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**OPERATIONAL CALENDAR FOR THE EARLY ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT**

**Following 9 March 2018 decision by the Court of Appeal**

The Technical Secretariat for Election Administration (STAE) in compliance with the provisions of Article 18 of the Law on the Election of the National Parliament No 6/2006 of 28 December in the fourth and last modified version and taking into account the Decree of the President of the Republic No 07/2018 of 07 February, whch set 12 May 2018 as the date of the election for the National Parliament, now publishes the Operational Calendar fot he election of the National Parliament of the Democrtic Republic of Timor-Leste:

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|   | **EVENT** | **\_****LEGAL BASIS****Law no. 6/2006** | **Date** | **COMMENTS** |
| **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALENDAR** |
| **1**  | Date of effect of the Decree of the President of the Republic: No 07/2018 on setting the date of the election, in accordance with Law No 1/2002 of 7 August on Publication of Acts | Art. 17 no 1 | 20/02/2018 (Tuesday) 90KDWWDKDWKML | 80 days before the election |
| **2** | STAE publishes the calendar of election operations in the Official Gazette | Art. 18 and Law No 1 2002 | No later than 28/02/2018 (Wednesday) | No later than 8 days after the date of effect of the Presidential decree that announces the election |
|  | **CANDIDACIES AND RELEVANT LITIGATION** |
| **3** | Formation of party coalitions | Art. 20 No 1 | 11/03/2018(Sunday) | Not later than 20 days after the date of effect of the presidential decree |
| **4** | STAE publishes a notice in the Official Gazette about the Party Coalitions formed. | Art. 20 No 3 | - | It depends on the date of communication of the formation of coalitions from CNE to STAE |
| **5** | Presentation of the lists of candidates to the Supreme Court of Justice (STJ) / Court of Appeal | Art. 22 | No later than 21/03/2018 (Wednesday) | No later than 30 days after the date of effect of the presidential decree |
| **6** | Verification of the regularity, sufficiency and authenticity of the candidacy processes by the STJ / Court of Appeal | Art. 23 | No later than 31/03/2018 (Saturday) | No later than ten days after the deadline for receipt of candidate lists  |
| **7** | Deadline for appeal to the full bench of the STJ / Court of Appeal on decisions on the admission of candidacies | Art. 24 No 1 | No later than 01/04/2018 (Sunday) | No later than one day after the announcement of the decisions on admission of candidacies |
| **8** | Deadline for the decision on appeals concerning the admission of candidacies  | Art. 24 No 3 | No later than 03/04/2018 (Tuesday) | The appeals are decided by the full bench of the STJ / Court of Appeal no later than two days after the deadline for submission |
| **9** | Lottery for order on the ballot paper of the candidate lists presented + display of the minutes | Art. 25 No 1 | 02/04/2018 (Monday) or 04/04/2018 (Wednesday) | Depending on whether any appeals are filed against decisions on the admission of candidacies. The lottery result is displayed at the entrance to the STJ and sent to CNE and STAE |
|  | **COMPOSITION OF POLLING CENTRES AND POLLING STATIONS** |
| 10 | STAE announces the number and location of polling centres and polling stations | Art. 32 No 4 | No later than 12/04/2018 (Thursday) | No later than 30 days before election day |
| 11 | Placement on the voter card of the identification number of the nearest polling centre to the voter’s residence, where the voter will exercise his or her voting right | - | From 30/04/2018 (Monday) until 10/05/2018 (Thursday) |  - |
|   | **ELECTION CAMPAIGN** |
| **12** | Election campaign period | Art. 28 | From 10/04/2018 (Tuesday) to 09/05/2018 (Wednesday) | Duration 30 days and ends 2 days before election day |
| **ELECTION AND RESULTS TABULATION** |
| **13** | Election day (7am to 3pm) | Art. 33 | 12/05/2018 (Saturday) |  Voting abroad is on local time |
| **14** | Commencement of counting of votes in polling centres and dispatch of ballot boxes for municipal/regional tabulation | Art. 46 | 12/05/2018 (Saturday) | Starts after closing of voting |
| **15** | Municipal/regional tabulation of results and dispatch of the electoral minutes and other elements (null votes, protests and complaints that exist) to CNE | Art. 47  | 12/05/2018 (Saturday) to 14/05/2018 (Monday) | Send to CNE no later than 2 days after election day with a copy to STAE. |
| **16** | Final tabulation of national results (CNE) | Art. 48 | 14/05/2018 (Monday) to 17/05/2018 (Thursday) | 72 hours |
| **17** | CNE compiles the minutes of the provisional national results and displays them at its headquarters | Art. 48 | 17/05/2018 (Thursday) to 20/05/2018 (Sunday) | With a copy to STAE and information agencies |
| **18** | Deadline for filing an appeal against the provisional national results with the Court of Appeal | Art. 49 | No later than 22/05/2018 (Tuesday) | To be filed within 48 hours after the display of the provisional minutes of the results |
| **19** | Court of Appeal determines the appeals that have been filed | Art. 49 | No later than 24/05/2018 (Thursday) | Court decides within 48 hours |
| **20** | The CNE gives the minutes of the results to the Court of Appeal, if there are no appeals | Art.49 | No later than 23/05/2018 (Wednesday) | After expiry of the period for appeals |
| **21** | The Court of Appeal analyzes the documentation sent by the CNE, validates the results and proclaims the results | Art.50 | 26/05/2018 (Saturday) or 27/05/2018 (Sunday) | 72 hours - period, counted from the receipt of the documentation *(NOTE: from Item 19 or 20 above)* |
| **22** | Publication in the Official Gazette of the decision of the Court of Appeal | Art.50 | 28/05/2018 (Monday) | - |

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