

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Commissioners in Article 4, Paragraph 8, of the Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) amended Law 11 (2007), and law of Iraqi Council of Representatives Election; we decided to issue the following Regulation

**Voter Registration Update, Exhibition and Challenges
For the Iraq Council of Representatives Election
Regulation no (2) of 2014**

Preamble

The IHEC is established under the amended Law no. 11 of 2007 to be the only executive authority in Iraq that is professional, governmental, independent, neutral and autonomous institution, subject to the supervision of the Council of Representatives

(Article1: (Terms

The Terminology below shows the meanings indicated opposite thereto

- The Commission:** the Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) .1
- (The Board:** Board of Commissioners (BoC) .2
- (Region:** the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR) .3
- KREO:** Kurdistan Regional Electoral Office that belongs to Electoral Administration .4
- GEOs:** the IHEC Offices at the Iraqi Governorates that report to Electoral Administration .5
- Voter Register (VR):** is a record contains the names of eligible voters who cast their votes in the elections .6
- Voter Registration Center (VRC):** A location selected and run by the IHEC to make voters visit them to ensure the correctness of their personal data in the preliminary voter's register and make the amendments on (addition, amendment, correction, deletion, absentee voting for IDPs) .7
- Preliminary Voter List (PVR):** A record contains names and data of eligible voters to vote before making the process of updating: (addition, amendment, correction, deletion, absentee voting for IDPs) .8

- Final Voter Register (FVR):** A record contains names of eligible voters to vote after making the process of updating: (addition, amendment, correction, deletion, absentee voting for IDPs) and used in the polling day .9
- Exhibition of VR:** Enables voters, and PE agents to check the PVR within a period specified by the IHEC to make sure of data's accuracy .10
- Appeal of VR:** Appeals of the data accuracy in the PVR submitted by the voters and PE agents and those who have the right to appeal according to this regulation .11
- Displaced Voter:** is the Iraqi who was been displaced by force to change his/her permanent residence location to another one inside Iraq after 9 April 2013 .12

(Article 2: (Voter Eligibility

- The following legal conditions should be provided in the voter to participate in the elections
- .Holding Iraqi nationality .1
 - .Legally competent .2
 - Completed 18 years of age in the month in which Election is going on .3
 - Registered to cast a ballot according to procedures of the IHEC .4

(Article 3: (Voter Registration Update

- VR, which is prepared by the IHEC basing on the public distribution system (PDS) Database, is used in the provincial council's elections that are not affiliated to Region as well as in the KR Parliamentary Election in 2013. Again, it will be updated in accordance with this regulation and procedures issued by IHEC and by using form that is prepared for this purpose .1
- Each person, who is eligible but his/her name is not listed in the PVR, has the right to request the VRC to include (add) his/her name in the (VR) after showing the required documents to prove his/her eligibility .2
- Eligible Voters listed in the PVR have the right to update their data in order to .3
- Change Polling Center (within same VRC, within same Governorate, and from a Governorate to another one .A
 - .Correct the data if it is mistaken .B

- .Delete deceased people .C
 - .Register as IDP .D
- The VRU Form will be used to achieve one of the above cases. This Form has fields for (change, correction, deletion, .(absentee voting for IDPs
- Eligible IDPs, who their names are included in the PVR, have .4
the right to update their data by using the VRU Form and
marking field of absentee voting for IDPs
- The VRCs will be opened all over Iraq to update the VR and .5
they will launch their tasks in the locations and date set by
the IHEC
- The polling will be conducted according to the FVR; those .6
who are not registered in the FVR have no right to vote in the
Council of Representatives Election 2014 and all registered
voters will receive electronic cards made on the base of their
data recorded in the VR
- Data Update Requests the (addition, deletion, correction, .7
absentee voting for IDPs) will not be accepted before or after
the VRU period set by the IHEC
- The data recorded in the PVR, which hasn't been updated .8
during the VRU process, will be adopted as it is
- The VR Data will be updated personally or by proxy .9
according to the procedures set by the IHEC

Article 4: Exhibition of Voter Register

- The VR and Data Lists of Voters, who updated their data, will .1
be exhibited at the VRCs during a period of time set and
announced by the IHEC
- The voters and PE agents have the right to visit the VRCs in .2
the period specified for the update process in order to make
sure of the correctness of the exhibited data, and submitting
appeals in accordance with the procedures set by the IHEC
in the specified period for this issue
- The local and international observers, media representatives .3
and PE agents have the right to monitor the update process
and displaying of VR

(Article 5: (Appealing VR

- The voters have the right to appeal their data in the VR if it is .1
incorrect; also the voters and PEs have the right to appeal
the VR in regards to other persons' data

- Every voter has the right, during the VR exhibition, to submit a written appeal about the VR accuracy or about any other changes made in the VR according to a form prepared for this purpose. Appeal should be supported with reliable evidences and submitted it to the VRC manager who will send it to the GEO manager who will refer appeals against others' data to Complaints and Consultation Section according to the official rules within maximum 3 days starts from the date of filling out the appeal if it met the official conditions. .2
- Eligible voters and PE agents have the right to appeal in writing, the inclusion of a voter in the VR by using a form : prepared for this purpose if the voter is .3
- .a .Not Iraqi citizen
 - .b .Has not completed 18 years of age
 - .c .Deceased person
- Appeal will not be accepted unless it is supported with the evidence and proof and proving is the responsibility of the applicant. .4
- Appeals will be submitted during the period specified for this process and in accordance with the procedures developed by the IHEC .5
- The KR GEOs Managers' decisions related to the VRU could be appealed before the BoC within three days start form the next day of decision publication in the GEO and VRC. Also, the BoCs' decisions could be appealed before the JPE .6
- ((Judicial Panel for Election
- The VR will become final and polling will be conducted according to it after adjudicating all appeals .7

(Article 6: (Regulation Application

This regulation is applied for the Iraqi Council of Representatives Election in 2014

(Article7: (Validity Date

This regulation is considered valid starts from the date of its .ratification by the Board of Commissioners on 13 October 2013

Board of Commissioners