
on the Election Campaign, Code of Conduct, and Prohibitions  
governing the Election of Members of the House of  
Representatives and Proceedings of Political Parties,  
Candidates, and Eligible Voters B.E. 2550**

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By virtue of Section 236 (1) of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2550; Section 5 and 10 (2), (3), (5) of the Organic Act on the Election Commission B.E. 2550; Section 59 Paragraph two of the Organic Act on the Election of Members of the House of Representatives and Selection of Senators B.E. 2550; Resolution of the Election Commission of Thailand No. 88/2550 dated 24 October B.E. 2550, the Election Commission of Thailand hereby issues the Regulation as follows:

**Clause 1:** This Regulation is called the "Regulation of the Election Commission of Thailand on the Election Campaign, Code of Conduct, and Prohibitions governing the Election of Members of the House of Representatives and Proceedings of Political Parties, Candidates, and Eligible Voters B.E. 2550".

**Clause 2:** This Regulation shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

**Clause 3:** In this Regulation:

"election" means the election of members of the House of Representatives;

"political party" means a political party in accordance with the organic act on political parties B.E. 2550;

"candidate" means a candidate for the election of members of the House of Representatives;

"voter" means a person having the right to vote for the election of members of the House of Representatives;

"benefits calculated in money value" means benefits that can be calculated in money value as prescribed in the organic act on political parties B.E. 2550;

"station" means a station in accordance with the Announcement of the Election Commission of Thailand on Rules and Procedures of the State in Supporting the Election of Members of the House of Representatives B.E. 2550.

## **Chapter 1**

### **Election Campaign**

**Clause 4:** A candidate or political party, as the case may be, shall commit any act for an election campaign by the following means:

(1) circulating documents having a photograph or message relating to a candidate in communities, places, or ceremonies;

(2) using a vehicle but not displaying for more than two campaign posters per each vehicle. The size and number of posters shall be in compliance with the Announcement of the Election Commission of Thailand on Rules and Procedures of the State in Supporting the Election of Members of the House of Representatives B.E. 2550. Making campaign speeches from moving vehicles is prohibited;

(3) using loud speakers;

(4) producing campaign posters having name, photograph and number of a candidate or any photograph relating to a candidate;

(5) providing clothing, objects, or food for campaign workers but shall submit names and number of such workers to the Provincial Election Commission;

(6) using website, letter, publication, and electronic media to voters;

(7) producing documents showing a cross on a ballot paper in order to induce a voter to cast a vote for him or her or other candidate but shall not have the same size, feature, or color as an actual ballot paper.

## **Chapter 2**

### **General Code of Conduct in an Election**

**Clause 5:** A candidate or political party, as the case may be, shall commit any act in an election by the following means:

(1) organizing a training for educating campaign workers on the electoral laws;

(2) avoiding using a profession or career relating to a television or radio program, mass media, advertisement; for instance, an actor or actress, singer, musician, emcee, mass media, and etc. in order to favorable an election campaign of him or her or other candidate or any political party as from the date of enforcement of the Royal Decree calling for the election of members of the House of Representatives to the election day;

(3) campaigning for an election by using proper and polite speeches.

### Chapter 3

#### Prohibitions in an Election

**Clause 6:** No candidate, political party, nor voter, as the case may be, shall commit or ask other person to commit any act to induce a voter to cast a vote for him or her or other candidate or any political party or to abstain from voting for any candidate or political party by the following means:

(1) providing, giving, offering, promising to give or preparing to give properties or any other benefits which can be calculated in money value to any person; for instance, for a birthday party, ordination, shaving off topknot ceremony, wedding ceremony, house warming ceremony, religious ceremony, festival, new year festival or funeral, etc.;

(2) giving, offering or promising to give money, properties or any other benefits whether directly or indirectly to a community, association, foundation, temple, education institution, asylum or any other institution as prescribed by the Election Commission of Thailand; for instance, for donation or contribution, or charity auction, etc.;

(3) campaigning for an election by organizing an entertainment or other fair;

(4) organizing festivity or promising to treat any person or to organize a training, seminar, study trip, etc.;

(5) cheating, compelling, threatening, using influence to slandering or including the misunderstanding in the popular vote of any candidate or political party; for instance, making campaigning speeches with false statement, etc.

**Clause 7:** No candidate, political party, nor voter, as the case may be, shall commit or ask other person to commit any act by the following means:

(1) organizing a tom-tom parade or other kind of procession on the days of application for an election or within the vicinity of an application venue;

(2) circulating documents of election campaign by air-dropping, putting them in public places, or inserting them in other publication, for instance, a newspaper, journal, etc.;

(3) being invited as a guest of a television or radio program as from the date of enforcement of the Royal Decree calling for an election of members of the House of Representatives to the election day except for the case of Clause 20 of the Announcement of the Election Commission of Thailand on Rules and Procedures of the State in Supporting the Election of Members of the House of Representatives B.E. 2550;

**Clause 8:** No voter having a political position, nor a political official having authority of command or control over a government agency, state enterprise, or other state agency having its own station, shall order or commit any act causing such a station to favorable or disfavorable to any candidate or political party.

**Clause 9:** No voter can campaign for an election whether directly or indirectly to favorable any candidate or political party in a program of station except for the case of reporting or analyzing news of a station or any person subject to the merit of profession and impartiality.

**Clause 10:** No candidate, political party, nor voter, excluding the State, shall buy or hire airtime of a station or acquire it for the purpose of an election campaign.

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