



IHEC Regulation No.1

(Update of Voter Registration , Exhibition and Appeals)

Regulation no. (1) Of Kurdistan regional Parliament's elections in Iraq -2009

(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.

Part One (Terminology)

The terminologies used here indicate the meanings to which they refer:

- 1- **IHEC:** the Independent High Electoral Commission.
- 2- **The Board:** the Board of Commissioners (BoC).
- 3- **Voter Registration:** a list contains the names of all voters eligible to vote in referenda and elections in Kurdistan-Iraq region.
- 4- **Kurdistan Regional Electoral Office (KREO):** the IHEC electoral administration office in Kurdistan Region.
- 5- **Voter Registration Center:** a place to be chosen and ran by the IHEC. By visiting this site, voters can check their personal data in the list and make amendments such as (additions, deletions, corrections and changes).
- 6- **Provisional Voter Registration (PVR):** a list contains the names of eligible voters before making (additions, deletions, corrections and changes).
- 7- **Final Voter Registration (FVR):** a list contains the names of eligible voters to vote after the update process (additions, deletions, corrections and changes) is done and the exhibition and challenges period is over.



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- 8- **Exhibition of voter Registration:** enabling citizens to check the PVL within a period of time set by the IHEC to verify its accuracy.
- 9- **Challenging the voter Registration:** challenge the accuracy of the data written in the PVL by the persons who have the right to challenge in terms of this regulation.

Part Two (Voter Eligibility)

The following legal conditions should be available in the voter to participate in the Kurdistan-Iraq and elections.

In order to participate in, voters must be:

1. Of Iraqi nationality.
2. Legally competent.
3. Completed his/her eighteenth years of age in the year in which elections are organized.
4. Registered in the voter list of one of the Kurdistan-Iraq region governorates according to the regulations and procedures issued by the IHEC.

Part Three (Voter Registration)

1. The voter list prepared by the IHEC depends on based on database of the public distribution system of food ration card, which was updated in 2008 and shall be re-updated in terms of the IHEC procedures through (additions, deletions, corrections and changes).
2. Each voter meets the legal conditions had the right to participate in elections and referenda whose names were not listed in the PVR, had the right to ask the VRC to list their names in the voter list after presenting necessary documents, stipulated by the IHEC, proving their eligibility.
3. Eligible voters are entitled to check their names in the PVR and update their data (deletion, correction and change) according to procedures set by the IHEC.



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4. The IHEC shall open VRC s all over the KR governorates. VRC s shall start work processes in the sites and dates set by the IHEC.
5. Voters should inform the VRC s of any changes in their data during the voter registration update period.
6. Requests for (addition, deletion, correction and changes) services shall not be accepted before or after the period set by the IHEC.
7. Only voters registered in the FVR shall be allowed to cast their votes in elections and referenda.
8. Any information included in the Registration, which was not amended, shall be considered as correct.
9. Registration shall be done in person or by proxy according to procedures to be issued by the IHEC.

Part Four (Display of the Voter List)

1. The voter list and copies of the updated forms shall be displayed within a specific period of time to be announced by the IHEC.
2. Local and international observers, media representatives, and PE agents are entitled to monitor the update and display of the voter list.

Part Five (Challenging the Voter List)

1. During the voter list display period, voters are entitled to challenge, in-writing, the accuracy of the list or any change made to it. The challenge should be supported with certified evidences; it should be submitted to the VRC's manager. The specialized committee which is formed to answer the challenges should adjudicate all challenges except these related to the data of other persons within three days after the display period and the filing of challenges.
2. voters may challenge, in writing, the listing of the name of someone else in the voter list on the basis that the challenged person is:
 - A. Not an Iraqi citizen.
 - B. Born after the Dec 31st 1991.
 - C. A dead person.



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- D. Not living in the place in which he/she is registered.
3. Appeals must be supported with evidences; otherwise they shall be turned down. The side of appeals shall bear the responsibility of the appeal.
4. the voter could appeal if his\her name was not listed in the voter registration or his\her data were listed, on the basis that:
 - A. his\her name was listed in the family registration form and the data were not changed by the family.
 - B. His\her name was added to the voter registration during the voter registration period of 2008. In this case, the challenger must present the registration form (111).
 - C. His\her personal data were not updated through deletion, change or correction.
5. Appeals should be submitted during the display of the PVR.
6. After all challenges and decisions related to the PVR received final adjudications, the voter registration shall be the FVR. The FVR cannot be challenged. Polling shall be organized according to it.

Part Six (Validity of the Regulation)

Any regulation contradicts with this one shall not be followed.

Part Seven (Date of Enforceability)

This regulation shall enter into force as from the date it was approved by the BoC on 1st May 2009.

Board of Commissioners