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The Independent High Electoral Commission

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 governorate council, districts, and areas' elections which accredited by the presidency council, we decided issuing the following regulation:-

(Regulation)  
(Accreditation of Candidates)  
No. 9, year 2008

(Preamble)

The independent High (Supreme) Electoral Commission in Iraq has been established according to the law no (11) of the year 2007 to be precisely the only electoral authority in Iraq, The commission is professional, autonomous, independent, and neutral, subjected to the supervision of the council of representatives.

(1<sup>st</sup> Section)  
(Terms of IHEC)

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

1. "**Commission**":-means The Independent High (Supreme) Electoral Commission.
2. "**Elections Law**":- Is the governorate, districts, and Sub-Districts' elections which are accredited by presidency council at 7/10/2008.
3. "**Political Entity**":- Is an organization including the political party or the person who intended to nominate him/herself individually for elections on condition that they obtain the official certification as a political entity by IHEC.
4. "**Constituency**":- Each specifies area for which a number of seats have been assigned according to the law.
5. "**Candidate**":- Any one whose candidacy for the membership of Governorate, District and Sub-District councils, was accepted officially.
6. "**Eligible Voter**":- Any one who meets the legal conditions for citizenship and eligibility to vote.
7. "**National Office (HQ)**":- Main IHEC Head Office in Baghdad.
8. "**Regional Electoral Office**":- IHEC office of the electoral administrative in Kurdistan region.
9. "**Governorate electoral Office**":- IHEC office of the electoral administrative in a particular governorate.
10. "**Coalitions**":- A combination of two political entities or more to submit a unified list of candidates in specific elections

(2<sup>nd</sup> Section)  
(Application)

- Provisions of this regulation shall be applied to candidates for Elections of the Governorate, District and Sub-Districts Councils according to the elections' law rules.

(3<sup>rd</sup> Section)  
(Candidates and Political Entities)

1. Political entities that are not certified by IHEC shall not be permitted to submit candidate lists for elections.
2. Two or more political entities will be allowed to form coalitions for sharing their interests, submitting a list of their candidates, and organizing a media campaign for their candidates in the coalition.



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3. Political entities and coalitions will be allowed to submit lists of candidates for election in one or more electoral districts, and at the same time, form a coalition with another political entity to submit a list of candidates for other electoral districts.
4. Political entities and coalitions wishing to participate in the elections of one or more electoral districts, should present a list of candidates for elections in each electoral district

**(4<sup>th</sup> Section)**  
**(Lists of Candidates)**

1. Lists of candidates should include the following:
  - a. Order of candidates submitted to IHEC, should be arranged by according to the site hierarchy.
  - b. The number of candidates in the list should not exceed the number of seats allocated for the electoral district, and the women proportion in the list must be guaranteed to be at least 25%, (single entity is excepted)
2. It is not permitted for any entity or coalition to withdraw or change the list of candidates or submit a different list after the end of the period for candidate accreditation specified by IHEC, unless it has requested that in order to make the list meet conditions of this regulation. In this case, the entity should submit an amended list before the end of the period specified by IHEC for candidates' accreditation.
3. Lists should be submitted at GEO, where the candidate wishes to be nominated, for checking and sending them on to HQ.

**(5<sup>th</sup> Section)**  
**(Candidate's Eligibility)**

1. It is conditioned that the candidate should be eligible voter in addition to the following conditions:-
  - a. Fully eligible Iraqi and completed thirty years of age at the time of candidacy.
  - b. Must have a minimum high school certificate or its equivalent according to Iraqi laws.
  - c. Be of good conduct and reputation, and be governed by the felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
  - d. Must be belonging to the electoral area according to the civil status record or residing continuously in it for a period of no less than ten years on the condition that his residence is not for purposes of demographic change.
  - e. Should not be a member of the army or other security agencies at the time of candidacy.
  - f. Must not be covered by the De-Baathification law or any other law which will replace it.
  - g. Should not have illegally accumulated wealth at the expense of the homeland and public funds by a court judgment.
2. IHEC shall forward the candidates' lists to the Supreme National Commission for Accountability and Justice Committee (JAC), to make a final decision within 10 days from the date of receiving the lists, otherwise they are valid.
3. The candidates shall be subject to the approval of IHEC.

**(6<sup>th</sup> Section)**  
**(Certification of candidates' lists)**

1. A period of time is specified by IHEC through which certification requests of coalitions and political entities' lists are received, any certification requests will not be received after or before this period.
2. The request should be written with a prepared form made by IHEC.
3. The information required for all lists will include the following :-
  - a. The name of a political entity, coalition, number of certification, name of his authorized representative, and means of communicating him.



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- b. The name of the electoral district which produced each list to participate in the election by it.
  - c. The Full name, gender, place and date of birth, and place of residence and minority for every candidate on the list, his signature and means of contacting the candidate.
  - d. A pledge by every candidate with a text to be determined by IHEC.
4. Each candidate will lose the eligibility of candidacy if false information provided by him/her, and will be liable for all legal consequences.
  5. If IHEC rejects the list in whole then the coalition and the political entities will be informed to produce another list within three days of the informing date to IHEC.
  6. If IHEC refused any individual candidates' names, the political entity and the coalition should be notified with its refusal decision. The lists of remaining candidates which meet conditions considered valid as a full list of candidates names n a political entity or a coalition, unless they produced an individual amended list within three days.
  7. If number of candidates increased the allowed utmost level of the electoral list in any electoral district, IHEC should inform the political entity of deleting the extra names which exceeded the specified utmost level within three days m otherwise IHEC got the right to delete these names beginning of the last name in the list, and informing the political entity or the coalition in relation, By that the list will be valid.
  8. If one of the candidates names in the list was removed in an electoral district after the end of the nominating period for vanquishing reasons such as death or disability, the rest of the list which meeting the conditions will be valid as a perfect candidate's list for each political entity or coalition in the governorate.
  9. If a candidate enlisted his/her name in more than one list or electoral district, or if the entity participates in that, IHEC should take the necessary procedures against the political entity or the candidate including withdrawing the candidate's name.
  10. It is impossible that any political entity or a coalition withdrew from the elections in any electoral district after the end of the specified period which has been decided for the certification of candidates by IHEC.
  11. IHEC could publish the certified candidates' list in a period no less than 30 days before the polling day.
  12. The political entities and their candidates could appeal IHEC's decision which set the refusal of certifying candidates' lists in front of the Electoral Judicial Body and within three days starting from the next day of publishing.

**(6<sup>th</sup> Section)**

**(Decisions of IHEC)**

- IHEC will specify the techniques of applying its regulations against any political entity or a coalition and it might include considering the candidates not eligible or withdrawing the certification from the coalition or the political entity.

**(4<sup>th</sup> Section)**

**(Date of enforceability)**

This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its ratification by the Board of Commissioners on 8/ 10/ 2008.

Board of Commissioners

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