

**REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**  
**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

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Zagreb, October 17, 2007

On the basis of Article 48, Point 3 of the Law on the Election of Representatives to the Croatian Parliament ("Narodne novine", No. 69/03 – consolidated wording and 19/07, hereinafter: Law), the State Election Commission of the Republic of Croatia enacts

**MANDATORY INSTRUCTIONS I**

**ON THE ORDER OF ELECTION ACTIONS  
AND THE RUNNING OF TIME LIMITS**

1. The decision on the calling of elections for the representatives to the Croatian Parliament was published on October 17, 2007 ("Narodne novine", Number 106/07).

**The elections shall be held on Sunday, November 25, 2007**

2. The time limits shall start running from

**October 18, 2007 at 00:00 hours**

3. The proposals of the list of candidates, i.e. the proposals of the candidates for the election of representatives and of their deputies must be received by the State Election Commission not later than within 14 days from the day the elections were called, i.e. by

**October 31, 2007 at 24:00 hours**  
(Article 21, Paragraph 1)

4. Within 48 hours after the submission of the lists of the constituencies for the election of representatives to the Croatian Parliament, the State Election Commission shall accept all validly proposed lists for every

constituency and candidates for XII constituency and publish them in all daily newspapers in the Republic of Croatia and on Croatian Radio-Television.

The State Election Commission shall publicly announce a collective list composed of all validly proposed lists or candidates for each constituency, i.e. not later than by

**November 2, 2007 at 24:00 hours**  
(Article 22, Paragraph 1 and 2).

5. Within a period of 48 hours, the State Election Commission shall supply all Croatian diplomatic and consular representative offices with all the accepted lists for every constituency, as well as the collective list of election lists for every constituency and the lists of candidates for XII constituency, for them to be publicly announced, not later than by

**November 2, 2007, at 24:00 hours**  
(Article 22, Paragraph 4)

6. The election campaign shall start on the day the collective lists of constituencies and lists of candidates for XII constituency are announced and shall end 24 hours before the election day, i.e. by

**November 23, 2007 at 24:00 hours**

The election campaign for the voting abroad shall end on

**November 22, 2007, at 24:00 hours**  
(Article 26, Paragraph 1, and Article 68, Paragraph 2)

7. The prohibition of the election campaign (election silence), announcement of estimates of election results, as well as announcement of preliminary unofficial election results, the publication of photographs, statements or interviews of list holders or candidates in the media as well as the citation of their statements or written works shall last

**from November 24, 2007 at 00:00 hours**  
**to November 25, 2007 at 19:00 hours**

The prohibition of election campaign for the voting abroad shall last:

**from November 23, 2007 at 00:00 hours**  
**to November 25, 2007 at 19:00 hours**

(Article 26, Paragraph 2 and Article 68, Paragraph 2).

8. The election commissions of the constituencies on the territory of the Republic of Croatia shall announce polling stations and indicate which voters will vote at which polling stations not later than 10 days before the election day, i.e. by

**November 14, 2007 at 24:00 hours**

The State Election Commission shall announce the polling stations abroad and indicate which voters will vote at which polling stations not later than 10 days before the voting in diplomatic and consular representative offices, i.e. by

**November 13, 2007, at 24:00 hours**  
(Article 58 and Article 68, Paragraph 2).

9. The Minister of Defence shall determine the polling stations for the voting of voters who are serving in the armed forces of the Republic of Croatia.

The Minister of the Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development shall determine the polling stations for the voting of voters who are members of marine and river ships sailing under the Croatian flag and are outside the borders of the Republic of Croatia on the election day.

The Minister of Justice shall determine the polling stations for the voting of voters who are serving prison sentences.

Above mentioned ministers shall determine the polling stations not later then by

**November 14, 2007, at 24:00 hours**  
(Article 59)

10. The election commission of a constituency shall appoint electoral committee not later than five days before the election day, i.e. by

**November 19, 2007, at 24:00 hours**

The State Election Commission shall appoint electoral committees for voting at diplomatic and consular representative offices not later than 5 days before the election day, i.e. by

**November 18, 2007, at 24:00 hours**

(Article 48, Paragraph 1, subparagraph 4, Article 57, Paragraph 5 and Article 68, Paragraph 2)

11. Voting shall last uninterruptedly

**on November 25, 2007, from 7:00 to 19:00 hours.**

In diplomatic and consular representative offices, voting shall last

**on November 24, 2007, from 7:00 to 19:00 hours, and  
on November 25, 2007, from 7:00 to 19:00 hours.**

The polling stations shall be closed at 19:00 hours but the voters who happen to be at the polling stations at that time will be allowed to vote.

(Article 68, Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3).

12. The electoral committee shall deliver the minutes of their work together with other election material to the city election commission or to the municipal election commission, not later than 12 hours after the closing of the polling station, i.e. by

**November 26, 2007, at 7:00 hours.**

The electoral committees in Croatian diplomatic and consular representative offices shall deliver the minutes of their work together with other election material directly to the State Election Commission within a period of 48 hours after the closing of the polling station, i.e. by

**November 27, 2007 at 19:00 hours**  
(Article 75)

13. The city or the municipal election commission shall deliver the minutes of their work together with other election material to the election commission of the constituency not later than 18 hours after the closing of the polling station, i.e. by

**November 26, 2007 at 13:00 hours**  
(Article 76, Paragraph 2).

14. The election commission of a constituency shall sum up the voting results at the polling stations in their territory not later than within 24 hours after the closing of the polling station, i.e. by

**November 26, 2007, at 19:00 hours**

(Article 77, Paragraph 3).

The election commission of a constituency shall deliver the election results of its territory together with the minutes to the State Election Commission within time-limits and according to the procedure stipulated by special decision of the State Election Commission.

15. When the State Election Commission has established the election results for representatives, they shall announce without delay the following:

- the number of voters entered in electoral registers, the number of voters who voted in each constituency, the number of votes obtained by each list in a constituency, and the number of invalid ballot papers.
- the number of seats obtained by each list and the names and surnames of candidates elected representatives,
- the names and surnames of candidates and their deputies who have been elected in XII constituency in which a representative of national minorities are elected.

(Article 79).

### **Calculating the time-limits abroad**

16. The time-limits abroad are calculated according to the local time of the polling place.

### **The protection of electoral right**

17. The Protection of electoral right is provided according to Articles 83-89 of the Law.

18. This Mandatory instructions shall into force on the day of its publication in “Narodne novine”

President

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