



IHEC Regulation No.4

According to the authority which has been given to the Board of commissioners in the article (4), item (8) of the Independent High Electoral Commission's law No. (11), in the year 2007 and the 6th article, point (2) of the amended law of the Kurdistan-Iraq Region's Parliament elections no. (1) Of 1992, we decided issuing the following regulation:-

(Electoral Campaign)

Regulation no. (4)

Of 2009 of Iraqi Kurdistan Region's Parliament Election

(Preamble)

IHEC was established according to law no. (11) Of 2007 to be the only electoral authority in Iraq. It is a professional, governmental, independent, and neutral body with a legal personality belongs to the state and supervised by the Council of Representatives. Kurdistan Region is one of the regional offices that followed to IHEC and subjected to the supervision of council of parliament. It got the authority of making elections and inquiries in the same region with the supervision of IHEC.

Part 1

(Terminology)

The following terms represented the meaning in the face of each one of them:-

1. **"Commission"**:- means The Independent High Electoral Commission.
2. **" The Board"**:- means the Board of Commissioners.
3. **"Electoral Regional Office"** - It is the central IHEC office of the Electoral Administrative in Kurdistan Region.
4. **"Electoral Office of the Governorate"**:-It is the central IHEC office of the Electoral Administrative in the exact governorates.



IHEC Regulation No.4

5. **"The Candidate"** means who had been certified on for Kurdistan-Iraq regional parliament's elections.
6. **"Electoral campaign"**:-is the Media campaign and the legislate persuasion leaded by Political Entity, league, or a candidate to convince the voters giving their votes to them.
7. **"Code of Conduct"**:- Are the special rules of IHEC that are set to those who participated in the electoral process.

Part 2

(Period of the Electoral Campaign)

1. Coalitions, Political Entities, and candidates accredited on by IHEC; got the right to start working on their electoral campaign since the date of certification, then stopped before (48) hours before the start of voting process.
2. Electoral Campaign starts next to the day of announcing candidates' lists that end before forty-eight hours starting with the voting process.

Part 3

(Conditions of Electoral Campaigns)

1. With the coordination with IHEC, The Municipality of Baghdad and those in Governorates will determine the locations in which it is prevented to practice any Electoral propaganda and pasting the Electoral advertisements for the whole period of the determined date of the Elections. It is prevented that any propaganda, programs, or Candidates photographs are published in the Polling Centers.
2. Coalitions, Political Entities, and Candidates must make sure that their Electoral propagandas are set to the conditions which have been established in this regulation and the Code of Conduct (in any location) and which are signed by the chief of the Political Entity; as part of the Accreditation process.
3. It is prohibited to use buildings occupied by the ministries, all state's institutions, their resources and other properties including their security and military centers in the Electoral Propaganda.



IHEC Regulation No.4

4. Personnel of state institutions and the local authorities despite of their variety of their degrees; are not allowed to take advantage of their employing posts to manage the electoral process for their benefit in addition to the benefit of the any candidate or a political entity.
5. It is prohibited that the Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates to issue feud statements against any candidate or a political entity who participated in the Electoral process.
6. It is prohibited that the Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates to issue feud statements against IHEC or issuing false information to affect the electoral process
7. It is prohibited that the Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates who participated in the electoral process to embody his electoral campaign any thoughts which is calling for raising the national, religious, tribal, and regional sectarianism among citizens ; whether by logos, photographs, wall posters, television or radio broadcast or any other mass media or different communications.
8. Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates, are prohibited to present any gift, voluntary, any other benefits intending to affect voting.
9. All Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates must be prevented from practicing violence, hatred, intimidation, or support or use or agitate terrorism within the electoral process by explaining their point of views, writings, speeches, posters, or mass media either audio or visual or by the use of any other means.
10. It is prohibited to spend money on the electoral propaganda that has been taken from the public budget, ministries budget, endowment, or the outside support.
11. The Obligation of not abusing or exposure to any electoral propaganda related to the Political Entities, Coalitions, and Candidates.
12. It is prohibited to use homes of worshipping in the electoral campaign that are related to an entity, coalition, or a candidate. It is allowed to use them only in matters of encouraging voters to participate in voting and to circulate for elections.



IHEC Regulation No.4

13. IHEC got the right to impose sanctions on any PE, Coalition, or a candidate who violates the rules of this regulation or the Code of Conduct that they sign on and taking the legal procedures to ensure applying the sanctions set in the amended law of Kurdistan Iraq Parliament Elections No. (1), of the year 1992.
14. Each accredited Political Entity, Coalition, and Candidate should finance its electoral campaign or its support's arrangements by themselves on the condition that its resources are legal. IHEC will not undertake costs of supporting entities, coalitions, and candidates in their electoral campaign.
15. Special complaints related to the electoral campaign, are submitted to the national office or the regional governorates' office or the regional governorates offices.
16. The candidate is prohibited to circulate work programs by him/herself or others at the day of voting
17. The staff of the regional offices or the members of the local authorities are prohibited to circulate work programs by themselves or by others in the day of voting.
18. It is prohibited to use propagandas, circulating work programs, publications, or cards holding the name of unregistered candidate in the candidates' lists.
19. Any party, group, organization, entity, individual, or any sides are prohibited from practicing any side of violence, pressure, thinking, fear, or to mistrust.

(Part 4)

IHEC got the authority to prosecute penal case if a PE or a coalition has committed any electoral crime that has been mentioned in Article (57) of the amended law of the Iraqi Kurdistan parliament elections no. (1) of the year (1992).



IHEC Regulation No.4

(Part 5)

(Date of enforceability)

This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its ratification by the Board of Commissioners on 14/ 4/ 2009.

Board of Commissioners

