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CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1. The main principles and grounds of elections of the President of Ukraine.

1. President of Ukraine shall be elected by citizens of Ukraine based upon universal, equal and direct suffrage by secret voting for a five-year term.
2. The electoral process shall be carried out on the following grounds: multi-party system, free and equal nomination of candidates for President of Ukraine; transparency and openness; freedom of campaigning; equal opportunities for all candidates in the conduct of election campaign; impartiality towards candidates on the part of the state power bodies, bodies of local self-government and their public and authoritative officials.
3. Participation of Ukrainian citizens in elections of the President of Ukraine is voluntary. No individual can be compelled to take part in or to refrain from participating in the elections.

ARTICLE 2. General franchise.

1. Elections of the President of Ukraine shall be universal: citizens of Ukraine who are 18 years of age on election day shall have the right to vote.
2. A citizen of Ukraine, who is thirty five years of age on the day that elections are conducted, who is eligible to vote, has resided in Ukraine for ten years preceding election day, and who speaks the state language, may be elected President of Ukraine.

The same person can be elected President of Ukraine for no more than two consecutive terms of office.

3. Any direct or indirect privileges or restrictions of suffrage of Ukrainian citizens based on race, skin color, political, religious and other convictions, gender, ethnic and social origin, property status, place of residence, and based on lingual and other characters besides ones envisaged in the Constitution of Ukraine and this Law are prohibited.
4. Citizens found incompetent by a court do not have the right to vote.
5. Citizens who stay in penitentiary facilities or have conviction for premeditated crime and this conviction has not been overturned or removed in the order established by Law cannot be nominated as candidates for the president of Ukraine.

ARTICLE 3. Equal franchise.

Elections of the President of Ukraine shall be equal: citizens of Ukraine participate in elections on equal bases, each voter has one vote.

ARTICLE 4. Direct franchise. Secret voting.

1. The President of Ukraine shall be elected directly by the voters.
2. Voting on elections of the President of Ukraine is to be secret: control over "voters' will expression" is prohibited.

ARTICLE 5. The right to nominate candidates for President of Ukraine.

1. The right to nominate candidates for President of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as candidates) belongs to the citizens of Ukraine who have the right to vote. This right shall be exercised by them in order established by this Law directly through political parties and their electoral blocs (hereinafter referred to as parties (blocs)) and through meetings of voters including self nomination.
2. A party (bloc), or meetings of voters may nominate only one nominee for candidate for the President of Ukraine.

ARTICLE 6. Organization and conduct of elections of the President of Ukraine by election commissions.

Elections of the President of Ukraine shall be organized and conducted by election commissions which are to be formed and to operate in the order established by this and other Laws of Ukraine.

ARTICLE 7. Transparency and openness of elections of the President of Ukraine.

1. Preparation and conduct of elections of the President of Ukraine shall be carried out in an open and transparent manner.

2. Decisions of state bodies, bodies of local self-government, election commissions in relation to elections of the President of Ukraine shall be brought to knowledge of the citizens through mass media and in some cases shall be publicized otherwise within a five-day term from the day of their adoption, unless other is envisaged by Law.
3. Election commissions accordingly shall inform citizens of their membership, location and working hours, of the formation of territorial election constituencies and polling stations, and shall ensure opportunities for them to get acquainted with voter lists, biographical data of candidates and with their election programs, with the forms of and procedure for filling out the signature sheets and election ballots, shall notify population of the voting results and results of elections of the President of Ukraine, and shall provide other information in cases provided for by this Law.
4. The mass media shall objectively cover the course of preparation and conduct of elections, their representatives are guaranteed unrestricted access to all election-related sessions and meetings. Election commissions, state power bodies, bodies of local self-government shall provide them with information on the preparation and conduct of the elections.

ARTICLE 8. Legal basis of organization and conduct of elections of the President of Ukraine.

The organization and conduct of the elections of the President of Ukraine is regulated by the Constitution of Ukraine, this Law, by the Law of Ukraine "On the Central Election Commission", and by other Laws of Ukraine.

CHAPTER II. PROCEDURE AND TERMS FOR CALLING AND CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 9. Types of elections and procedure for their calling.

1. Elections of the President of Ukraine may be regular, extraordinary and repeat.
2. Decision on the conduct of elections of the President of Ukraine shall be adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.
3. Elections of the President of Ukraine shall be called on Sunday. Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall announce the day of elections through the mass media.

ARTICLE 10. Terms for calling the elections.

1. Regular elections of the President of Ukraine shall be conducted on the last Sunday of October of the fifth year of authority of the President of Ukraine. Decision to conduct regular elections is to be adopted no later than 180 days prior to the election day.
2. Extraordinary elections of the President of Ukraine shall be conducted in the event of pre-term termination of the authority of the President of Ukraine within ninety days from the day the authority was terminated. Decision to conduct extraordinary elections is to be adopted no later than on the fifth day after the authority of President of Ukraine was terminated.
3. Repeat election of the President of Ukraine shall be called by Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine within a month term from the day a submission of the Central Election Commission was received.

CHAPTER III. ORGANIZATION OF THE ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 11. All-state and territorial Election constituencies.

1. Elections of the President of Ukraine shall be conducted in a unified all-state single-mandate election constituency which includes the entire territory of Ukraine.
2. For the conduct of elections, the territory of unified all-state single-mandate election constituency shall be divided into 225 territorial election constituencies. The number of such constituencies in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, in oblasts, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol shall be determined by Central Election Commission taking into account their administrative-territorial structure and the quantity of population. A territorial election constituency is to include one or several rayons, cities, city rayons or their parts.
3. Decision to create territorial election constituencies shall be adopted by Central Election Commission no later than 160 days prior to the election day upon a submission by Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, by oblast radas, by Kyiv city and Sevastopol city radas respectively. Territorial election constituencies shall be created with approximately equal numbers of voters.
4. The list of election constituencies indicating their numbers, territorial boundaries, and centers of constituencies shall be published by Central Election Commission in the press within a three-day term from the day an

appropriate decision was adopted by Central Election Commission.

ARTICLE 12. Formation of Polling stations.

1. In order to conduct voting and to count votes on the elections of the President of Ukraine, territory of villages, settlements, cities, and city rayons which are part of a territorial election constituency shall be divided into polling stations.
2. Polling stations shall be formed by territorial election commissions upon submissions from village, settlement, city (cities where there are no rayon radas), and city rayon radas, and in case such submissions are unavailable - upon proposals respectively from village, settlement, and city chairmen, from chairmen of city rayon radas or from public officials who exercise their authorities according to the law. The territorial election commission shall establish unified numbering of polling stations, indicate the boundaries of each polling station within the respective territorial election constituency and bring this information to voters' notice.
3. In hospitals, sanatoriums and other places of temporary stay of voters with limited abilities of movement, on ships which are at sea on the election day under the national flag of Ukraine, polling stations shall be formed by the territorial election commissions at places of their location or at place of port where the ship is registered.
4. Military servicemen shall vote at common polling stations located outside the territory of military units. Polling stations on the territory of military units may be formed as an exception upon permission from Central Election Commission in military units which are located outside populated units.
5. Polling stations at Ukrainian representative offices abroad shall be formed, upon submissions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, by Central Election Commission.
6. Polling stations shall be formed with a number of voters from 20 to 3000, and in exceptional cases - with a smaller or greater number of voters.
7. Polling stations shall be formed no later than 60 days prior to the day of elections, and in exceptional cases which are determined by Central Election Commission - no later than five days before election day.

ARTICLE 13. System of election commissions.

Elections of the president of Ukraine shall be organized and conducted by:

- 1) Central Election Commission;
- 2) Territorial election commissions
- 3) Polling station election commissions.

ARTICLE 14. Formation of election commissions.

1. The Central Election Commission shall be formed according to Constitution of Ukraine and the Law of Ukraine "On Central Election Commission".
2. Territorial election commissions shall be formed no later than 70 days prior to the day of conducting elections of the President of Ukraine by the decision of Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, of oblast radas, of Kyiv and Sevastopol city radas respectively, consisting of the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary and members of the commission, upon submissions from the administrative bodies of republican organizations (referring to Autonomous Republic of Crimea), of oblast organizations, and Kyiv city and Sevastopol city organizations of political parties or from central bodies of those parties. The submissions mentioned shall be directed to the respective rada no later than 80 days prior to the day of elections. Unless the submissions from parties are filed within the established term, territorial election commissions shall be formed upon submissions from chairmen of appropriate radas (city chairmen) or from public officials who exercise authorities of rada chairmen (city chairmen) according to the law.
3. Two representatives from parties (blocs) whose candidates were registered shall be obligatorily included (if appropriate submissions are available) into the membership of territorial election commissions. Members of these parties or non-partisan can become the representatives from parties (blocs).
4. The total number of members of a territorial election commission shall be determined by the respective rada taking into account the requirements of paragraph 3 of this Article, but it shall not be less than ten persons. The chairman, deputy chairman, and secretary of a territorial election commission may not be members of the same party (representatives of the same bloc of parties).
5. In the event rada does not form territorial election commissions within the term established by this Law, those commissions shall be formed no later than 65 days prior to the election day by Central Election Commission upon submissions which had been introduced to the consideration of the appropriate rada. Those submissions shall be brought to Central Election Commission by the chairman of the appropriate rada (by city chairman) or by the public official who exercises his/her authority according to the law. In the event such submission was not brought within established term, Central Election Commission shall be obliged to form territorial election

commission proceeding from its own initiative upon Central Election Commission Chairman's submission.

6. Polling station election commissions shall be formed by village, settlement, city (cities where there are no rayon radas), city rayon radas no later than 45 days prior to the election day, consisting of the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary and members of a commission. In exceptional cases to be determined by Central Election Commission, polling station election commissions shall be formed 5 days before the day of elections by executive committees of respective radas. The chairman, deputy chairman, and secretary may not be members of the same party (representatives of the same bloc of parties).
7. The number of members of polling station election commissions shall be determined by the bodies which form them depending on the quantity of proposals filed according to paragraph 8 of this Article, but it cannot be less than 8 persons. Two representatives from each rayon and city branches or party (blocs) of highest level - subjects of electoral process shall be obligatorily included (if appropriate submissions are available) into the memberships of polling station election commissions. Members of these parties or non-partisan can become the representatives from parties (blocs).
At polling stations where the number of voters does not exceed 50 persons, polling station election commissions can be formed consisting of the chairman, secretary and 1 to 3 members of the commission taking into consideration the submission from parties (blocs) whose candidates had been registered.
8. Candidatures to the membership of a polling station election commission shall be submitted for the consideration of rada respectively by village chairman, settlement chairman, city (cities where there are no rayon radas) chairman, by chairman of city rayon rada or by public official who exercises his/her authority according to the law, based on submissions from rayon and city branches of political parties (blocs) legalized under the law, from candidates, as well as bodies of self-organization of the population operating in the appropriate territory.
9. Submissions concerning candidatures to the membership of polling station election commissions shall be directed to an appropriate rada no later than 60 days prior to the election day. Unless the submissions were filed within the established term, the rada shall form commissions upon proposal from village chairman, settlement chairman, city (referring to cities where there are no rayon radas) chairman, from chairman of city rayon rada or from the public official who exercises his/her authority according to the law.
10. In the event the rada does not form polling station election commissions within the term established by this Law, those commissions shall be formed no later than 40 days before the election day by an appropriate territorial election commission upon submissions that had been introduced to the consideration of the respective rada. Those submissions shall be brought to the territorial election commissions respectively by village chairman, settlement chairman, city (cities where there are no rayon radas) chairman, by chairman of city rayon rada.
11. Polling station election commissions in hospitals, sanatoriums and other places of temporary stay of voters with limited abilities of movement, on ships which are at sea on the election day shall be formed in order provided by this Article.
12. Polling station election commissions at the representative offices of Ukraine abroad shall be formed according to their registration with territorial election commissions upon submissions from the heads of representative offices.
13. Territorial and polling station election commissions shall, within a five-day term from the day they were formed, inform the population through the mass media or in other ways about their locations, mailing addresses and working hours.
14. Authority of territorial and polling station election commissions shall begin with the day the decision on their formation was made and shall be terminated in 10 days after Central Election Commission announces information on the results of the elections of the president of Ukraine.

ARTICLE 15. Authority of election commissions.

1. The authority of Central Election Commission in regard to organization of preparation and conduct of elections of the President of Ukraine is determined by the Law of Ukraine "On Central Election Commission", and by this Law.
2. Central Election Commission besides the authority provided by the Law of Ukraine "On Central Election Commission":
 - 1) adopts clarifications regarding the provisions of this Law compulsory for the application by election commissions, carries out organization-methodic provision of their activity;
 - 2) controls the use of funds of State Budget of Ukraine by election commissions engaging employees of bodies of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine and State Tax Administration of Ukraine to conduct the audit;
 - 3) establishes the norms and list of necessary equipment, inventory and services for election commissions and election polling stations, requirements for this equipment and order of its maintenance.

- 4) terminates the flow of funds at the accounts of election commissions in the banking institutions after termination of their authority or in the event of the violation of budget and financial discipline, makes decisions on transfer of remaining funds to the Central Election Commission's account for further redistribution for the needs of election campaign;
- 5) performs registration of authorized persons of the candidates;
- 6) determines under this and other Laws of Ukraine the procedure of using mass media for carrying out campaign publicity;
- 7) provides the production of election posters;
- 8) carries out control over the receipt and use of money of personal election funds of the candidates, engage employees of the bodies of State Tax Administration of Ukraine as well as banking institutions holding appropriate accounts for the conduct of audit;
- 9) provides centralized production of ballots of established type;
- 10) sends to Counting Chamber report on expenditure of funds of State Budget of Ukraine allocated for preparation and conduct of the elections of the President of Ukraine within 3 months from the day of official publication of election results;
- 11) discharges other authority according to this and other laws of Ukraine.

3. A territorial election commission shall:

- 1) perform control over the implementation of legislation on elections of the President of Ukraine on the territory of the respective territorial election constituency;
- 2) create polling stations in cases provided for by this Law, establish unified numbering of polling stations, sets boundaries of each election polling station within the respective territorial election constituency and informs citizens of thereof;
- 3) form polling station election commissions in cases provided for by this Law;
- 4) direct the activity of polling station election commissions;
- 5) decide as a legal person matters of allocating funds among polling station election commissions in the order established by Central Election Commissions, supervise the provision of polling station election commissions with premises, transport, communication means, and within its competence consider and resolve other matters of material and technical provision of elections in the appropriate territory;
- 6) control compilation of voter lists and their presentation for public review;
- 7) jointly with appropriate executive power bodies, with bodies of local self-government organize meetings of candidates with voters;
- 8) ensure supply of election ballots of established type, and production and supply of forms for other documentation under this Law to the polling station election commissions;
- 9) determine results of voting in territorial election constituency, draw up minutes on the voting results and send them to Central Election Commission;
- 10) ensure conduct of repeat voting according to the decision of Central Election Commission to appoint repeat voting in elections of the President of Ukraine, as well as conduct of repeat elections in accordance with this Law;
- 11) within its authority consider appeals, applications and complaints regarding organization and conduct of elections in the respective territory, as well as appeals, applications and complaints regarding decisions and actions or inactivity of polling station election commissions, and adopt decisions on them;
- 12) hear information of polling station election commissions, local bodies of executive power, and bodies of local self-government on issues related to the preparation and conduct of elections of the President of Ukraine;
- 13) perform other authority according to this and other Laws of Ukraine.

4. A polling station election commission shall:

- 1) verify the accuracy of voter list at the polling station;
- 2) ensure opportunities for voters to review the list of voters, consider applications regarding mistakes and inaccuracies in the list of voters, and resolve questions of making corresponding changes in it;
- 3) create conditions for the voters to review data on registered candidates for President of Ukraine, their pre-election programs, as well as decisions and announcements published by Central Election Commissions, by respective territorial election commission, and to review its own decisions and

- announcements;
- 4) in advance hand or send to voters inscribed invitations indicating the date of elections conduct, address of the premises for voting, and voting hours;
 - 5) ensure preparation of premises for voting and manufacturing of ballot boxes;
 - 6) upon a decision of Central Election Commission, introduce changes into election ballot in the cases provided for by this Law;
 - 7) organize voting at the polling station;
 - 8) fulfill counting of votes cast at the polling station, draw up minutes on the voting results, and send them to the appropriate territorial election commission;
 - 9) within its authority consider appeals, applications and complaints regarding issues of preparation of elections and organization of voting at the polling station, and adopt decisions on them;
 - 10) perform other authority in accordance with this and other Laws of Ukraine.

ARTICLE 16. Legal status of persons who are members of election commissions.

1. Legal status of persons who are members of Central Election Commission is determined by the Law of Ukraine "On Central Election Commission" and by this Law.
2. Citizens of Ukraine who have the right to vote and reside or work in the respective territorial election constituency, may be members of territorial and polling station election commissions. For the secretary of an election commission, it is obligatory to speak the state language.
Nominees for candidate and candidates for President of Ukraine, their close relatives (husband, wife, their children, parents, brothers and sisters), persons who are directly subordinated to candidates at work (at service), authorized persons of candidates, people's deputies of Ukraine, as well as citizens having previous conviction for committing a deliberate crime unless that conviction is cancelled or struck off the record in the order established by law, cannot be members of election commissions. The same person may be a member of only one election commission.
3. In the event the person who is a member of an election commission gets registered as a nominee for candidate, as a candidate for President of Ukraine or as an authorized person of candidate, his/her authority in the commission shall be deemed terminated from the day of such registration.
4. A territorial election commission, a polling station election commission may apply to the body which formed it with a substantiated proposal on the grounds provided by paragraph 7 of this Article to replace the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary, or member of the commission if at least two thirds of its membership vote for it at commission's session. The proposal of election commission shall be given consideration followed by adoption of an appropriate decision.
5. In the event of pre-term termination of the authority of the election commission or quantitative reduction of membership of election commission from the quantity established in Article 14 of this Law, respective body shall, not later than on the 7th day approve new membership of election commission or include additional persons to its membership.
6. Upon a decision of the election commission to be approved by a higher level commission, the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary, and individual members of the election commission (by total number not more than 3 persons) or polling station election commission (by total number not more than 2 persons) may be exempted for the period of election campaign from performing production or official duties at the main place of work.
7. Authorities of territorial or polling station election commission or of individuals who are their members may be pre-term terminated by the body which formed the commission only in the cases when the commission or its individual members violate Constitution, this and other Laws of Ukraine. Authorities of persons who are members of the commissions mentioned shall be terminated also due to their personal applications in regard to resigning from the commission, due to termination of Ukrainian citizenship, departure outside the respective election constituency for the period until election campaign is over, due to coming into effect of court's indictment towards the respective person, as well as in the event of death. Authorities of persons who are the members of election commissions shall also be terminated in connection with their nomination for the candidates of people's deputies of Ukraine, candidates of village chairman, settlement chairman, city chairman, candidates of deputies of local radas.

Termination of authority of election commission or individuals who are their members as well as introduction of changes to its membership shall be carried out in order provided by this Law.

ARTICLE 17. Payment for work performed by members of election commissions.

1. Payment for work performed by members of election commission, who are relieved from performing their production or office duties at the main place of work as well as pensioners and persons who temporarily do not

work shall be carried out in accordance with order established by Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

2. Amount of salary for members of election commissions, who were relieved from performing their production or office duties at the main place of work may not be lower than average salary at the main place of work.

ARTICLE 18. Organization of Work of Election Commissions

1. Open sessions are the main form of work of election commissions; they shall be called by the chairman of the commission, and in the event of his/her absence - by the deputy chairman, and in the cases under this Law when there is no deputy chairman in the membership of the commission - by the commission's secretary. Candidates for the position of President of Ukraine, their authorized persons, not more than two official observers from political parties (blocs) whose nominees were registered as candidates for President of Ukraine and official observers from candidates, foreign states and international organizations, representatives of mass media shall have the right to attend with observance of the requirements of this Law sessions of commission. Upon the decision of commission other persons may attend its sessions.
2. If the chairman and deputy chairman of the election commission are absent, if they are unable to call a session of the commission or they refuse to call a session, it can be called on a request from at least one third of the commission membership with obligatory notification of all individuals who are members of the commission about the time and place of holding the session and about agenda points which are proposed for consideration.
3. The first session of an election commission shall be called no later than on the third working day after it was formed, and the following ones - as necessary.
4. A session of an election commission shall be conducted by its chairman or his/her deputy, and in the event they are for any reason unable to carry out this function, the commission shall appoint from its membership a presiding person for a particular session. The minutes of the session shall be signed by the presiding person at session, and by the commission secretary or a commission member who performs duties of the secretary.
5. A session of election commission has legal authority if no less than two thirds of the commission membership attend it. A decision of the commission is to be adopted in a form of resolution through open voting by a majority of votes of the general commission membership. Provided that votes cast during the voting split equally, a decision in favor of which the presiding person at the commission session voted shall be deemed adopted. The decision of the election commission must be motivated and must have references to specific provisions of legislative acts. Individuals who are members of the election commission and who attended its session, and nevertheless disagree with the decision adopted by it, may express in writing a separate opinion which shall be attached to minutes of the commission session.
The decision of the commission shall be signed by the person who presided over its session and the secretary.
6. Commission may adopt a motivated decision to deprive the persons mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article and paragraph 4 of Article 7 of this Law of the right to attend its session if they hinder its conduct.
7. Decisions of the election commissions adopted within their authorities have binding power for participants of electoral process. No entity has the right to interfere with the activities of election commissions except for cases prescribed by law.
8. The chairman, deputy chairman, secretary, or member of the election commission have the right to accept documents, appeals, applications and complaints coming to the commission, and in Central Election Commission - employees of its secretariat have such right as well. All documents, appeals, applications, and complaints shall be registered in the order established by Central Election Commission. Each member of election commission shall have the right to familiarize with all documents, appeals, applications and complaints which are retained in commission.
9. For organizational, legal, and technical provision of performing the functions envisaged by this Law, election commissions may involve appropriate specialists, technical workers while paying for their work within the limits of funds allocated to commission for preparation and conduct of elections.
10. Members of election commissions while performing duties of a commission member are prohibited from campaigning "for" or "against" candidates for President of Ukraine and evaluate activity of political parties or electoral blocs of parties which nominated candidates for the president of Ukraine.
11. State power bodies, bodies of local self-government, their authoritative and public officials, as well as state enterprises, institutions and organizations are obliged to facilitate election commissions in exercising their authorities by them.

ARTICLE 19. Appeal of decisions, actions or inactivity of election commissions.

1. Decisions, actions or inactivity of territorial election commission or polling station election commission, may be appealed, by candidates for President of Ukraine, their authorized persons, authorized representatives of parties (blocs), as well as by voters to a higher level commission or directly to the court at place where the polling station election commission is situated and concerning territorial election commission to Supreme Court

- of Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast court, Kiev city and Sevastopol city courts within seven days after the decision was adopted, action or inactivity took place.
2. Decisions, actions or inactivity of Central Election commission may be appealed to Supreme Court of Ukraine in order established by the Law.
 3. Complaints (appeals) lodged with respective election commission or court shall be considered within three days and in the event of appeal of the decision, action or inactivity of election commission which were filed three or fewer days prior to the day of elections or on the day of the conduct shall be immediately considered.
 4. In cases which require an additional verification complaints are to be considered within 10 days but not later than the day of elections.
 5. Complaints (appeals) lodged with violation terms established by this Law are not subject to consideration (shall be left unconsidered).
 6. Complaints (appeals) regarding the violation of this Law which occurred prior the day of elections but were lodged with the appropriate election commission or court after midnight of a day preceding the day of elections as well as complaints (appeals) regarding the violation of this Law which occurred on the day of elections but were lodged with the appropriate election commission after midnight of the day of elections are not subject to consideration.
 7. During the election campaign, including weekends, the courts shall organize their work in a way so as to ensure timely consideration of complaints from all the subjects of electoral process. Courts shall ensure consideration of complaints (appeals) on the day of elections of the president of Ukraine.

ARTICLE 20. Lists of voters, procedure of their compilation and verification.

1. For the conduct of elections of the President of Ukraine, lists of voters at each polling station (except for ones specified in paragraph 2 of this Article) shall be compiled by executive committees of village radas, settlement radas, city radas (referring to cities where there are no rayon radas), and by city rayon radas, or by the bodies which perform the functions of such executive committees according to law. Military servicemen who are to vote at polling stations located outside the military units shall be included on the lists of voters at the respective polling stations on the basis of data to be submitted by commanders of the military units to the bodies which compile the lists of voters no later than 5 days prior to the day of elections. Military servicemen who are serving their fixed-term military service shall be provided with at least a 4-hour leave on the election day in order to ensure their free will expression.
2. At polling stations created in hospitals, sanatoriums and other places of temporary stay of citizens who have limited abilities of movement, at polling stations on ships which are at sea on the election day, and at polling stations at representative offices of Ukraine abroad, as well as in military units situated outside populated political units, lists of voters shall be compiled according to the same sample by appropriate polling station commissions upon submissions from heads of respective establishments, from captains of ships, and commanders of military units.
3. Lists of voters shall include all citizens of Ukraine who are (will be) 18 years of age on the day of elections, who are eligible to vote, and who at the moment of compilation of voter list reside on the territory of the respective polling station. If information regarding the month and day of birth of a citizen is unavailable, he/she shall be considered to have been born January 1 of the appropriate year.
4. Lists of voters of polling stations formed at the representative offices of Ukraine abroad shall include employees of these representative offices and members of their families as well as other citizens of Ukraine who reside or stay in the territory of respective foreign state.
5. The list of voters shall inscribe surname, first name, patronymic, year of birth of a voter (for individuals who turn or will turn 18 years old in the year of elections conduct - date, month and year of birth), and address (place of residence) of a voter. Names of voters shall be entered in voter lists in an order convenient for the conduct of voting. A citizen can be entered in the list of voters of only one polling station.
6. Lists of voters signed by chairmen of the bodies which compiled them shall be sent to polling station commissions no later than 40 days prior to the day of elections. Public officials who signed lists of voters shall bear responsibility for the accuracy, completeness of lists, and for timely sending of them to the polling station election commissions.
7. The polling station commission shall verify voter lists, afterwards they shall be signed by the chairman and the secretary of the commission and no later than 15 days prior to the day of elections be presented for public review.
8. Voters, who arrived in the territory of the polling station after the end of the verification of the voter lists, shall be included by the polling station commission into the list of voters on the basis of documents which certify their identity and place of residence, and on the basis of a certificate about their non-inclusion on the voter list compiled at previous place of residence. Polling station commission shall notify territorial election commission situated in such voters' previous place of residence about their inclusion on the voter lists.

9. Voters, who left the territory of the polling station after the publicizing of voter lists, shall be excluded by the polling station commission from the voter list on the basis of the appropriate documents.
Such individuals shall be issued a certificate according to the sample to be approved by Central Election Commission, based on which such an individual shall be included on the list of voters of the polling station at the new place of residence. The certificate specified shall be attached to the list of voters.
10. In exceptional cases at polling stations formed in places of voters' temporary stay, the lists of voters can be compiled and presented for public review no later than three days prior to elections.
11. A citizen has the right within 3 days to appeal to the polling station election commission, territorial election commission or directly to a court inaccuracies occurred when compiling the list of voters, i.e. his/her non-inclusion, erroneous inclusion on or exclusion from the list of voters. An appeal by a citizen filed with the polling station or territorial election commission shall be considered by the commission within a three-day term, or if filed on the eve or on the day of elections then - immediately. The polling station election commission is obliged to make necessary corrections in the list of voters, or to give the petitioner a copy of a substantiated decision on dismissal of his/her appeal.

ARTICLE 21. Financial and material-technical provision of elections

1. Expenditures associated with the preparation and conduct of elections of the President of Ukraine, shall be incurred by Central Election Commissions in accordance to Budget which was approved by it within the funds allocated for elections in the State Budget of Ukraine.
2. In the event of untimely allocation of budget funds for financial provisions of the elections, National Bank of Ukraine upon the submission of Central Election Commission shall within 3 days provide it with non-interest loans within the funds from the State Budget of Ukraine allocated for the election conduct, in the volume determined by Central Election Commission. Ministry of Finances of Ukraine is guarantor for loans return.
3. Provided loans are to be returned to the National Bank of Ukraine in order established by Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine at the expense of funds of State Budget of Ukraine not later than 3 months after the receipt.
4. Financial, material and technical provision of elections of the President of Ukraine shall be carried out by Central Election Commission.
5. Along with state financing of elections of the President of Ukraine, a candidate for President of Ukraine may use money from his/her personal election fund set up in the order established by this Law for the purpose of financing pre-election campaign publicity.
6. Citizens of Ukraine, their associations, and legal entities registered in Ukraine, except for enterprises with foreign investments, and except for state bodies, bodies of local self-government, enterprises, institutions, and organizations maintained at the expense of State budget of Ukraine or local self-government budget, can make their contributions in the established order both to Centralized Fund and to personal election funds of candidates for President.

CHAPTER IV. NOMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

ARTICLE 22. Nomination of nominees for candidate for President of Ukraine by political parties and electoral blocs of parties.

1. The right to nominate a candidate standing for elections of President of Ukraine belongs to political parties registered by Ministry of Justice of Ukraine. This right shall be exercised by a political party both directly and through uniting of several parties in an electoral bloc.
2. An electoral bloc can be created by two or more political parties on the basis of decisions of the parties which united in electoral bloc for participating in elections of the President of Ukraine. This decision shall be signed by heads of the parties which united in electoral bloc, and sealed with stamps of those parties.
The agreement on creation of electoral bloc which includes: the order of conduct of inter-party meeting (conference) of the bloc; terms of sending to them the delegates from parties which united in bloc; terms of functioning of administrative bodies of the bloc; obligations regarding financial provision of election campaign of the bloc and other matters which regulate bloc's activity shall be attached to the decision.
3. Nomination of nominees for candidate for President of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as nominees) shall begin 170 days and terminate 140 days prior to the day of elections.
4. A nominee is to be nominated by a party at congress, conference which is the highest statutory body of this party. Procedure for conducting the congress (conference, general assembly) of a party shall be stipulated by its statute.
5. Nomination of a nominee by the electoral bloc shall be carried out on the inter-party congress (conference) whose delegates are elected by members of the parties which united in electoral bloc, according to the

representation quota determined by the agreement on formation of electoral bloc.

6. Member of party as well as non-partisan citizen can be a nominee for candidate for President of Ukraine from party or electoral bloc of parties.
7. Congress (conference, general assembly) is eligible to resolve issues of nominating a nominee if more than 2/3 of elected delegates attend it, but no less than 200 persons. A nominee shall be deemed nominated if more than a half of participants of the congress (conference, general assembly) voted for his candidature.
8. In the event of nomination of a nominee, the party (bloc) shall notify of it the person who is nominated as a nominee for candidate for President of Ukraine, and after receiving his/her consent to stand shall submit an application to Central Election Commission. The application shall include surname, first name, patronymic, date, month and year of birth, citizenship of the nominee, data regarding his/her residence in Ukraine for the last ten years before the election day, and on fluency in the state language, as well as surname, first name, patronymic, address, and telephone number of authorized person of the party (bloc). The application shall be signed by the head of the respective party (by heads of the parties which united in electoral bloc).

The following shall be attached to the application:

- 1) copies of registration certificate (parties which united in electoral bloc) authenticated by Ministry of Justice of Ukraine;
 - 2) agreement on formation of the electoral bloc of parties signed by heads of respective parties and sealed with stamps of those parties;
 - 3) an extract from the minutes (decision) of congress (conference, general assembly) of the party, electoral bloc of parties regarding nomination of the nominee for candidate for President of Ukraine;
 - 4) an application of nominee with his/her consent to stand for elections of the President of Ukraine from given party, electoral bloc of parties.
 - 5) a pre-election program of the nominee;
 - 6) nominee's statement of property and income for the previous year drawn up according to the form established by Finance Ministry of Ukraine;
 - 7) a form of nominee for candidate for President of Ukraine established by Central Election Commission (to be personally filled out by the nominee).
9. Central Election Commission shall issue to the authorized person of party (bloc), who submitted the documents enumerated in paragraph 8 of this Article, a certificate on their acceptance. The certificate must contain a list of the documents accepted, date, month and year, as well as time of their acceptance, and position and name of the person who accepted the documents.

ARTICLE 23. Meetings of voters

1. Meetings of voters shall have the right to nominate, within the terms envisaged in paragraph 3, Article 22 of this Law, nominee for candidate for the President of Ukraine if they are attended by not less than 500 citizens of Ukraine who have the right to vote. Meetings of voters may be held in the place of residence or in enterprises, institutions, organizations. Initiators of conduct of the meetings are obliged to notify executive committee of respective rada about the date and place of conduct of the meeting not later than 3 days before the conduct of the meeting. Executive body of rada may delegate its representative to carry out control over the observance of the requirements of this Law when conducting the meeting.
2. A list of participants shall be compiled at the beginning of the meeting indicating names, surnames, patronymic, date of birth and addresses of the participants. During the meetings minutes which shall indicate data on compilation of list of participants of the meeting and their number, election of meeting's presidium and its membership shall be kept. The list of participants shall be attached to the minutes.
The same person can not be a participant of more than one meeting of voters on nomination of the nominee.
3. Initiative group of voters in membership of 10 - 20 participants of the meeting shall be approved by the decision of meeting of voters which was adopted by the majority of votes. Personal membership of initiative group shall be mentioned in the minutes of the meeting.

ARTICLE 24. Nomination of nominees for candidates for the President of Ukraine by meetings of voters

1. Meetings of voters shall debate one or several candidates for nominees. Each participant of the meeting may motion any candidate for the debates including self-nominee. A nominee shall be deemed nominated if not less than two third of participants of the meeting cast their votes in his/her favor.
2. Initiative group of voters shall submit to Central Election Commission application on registration of nominee and application on registration of initiative group. Application on registration of nominee shall include data on

nominee envisaged in paragraph 8, Article 22 of this Law.

The following shall be attached to the application:

- 1) minutes of meeting of voters pertaining nomination of a nominee;
- 2) list of the participants of the meeting;
- 3) an application of nominee on his/her consent to stand for candidate for the President of Ukraine as well as documents envisaged by sub-paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of paragraph 8, Article 22 of this Law.

Application on registration of initiative group shall include surname, first name, patronymic, address and telephone number of the authorized person of the initiative group.

3. In the event the same person nominated for a nominee by more than one meeting of voters, Central Election Commission shall perform registration on the basis of the documents first to enter the commission. Simultaneously Central Election Commission shall register initiative group of voters mentioned in this document as the one which acquires status of the subject of nomination of given nominee. In this case the other minutes concerning nomination of this nominee shall be considered by the commission and be attached to the decision on registration of respective nominee and titles of all the meetings from which nominee was nominated shall be indicated in the decision. Initiative group of voters mentioned in this minutes can form supporting group of this nominee from their membership.

ARTICLE 25. Registration of a nominee for candidate for President of Ukraine.

1. Registration of nominees for candidate for President of Ukraine shall be performed by Central Election Commission. An individual who meets the requirements of Article 2 of this Law can be registered a nominee.
2. Central Election Commission shall adopt decision on the registration of nominee within a five-day term from the day of submission of the application regarding registration of a nominee and of documents provided for by Articles 22 of this Law, and shall issue to the authorized person of party (bloc), meetings of voters a certificate on nominee's registration and the necessary number of signature sheets of the established form for collection of signatures of voters in support of the nominee within 48 hours after registration. It is prohibited to require other document or data other than ones envisaged in Articles 22 and 24 of this Law for registration of nominee.
3. Nominees shall have equal rights regardless of the subjects of their nomination.
4. Central Election Commission shall refuse applicant to register him/her as nominee for candidate for the President of Ukraine if:
 - 1) documents necessary for registration submitted after expiration of the term established by paragraph 3, Article 22 of this Law;
 - 2) all necessary documents required for registration were not submitted or submitted documents do not meet the requirements of this Law;
 - 3) procedure for nomination of nominee established by this Law, statute of political parties or agreement on formation of electoral bloc was not observed.
5. Refusal to register on the grounds envisaged by sub-paragraphs 2 and 3 of paragraph 5 of this Article does not deprive nominees of their right to re-submit the documents for registration after removal of revealed defects within the terms established for nomination of nominees for candidate for the President of Ukraine.
6. Central Election Commission shall abolish decision on registration of nominees for candidate for the President of Ukraine in the event of receipt materially proved evidence on nominee's conviction or other circumstances that, deprive person the right to be elected as the President of Ukraine according to this Law.

ARTICLE 26. Signature sheet.

The form of signature sheet in support of a nominee for candidate for the President of Ukraine shall be approved by the Central Election Commission no sooner than 170 days prior to the day of elections. Signature sheet must contain the following data on a nominee: surname, first name, patronymic, year of birth, citizenship, party affiliation, education, profession, place of work and residence, by whom he/she was nominated; and must have entries wherein indicated are ordinal number and date of signature of a voter, surname, first name, patronymic of a voter, date, month and year of his/her birth, place of residence, number and series of passport or of another document certifying the identity, and personal signature of a voter. Date and month of birth shall be indicated only for those voters who turn 18 years old in the year of elections. Signature sheet shall also contain data about a person who collects signatures (surname, first name, patronymic, home address, and telephone number if available).

ARTICLE 27. Procedure for Collection of Signatures in Support of Nominees.

1. On instruction of a nominee for candidate for President of Ukraine or of authorized persons of the party (bloc), initiative group of voters which nominated the nominee, citizens of Ukraine eligible to vote can collect signatures in his/her support.
2. A person collecting signatures shall, before starting to collect them, enter into signature sheets data regarding himself/herself as provided for by Article 26 of this Law.
3. Entries of signature sheet which concern a voter shall be filled in by him/her personally, and in cases when he/she unable to do it personally due to his/her health conditions upon voter's request - by the person collecting signatures. Accuracy of the data about a voter entered into signature sheet shall be certified with his/her personal signature.
4. No individual shall have the right to compel a voter to support a nominee, pay in cash, goods or services for signatures as well as to hinder him/her in supporting a nominee.
5. One signature sheet must contain signatures of residents of only one populated unit.
6. Completed signature sheet shall be signed by a person who collected signatures. He/she shall bear personal responsibility for authenticity of data entered into the signature sheet.
7. Central Election Commission shall exercise control over observance of the requirements of this Law when collecting signatures.
8. Completed signature sheets shall be submitted directly to Central Election Commission for registration no later than 110 days prior to the day of elections of the President of Ukraine. Central Election Commission shall issue to authorized persons who submitted signature sheets a reference of the established form.
9. When determining, based on signature sheets, the number of voters who supported a nominee for candidate for President of Ukraine, excluded from counting shall be signatures of voters regarding whom all or some data stipulated by signature sheet are unavailable on the sheet. Excluded from counting shall be signature sheets which include signatures of inhabitants of different populated unit, wherein data about the person who collected signatures is unavailable, or those unsigned by him/her. Signature sheets of an non-established form, forged as well as collected by the means of violence and bribery shall be deemed invalid. Signature sheets may be deemed invalid upon the decision of Central Election Commission.
10. In the event of non-compliance of submitted signature sheets with the requirements of this Law, Central Election Commission shall no later than on the fifth day of their submission inform persons who submitted them about this. Corrected or additional signature sheets shall be submitted to Commission no later than 100 days prior to the day of elections of the President of Ukraine.
11. The Central Election Commission shall make up minutes on the results of collection of signatures in support of every nominee, of which the nominee or authorized person of party (bloc), initiative group of voters shall be informed within three days.
12. Only individuals who are members of Central Election Commission, as well as employees of the secretariat of Commission upon instruction of Commission's leadership, shall have the right to examine signature sheets submitted to Central Election Commission.
13. It is prohibited to organize the collection of signatures in the enterprises, institutions and organizations.

ARTICLE 28. Registration of candidates for President of Ukraine.

1. A nominee may be registered as a candidate for President of Ukraine if his/her candidacy is supported with signatures of at least one million citizens of Ukraine who are eligible to vote, including at least 30 thousand citizens in each of the 2/3 of Ukrainian regions (Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblasts, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol).
2. Registration of a nominee as candidate for President of Ukraine shall be carried out by the Central Election Commission within five days after it made up the minutes on results of collection of voters' signatures in support of the nominee.
3. Decision to register a candidate for President of Ukraine shall be adopted by Central Election Commission upon availability of the documents provided for by Article 22 and 24 of this Law, and the minutes of Central Election Commission on results of collecting voters' signatures in support of the nominee.
Registration of candidates for President of Ukraine must be finished no later than 90 days prior to the day of elections of the President of Ukraine.
4. Central Election Commission shall within two days after the registration issue to candidate for President of Ukraine certificate of established form and to nominees who got refusal to be registered - decision.
5. The Central Election Commission shall, no later than on the fifth day after the ending of registration of all candidates, publish in press and announce in other mass media the list of candidates for President of Ukraine indicating in an alphabetical order surname, first name, patronymic, year of birth, party affiliation, education, position (occupation), place of work and residence of each candidate, and entity which nominated the

candidate.

6. A decision of Central Election Commission to register a candidate or to refuse registration can be appealed by the nominees in respect of which such decision was made or authorized persons of parties (blocs) and initiative group of voters which nominated these nominees to Supreme Court of Ukraine within five days from the moment it was adopted. Supreme Court shall consider an appeal within a seven-day term. Decision of Supreme Court of Ukraine is final and to be executed immediately.

ARTICLE 29. Income statement of candidate for President of Ukraine.

1. The statement of property and income for the previous year of a candidate for President of Ukraine for the previous year shall be completed personally by the nominee according to the form established by the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine. The nominee is responsible for the authenticity of information given in the statement.
2. Authenticity of data submitted in declaration shall be verified by the State Tax Administration of Ukraine upon instruction of Central Election Commission. Finding of deliberately falsified information or any other grave violations of legislation in it shall be the grounds to refuse registration of the nominee as candidate for President of Ukraine. In case such facts are discovered after registration of candidate for President of Ukraine, Central Election Commission shall address the Supreme Court of Ukraine applying to invalidate the registration of the appropriate individual as candidate for President of Ukraine within 5 days. In the event the court rules to cancel registration of the respective person as candidate, given the allegations specified in the application, the court is obliged to initiate a criminal proceeding on this matter.
3. Central Election Commission within 3 days after their receipt shall publish in the newspapers "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uryadovi Kuryer" income statements of all candidates for President of Ukraine.

ARTICLE 30. Resignation of a candidate for President of Ukraine from the ballot.

1. A candidate for President of Ukraine may not later than 3 days prior to the election day, withdraw his/her candidacy by submitting an appropriate written application to Central Election Commission. In this case his/her candidacy, upon the Commission's decision, shall be excluded from the list of candidates, and he/she resigns from balloting in elections of the President of Ukraine.
2. In case of candidate's death, Central Election Commission shall announce him/her to have resigned from the balloting in elections, and his/her candidacy is to be excluded from the list of candidates.
3. The Central Election Commission shall convey information on resignation of a candidate for the President of Ukraine from balloting to election commissions, and this decision shall be publicized in mass media within 5 days after the appropriate decision was made, but no later than one day before the elections day.

CHAPTER V. PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY

ARTICLE 31. Carrying out of pre-election campaign publicity by candidates for President of Ukraine.

1. Pre-election campaign publicity shall begin after Central Election Commission registers a nominee for candidate for President of Ukraine, and terminate one day before the election day. Pre-election campaign publicity can be carried out in any ways and by any means which do not conflict with the Constitution and Laws of Ukraine.
2. Citizens of Ukraine, political parties, other associations of citizens, collectives of enterprises, institutions and organizations have the right to discuss freely and comprehensively pre-election programs of candidates for President of Ukraine, their political, business, and personal qualities, to carry out campaign publicity "for" or "against" candidates for President at meetings, gatherings, discussions, in the press, on radio and television.
3. Candidates for President of Ukraine shall hold meetings with voters both at gatherings and in any other form convenient for voters. Territorial election commissions shall participate in organization of meetings of candidates with voters. State executive bodies and bodies of local self-government, shall facilitate organization such meetings upon the request of candidates or election commissions.
4. For the conduct of mass events for pre-election advocacy, executive power bodies, bodies of local self-government, enterprises, institutions, and organizations of state and communal ownership forms as well as mixed form of ownership where state share exceeds 25% shall free of charge provide premises appropriate for that purpose at time determined by election commission. With that, territorial election commissions are required to ensure equal opportunities for all candidates for President of Ukraine.
5. Central Election Commission shall no later than 50 days prior to the elections day ensure the production of campaign posters of candidates for President of Ukraine at the expense of funds allotted from State Budget of Ukraine for the conduct of election campaign. Format, size and printing layout of campaign posters, and number of copies under the requirements of paragraph 7 of this Article shall be established by Central Election

Commission, and must be equal for all candidates.

6. To ensure the timely manufacture of pre-election campaign posters, pre-election program (theses of pre-election program) and autobiography running up to 4 pages of printed one-and-a-half-spaced text (7800 printed symbols), and two photos of the format established by Central Election Commission are to be submitted, no later than within a week after the nominee for candidate was registered, to the Central Election Commission by him/her personally or by his/her authorized person.
7. Manufactured campaign posters, at the rate of 10 copies of each poster per election commission, shall be directly handed in the order established by Central Election Commission to the candidates for President of Ukraine, or to their authorized persons, or to territorial election commissions upon their consent.
8. Each candidate can at his/her discretion ensure production of other campaign advocacy materials at the expense and within the limits of his/her personal election fund. Information provided in the above-referenced materials must conform with the requirements of law. Three copies of printed materials produced at the expense of candidate's personal election fund must be submitted by the candidate or his/her authorized persons within three days after they were produced to Central Election Commission, and to territorial election commissions embracing the areas of dissemination of those materials.
9. All printed materials of campaign advocacy must contain information on organization, institution and individuals responsible for their issue, initial data of institution which accomplished the printing, and information about total number of copies of the respective printed material.
10. Bodies of local self-government allocate places and set up stands, boards in public places for placement of campaign advocacy materials, ensure the availability of campaign advocacy materials on them, which are manufactured by respective election commissions, as well as of announcements published by them pertaining to the campaigning and candidates, as envisioned by this Law. Placement of such materials on buildings which are architectural monuments, as well as in spots where they hamper traffic safety is prohibited.

ARTICLE 32. Use of mass media in pre-election campaign publicity.

1. Candidates for President of Ukraine are granted the right to use state mass media free of charge, i.e. they shall be provided with equal and commensurable air time at the national level and within a particular election constituency.
Specific extent and time of radio and television programs allotted for the pre-election campaign advocacy of candidates shall be set at the national level by Central Election Commission, and in territorial election constituencies - by territorial election commissions acting in agreement with the managers of appropriate mass media. Television and radio companies are prohibited from interrupting campaign advocacy programs, e.g. with advertisements of goods, works, and services.
2. Candidates for President of Ukraine shall have the right to place, free of charge, the text of their pre-election programs no more than four printed pages long (7800 printed symbols) and having similar printing layout, in "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uriadovyi Kuryer" newspapers.
Central Election Commission shall determine the order of publishing pre-election programs of candidates for the President of Ukraine by means of drawing lots.
3. Central Election Commission and territorial election commissions shall, at the expense of funds allocated for conducting election campaign from State Budget of Ukraine, pay for the following on the basis of this Law: time on state radio and television, printing of pre-election posters and publishing of pre-election programs of candidates Ukraine in "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uriadovyi Kuryer" newspapers and in oblast publications.
4. Candidates for the President of Ukraine have the right at the expense of and within the limits of their personal election funds to print additionally their pre-election campaign materials in state as well as in non-state printed periodicals on the terms of equal payment for newspaper line as well to conduct his/ her own pre-election campaign publicity in the state and non-state television and radio channels on the terms of equal payment for air time unit.
5. In the event of publicizing in mass media materials about him which are false from the point of view of the candidate for the President of Ukraine, this mass media shall provide the candidate for the President of Ukraine about whom false information was disseminated the same time in radio or television or the same printed newspaper space for refutation of false materials within 7 days but not later than one day prior to the elections.

ARTICLE 33. Restrictions in carrying out of pre-election campaign publicity.

1. It is prohibited to participate in pre-election publicity for:
 - bodies of state power including judicial bodies and bodies of prosecutor and bodies of local self government, their authoritative and public officials;
 - members of election commissions;

- persons, non-citizens of Ukraine.
2. State television and radio companies, printed mass media with state share, with share of bodies of the local self-government, their public officials, creative workers of mass media are prohibited from supporting or giving preferences in any form to particular candidates for the President of Ukraine, their pre-election programs in their reports, materials, and programs during the period of election campaign.
 3. The conduct of pre-election campaign publicity, followed by providing of voters with goods, services, securities, money, loans, lotteries and other material values free-of-charge or under privileged conditions, is prohibited.
 4. Central Election Commission shall provide through state mass media explanations concerning prohibition on provision of goods, securities, loans, lotteries, money and services which is done free of charge or under privileged conditions. Text of explanation shall be approved by Central Election Commission and shall be published in each issue of "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uriadovyi Kuryer" newspapers on the front page beginning with 30 days prior to the day of elections. Text of explanation shall be aired twice a day by television and radio companies page beginning with 30 days prior to the day of elections.
 5. Campaign publicity television and radio programs shall not coincide with the time of similar programs on all state channels.
 6. Introduction of advocacy materials of the candidates for the President of Ukraine or political advertisement into information television and radio programs shall be inadmissible.
 7. It is prohibited to interrupt campaign advocacy programs of the candidates for the President of Ukraine with commercials of goods and services and with other messages.
 8. Campaign publicity in non-state mass media is limited only by the size of candidate's personal election fund, under the terms of equal payment for air time or printed space for all candidates for President of Ukraine.
 9. Publicizing of information on sociological survey results and public opinion polls regarding candidates for the President of Ukraine, in state or non-state mass media operating in the territory of Ukraine shall be prohibited 15 days before the election day.
 10. The conduct of pre-election advocacy in foreign mass media operating in the territory of Ukraine is prohibited.
 11. Candidates for the President of Ukraine who hold positions, including those on the basis of compatibility, in the state bodies, bodies of local self-government, in state enterprises, institutions, organizations, in military formations formed pursuant to the Laws of Ukraine, are prohibited from involving or using, for any work related to the conduct of their campaigns, persons subordinated to them (during working hours), service transport, communication means, equipment, premises, and other objects and resources at the place of their work.
 12. The distribution of anonymous campaign advocacy materials which discredit candidates for the President of Ukraine is prohibited.
 13. Dissemination of materials in any form calling for the violent overthrow of the constitutional order, breach of territorial integrity, for national, racial, and religious intolerance is prohibited.
 14. The use of printed advocacy materials that do not contain initial data of institution which printed those materials as well as indication of total number of copies when conduction pre-election advocacy shall be prohibited.
 15. Advocacy in any form on the day preceding the day of elections and on the day of elections is forbidden.
 16. Hindering the realization of the right to conduct of pre-election advocacy as well as abuse of the right to conduct such pre-election advocacy entails responsibility provided by the laws of Ukraine.
 17. In the event election commissions receive appeals and complaints concerning the violations mentioned in paragraphs 3,10, 12-16 of this Article, election commissions shall immediately send appeals and complaints to the bodies of interior affairs to conduct verification and respond in accordance with the current legislation of Ukraine.

ARTICLE 34. Financing of pre-election campaign

1. Financing of pre-election campaign shall be carried out at the expense of State Budget of Ukraine, costs of personal election funds of candidates for the President of Ukraine.
2. The use of other funds for the conduct of pre-election advocacy is prohibited.

ARTICLE 35. Personal election fund of a candidate for President of Ukraine.

1. Each candidate for President of Ukraine may have a personal election fund.
Personal election fund shall be formed at the expense of personal funds of a candidate, funds of political parties, contributions of Ukrainian citizens, legal entities registered in Ukraine with the exception of state enterprises, state bodies, institutions and organizations, bodies of local self-government, as well as foreigners and persons without citizenship, foreign legal entities, and enterprises with foreign investments, charity organizations and religious associations, enterprises, organizations and institutions which are indebted to the

budgets of all levels.

2. Any terms, understanding and agreements between a contributor and a candidate, a party (bloc) in regard to money to be transferred to the candidate's personal fund, are void.
3. Procedure of opening and closure of the bank accounts, receipt and use of costs of personal election funds and procedure of conduct of control shall be established by Central Election Commission together with National Bank of Ukraine and State Tax Administration of Ukraine according to the laws of Ukraine.
4. The size of personal election fund of a candidate cannot exceed 100 000 untaxed minimums of citizens' income, and donations from one legal entity or individual cannot exceed 100 untaxed minimums of citizens' income.
5. Following a written request from the candidate for President of Ukraine, the Savings Bank of Ukraine in the area of location of Central Election Commission is required to open an account in his/her name under the heading "Election fund".
6. Control over the receipt and usage of funds from personal election fund of a candidate shall be exercised by Central Election Commission and State Tax Administration of Ukraine. Upon candidate's address, the bank is to give him/her full information on the size and sources of contributions to his/her personal election fund.
7. Information on size and sources of contributions to the fund, financial statements on use of these funds shall be published by Central Election Commission in "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uriadovyi Kuryer" newspapers no later than within seven days after the day of elections.
8. Use of any funds by the candidates, other than those ones envisaged in this Law for the needs of election campaign is forbidden.
9. Participation of citizens in the pre-election campaign by means of individual work, i.e. using one's own means on a voluntary basis in the time free from work or service, shall not be considered as paid employment.
10. If contributions are made to the candidate's personal election fund by an individual or legal entity who under this Law has no right to make such contributions, or if they were made by an anonymous or false contributor, or by one whose address is missing or one that makes it impossible to find contributor at this address, these funds shall be transferred to the State Budget of Ukraine.
11. Money (or its portion) which was contributed to the candidate's personal fund in excess of the maximal allowable amount of funds established by this Law, shall be returned to the contributor at the latter's expense.
12. A candidate shall have the right to refuse to accept the money received from a contributor, of which he/she shall file a statement with the institution where the account of his/her personal election fund was opened. This money shall be returned by the mentioned institution to the contributor at the latter's expense and shall not be taken into account while calculating the maximal permissible size of the candidate's personal election fund.
13. Money remaining in the candidate's personal fund after election of the President of Ukraine, shall be undisputedly transferred by the Savings Bank institution to the State Budget of Ukraine within 3 days after the publication of election results by Central Election Commission. In the event a candidate resigns or is removed from the ballot in established order, the remaining money on the account of his/her personal election fund shall be transferred to State Budget of Ukraine upon the decision of Central Election Commission.
14. Candidate for the President of Ukraine determines superintendent of personal election fund from the number of authorized persons.
15. On the second day after the election day banking institution where accounts of personal election funds of candidates are open shall inform Central Election Commission about size and sources of contributions to these funds and submit financial statements on their use.
16. Moneys of personal election funds shall be exclusively use for the needs of pre-election advocacy. Payment for work and services from personal election funds of candidates for the president of Ukraine may be carried out only non-cash manner.
17. Use of moneys from personal election funds of candidates for the President of Ukraine shall be terminated on the day prior to the election day.
18. Form of financial statement and count procedure of receipt and use of personal election funds shall be established by Central Election Commission.

CHAPTER VI. GUARANTEES FOR THE ACTIVITY OF CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS OF ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 36. Rights of the candidate for President of Ukraine in the conduct of the election campaign.

1. Candidates for President of Ukraine shall, from the time of their registration by the Central Election Commission, take part in the election campaign on equal grounds. Candidates shall have equal right to use state mass media on the territory of Ukraine.

2. Candidates for the President of Ukraine shall have the right to delegate one representative to Central Election Commission with the right of deliberative vote.
3. In Central Election Commission representative of candidate for the President of Ukraine shall have the right:
 - 1) to attend all sessions in Central Election Commission during consideration of any issues pertaining elections of the President of Ukraine;
 - 2) provide information and submit proposals on issues being considered at the sessions of commission;
 - 3) familiarize with the content of the minutes of the commission's sessions and decisions adopted by it, receive copy of these decisions;
 - 4) immediately obtain copy of minutes (fax messages) and telephoned telegrams arriving to Central Election Commission from territorial election commission on determining voter results in respective territorial units;
 - 5) to be in Central Election Commission premise during conduct of voting and determination of election results;
 - 6) exercise other rights envisaged in this Law.
4. All candidates are provided with equal opportunities in regard to the use of state mass media in the territory of Ukraine, financial, material and technical provision of their participation in election campaign.
5. Candidates shall have the right to be exempted from production or office duties for the time of conduct of the election campaign.
6. Candidates shall have the right to free transportation within the territory of Ukraine on all kinds of passenger transport (except taxi).
7. Candidates cannot be discharged from their work at the time of the election campaign or transferred to other work or position without their consent as well as to be called up military training or exercises.
8. During election campaign State shall provide candidate with protection in accordance with Law of Ukraine "On state protection of bodies of state power and public officials".

ARTICLE 37. Authorized persons of the candidate for President of Ukraine.

1. Candidate for President of Ukraine may have in each territorial election constituency one authorized person and five authorized persons who help him/her in the conduct of election campaign in the territory of all-state single mandate election constituency. They carry out campaign advocacy for his/her election as President of Ukraine, represent interests of the candidate in relations with state power bodies, bodies of local self-government, associations of citizens, as well as in election commissions.
2. Candidate for President of Ukraine shall determine authorized persons submit an appeal on their registration to Central Election Commission. Appeal shall contain name, surname, patronymic, work and home address, phone number of each authorized person as well as attached written consent of this person. Registration of heads of state power bodies and of local self-government bodies, of their deputies, judges, and of prosecutors, chiefs of military formations of Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Interior, National Guard, Frontier-guard and Security Service of Ukraine as authorized persons of candidates for President of Ukraine is inadmissible.
Central Election Commission shall register candidate's authorized persons and shall issue them credentials of established form within three working days after the day of receipt of the appeal.
3. The registered authorized persons of candidates shall have the right to be exempted from their production or office duties from the time of registration and until the election campaign is over.
4. Candidate has the right at any time before the day of elections to submit to Central Election Commission an appeal on termination of authority of his/her authorized person and registration of another person instead of dismissed one. Authorized person of the candidate may at any time upon his/her initiative resign by submitting appropriate appeal to Central Election Commission and returning issued credentials.

ARTICLE 38. Official Observers at the Elections of the President of Ukraine.

Official observers from candidates for President of Ukraine, political parties (blocs), meetings of voters - subjects of electoral process, from foreign states and international organizations can participate in election campaign on elections of the President of Ukraine. Procedure of registration and status of official observers shall be determined by Regulations to be approved by Central Election Commission.

ARTICLE 39. Participation of authorized persons and other election participants in the work of election commissions.

1. The authorized persons of candidates for President of Ukraine and official observers can take part in the

sessions of election commissions during the registration of candidates for President of Ukraine, during the voting, votes count at the polling station, the determination of voting results within a constituency, and during the finalization of general outcomes of the elections of President of Ukraine. The authority of the aforementioned representatives is determined in order established by this Law, and is certified with an appropriate document. Interference of the said persons with the work of election commissions is inadmissible.

2. In case the persons enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Article observe any violations of the legislation on elections of the President of Ukraine, they have the right to produce an act concerning this to be signed by the person (persons) who exposed the violation and by voters who witnessed the violation, and they have the right to apply to an appropriate election commission with a statement regarding elimination of the violations.

CHAPTER VII. THE CONDUCT OF VOTING, TABULATION OF RESULTS OF ELECTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

ARTICLE 40. Election ballot.

1. The form and text of election ballot for elections of the President of Ukraine shall be approved by Central Election Commission.
2. Election ballots are documents of strict accountability.
3. Election ballot must contain title and date of elections, number of territorial election constituency and number of polling station, besides polling stations which were formed in exceptional cases in accordance with paragraph 7, Article 12 of this Law and marked space for signature of the member of polling station election commission who is to issue election ballot, as well as space for the stamp of polling station election commission.
4. All registered candidates for President of Ukraine in an alphabetical order indicating surname, first name, patronymic, year of birth, position (occupation), place of work and residence, party affiliation, and entity which nominated the candidate shall be entered into election ballot. In the event that a candidate was nominated by party (bloc), the full name of the party (bloc) shall be indicated. A blank box is to be placed to the right of each candidate's name.
5. "Do not support any of the candidates for President of Ukraine" shall be indicated on election ballots beneath the listing of candidates' names, and a blank box is to be placed to the right of this entry.
6. Election ballot shall have a control check separated from it with a tear-off line. A control check shall contain the title and date of elections, number of territorial election constituency, number of polling station besides polling stations which were formed in exceptional cases in accordance with paragraph 7, Article 12 of this Law, as well as marked spaces for indicating the ordinal number of respective voter on the list of voters, for signatures of the voter and of the member of polling station election commission who handed out the ballot.
7. Election ballot must not contain information about those candidates who resigned from balloting. In the event a candidate resigned from balloting after ballots were printed, Central Election Commission shall adopt a decision regarding the introduction of changes to the election ballot and, if necessary, regarding its reprinting. If changes in the election ballot were made by crossing out the information on the person who had been a candidate, polling station commission shall notify each voter about this when handing out the election ballot.
8. Election ballots must be printed on identical paper and be equal in size, color and content, and shall comply with the form established by Central Election Commission. The ballot shall be printed on one sheet, and its text shall be placed on one side only.

ARTICLE 41. Procedure of handing out of election ballots

1. Territorial election commission shall receive election ballots at sessions from Central Election Commission. Territorial election commission shall compile minutes on ballot counting which is to be signed by all members of commission. Minutes shall be compiled in three samples, the first one is to be sent to Central Election Commission, the second one is to be retained at commission, the third one is to be immediately posted at commission's premises for general familiarization. Upon candidate's or his authorized person's or person's who was entrusted by candidate request, he (she) shall be issued copy of minutes.
2. Territorial election commission shall provide polling station election commissions with election ballots. Territorial election commission upon mutual agreement of all commission members for ballots count may divide into no more than two groups but the issuance of ballots with the announcement of number of ballots which are issued to each polling station election commission shall take place at the session of territorial election commission.
3. The issuance of ballots to the polling station election commissions shall take place in the quantity which is equal to the number of voters at the polling station with the reserve amount of which is to be established by Central Election Commission.
4. Territorial election commission shall compile minutes on count and issuance of ballots by polling station

election commissions which is to be signed by all members of the commission. The number of ballots issued to each polling station election commissions shall be indicated in the minutes. Minutes shall be compiled in two samples one of which is to be retained with the commission, the second one is to be immediately posted at commission's premises for general familiarization. Upon candidate's or his authorized person's or person's who was entrusted by candidate appeal, he (she) shall be issued copy of minutes.

ARTICLE 42. The organization and procedure of voting.

1. Voting shall be conducted on the election day or on the day of repeat voting from 8:00 a.m. till 20:00 p.m.
2. Polling station election commission shall notify voters of the voting hours and place no later than fifteen days prior to the day of elections.
3. Voting is conducted in specially allocated premises equipped with an adequate number of booths or rooms for secret voting and with designated places for handing out election ballots, and ballot boxes are placed so that voters approaching them shall be required to walk through the booths or rooms for secret voting.
4. Entrance to booths or rooms for secret voting, exit from them, as well as the path from them to the ballot boxes must be within the field of vision of the members of the polling station election commission, candidates and authorized persons of candidates and official observers.
5. Polling station election commissions shall be responsible for organizing voting, ensuring the secrecy of the voters' will, equipment of premises and maintaining proper order on them. A voter can remain on the voting premises only for the time necessary to cast a vote.
6. On election day, before the voting commences, the chairman of polling station election commission, in presence of the commission members and official observers, representatives of mass media who are at the polling station, shall inspect and seal ballot boxes.
7. Every voter shall vote personally. Voting for other individuals is inadmissible.
8. Election ballots shall be handed out by the polling station commission members, based on the list of voters for the respective polling station, when a voter produces a document to establish his/her identity. The member of polling station election commission who hands out the election ballot shall put his/her signature in the determined places on the elections ballot and on control check. It is prohibited to make any marks on ballots by which the voter can be identified. The voter is to sign for receiving the election ballot in the determined place on the control check and in the list of voters.
9. Control checks shall remain at the polling station and, along with the list of voters, be a basis for determining the number of voters who received election ballots.
10. Election ballot shall be completed by the voter in a booth or room for secret voting. The presence of other persons while completing the ballot is prohibited. A voter who cannot complete the ballot autonomously has the right to invite another person of his/her choice into the booth (room) for secret voting, except for the members of an election commission, candidates for President of Ukraine, their authorized persons, and official observers as well, upon the notification of the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary or a member of the polling station election commission.
11. On the ballot for voting a voter shall make a "plus" (+) mark or another mark, which shall reveal the voter's intentions, in the box beside the name of the candidate for whom he/she votes. A voter may vote for only one candidate. If a voter does not support any of the candidates, he/she shall make a "plus" (+) mark or another mark, which shall reveal the voter's intentions, in the box beside the entry: "Do not support any of the candidates for President of Ukraine."
12. In cases where certain voters cannot come to the premises for voting due to health reasons, on the voter's written request, the polling station election commission shall compile the list of such voters according to the form of common list of voters no less than one day prior to election day. The commission shall determine the time and no less than three members of the election commission to organize voting at places of stay of such voters. These commission members shall be representatives of different parties (blocs). The time when the commission members go out to such voters shall be determined in a way so that those voters could vote no later than one hour before voting ends. The chairman of the polling station commission must announce the fact that the members of the commission are going out to organize voting for voters who due to health reasons cannot come to the premises for voting. Only after the announcement election ballots and voters lists shall be issued to commission members. Ballots shall be counted in the presence of commission members who wish and official observers. Official observers shall have the right to be present during the conduct of such voting.
13. For the conduct of voting outside the premises for voting, the chairman of the polling station commission shall give to the appropriate commission members a list of voters whose voting is to be organized at places of their stay, sufficient number of election ballots and a sealed (stamped) ballot box. When organizing the voting, one member of the polling station election commission shall sign the election ballot and control check in the determined spaces, afterwards the ballot shall be handed to the voter who is to sign the control check and on the list of voters confirming its receipt. While a voter is completing the election ballot, no individuals can be present, except for the case envisaged by paragraph 10 of this Law.

14. After the members of the polling station election commission who organized the voting outside the premises for voting have conducted it, appropriate marks shall be made on the common list of voters. The list using which the voting was conducted shall be attached to the common list.

ARTICLE 43. Procedure for counting votes at the polling station.

1. Counting of votes at the polling station shall be done only by members of the polling station commission at its session in the same premise where the voting took place. During the votes count no individual has the right to make any notes or signs on the ballots for voting.
2. After the completion of voting, the polling station commission shall determine the total number of voters at the polling station based on the list of voters.
3. Before the beginning of votes count, the polling station commission shall determine the number of voters who received election ballots, based on the number of control checks signed by voters and by members of the commission who handed out the election ballots, and based on the number of signatures in the list of voters. This number shall be announced and entered into the minutes.
4. Before opening ballot boxes, unused ballots are to be counted and cancelled through tearing off the upper left corner of a ballot. The number of such ballots shall be announced and entered into the minutes. After this, the control checks and cancelled unused ballots (with control checks) shall be packed and sealed; the name of election ballot, the number of territorial election constituency, the number of polling station, quantity of packed control checks and ballots, and the date and time shall be indicated on the package, and it shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of the polling station election commission.
5. After the verification of the integrity of the seals on ballot boxes, the chairman of the polling station commission shall open them. Ballot boxes shall be open by turns, first the ballot boxes according to which the voting took place outside the polling station at places of temporary stay of voters. Commission shall calculate the total number of election ballots in the ballot box. Only after this the next ballot box shall be open.
6. During counting votes defined member of commission shall count the ballots out loud. All other items that are not the ballots of established form shall be put aside and shall not be counted. In the event of doubts commission shall resolve by vote whether the ballot is of established form. To that each of commission member has the right to take and personally examine the items; during this time counting of votes shall be suspended.

The items shall be packed. Inscription "Items", the number of territorial election constituency, number of polling station the date and time, signatures of chairman and secretary of polling station election commission and the seal of the commission shall be indicated on the package.

7. The commission shall calculate the total number of election ballots and determine the number of voters who took part in voting. This number shall be announced and entered into the minutes.
8. After calculation of all votes commission shall sort out election ballots. Certain commission member shall apportion ballots in separate spots showing each ballot to all commission members and announcing the content of the ballot. Depending on the content the ballots shall be sorted into void, ones cast against all the candidates, ones cast for each candidate separately. In the event of doubts as to content of the ballot commission shall resolve this issue by a vote. To that each of commission member has the right to take and personally examine the ballot; during this time sorting of ballots shall be suspended. Spots for the ballots shall be marked with the tables with the inscription on both sides "void", "against all" and names of the candidates respectively.
9. Election ballots which do not have the stamp of the polling station commission, the signature of the member of polling station commission who handed them out, which have more than one mark next to the names of candidates, as well as election ballots which do not have any mark, or where it is impossible to clearly identify the voter's will, are deemed void. Any doubts as to validity of a ballot, shall be determined as void exclusively by the decision of polling station election commission. To that each of commission member has the right to take and personally examine the ballot; during this time counting of ballots shall be suspended.
10. The determined number of void ballots shall be announced and indicated in the minutes; void ballots are to be packed. A note "Void ballots" shall be made on the package, and number of territorial election constituency, number of the polling station, quantity of the ballots packed, and date and time shall be indicated thereon, and it is to be signed by the chairman and secretary of the polling station election commission and commission's stamp shall be placed on them.
11. During counting of votes by the commission cast for each candidate each commission member shall have the right to verify and in the event of necessity to recount number of the ballots cast for each candidate. After that, election ballots with votes "for" every candidate for President of Ukraine shall be packed separately and sealed with an indication on the packages of the last name and initials of candidate, as well as the number of territorial election constituency, number of polling station, quantity of the ballots packed, and date and time; signatures of the chairman and secretary of the polling station election commission and commission's stamp shall be placed on them.

12. Ballots wherein voters did not support any candidate shall also be packed in a separate package having an appropriate note, date, number of the ballots packed in the package. The package shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of the polling station election commission, and sealed with a stamp.
13. The polling station commission shall complete minutes to inscribe the following:
 - 1) the total number of voters included on the list of voters in the polling station;
 - 2) the number of ballots received by the polling station;
 - 3) the number of unused ballots;
 - 4) the number of voters who received election ballots;
 - 5) the number of voters who participated in voting;
 - 6) the number of election ballots found void;
 - 7) the number of votes cast for each candidate;
 - 8) the number of votes of the voters who did not support any candidate for President of Ukraine.
14. The votes count shall be conducted by the polling station election commission without a break until the minutes on the results of voting are signed.

It is prohibited to fill out the minutes on the results of voting with the pencil and to make any changes in the minutes.
15. The minutes of the polling station commission shall be made in four copies to be signed by chairman, deputy chairman, secretary and members of the polling station commission who attended the session, and to be sealed with a stamp. The reason of absence shall be indicated against the names of absent members of the commission. Separate comments of commission members in the written form, written appeals and complaints that were filed regarding the votes count, as well as decisions that the commission adopted on them after consideration shall be attached to the minutes. The first and the second copies of the minutes along with packages with elections ballots and control checks shall be immediately sent to the territorial election commission, the third one shall be kept by the secretary of the polling station commission, and the fourth copy shall be at once posted public familiarization in the premises of the polling station commission for public review.

Official observers and authorized persons of candidates shall have the right to sign the first copy of the minutes of polling station election commission.

The first copy of the minutes of polling station election commissions formed at representation offices of Ukraine abroad after transmitting them by fax shall be sent along with packages of election ballots and control checks to Central Election Commission.

Copies of the minutes immediately after they are signed shall be issued to candidates or their authorized persons, official observers present at the session of commission upon their request.
16. Delivering of documents envisaged in paragraph 15 of this Article to territorial election commission and their handing shall be carried out by chairman of polling station election commission or his deputy and two members of this commission escorted by the worker of body of interior. Mentioned above chairman and commission members shall be representatives of different political parties (blocs).

It is prohibited to unpack the packages with election ballots during the delivery of documents.
17. Minutes and other documents of polling station election commission shall be handed at the session of appropriate territorial election commission.

ARTICLE 44. Determination of voting outcomes in the territorial election constituency.

1. On the basis of the minutes from the polling station election commissions, the territorial election commission at its session shall determine:
 - 1) the total number of voters in the election constituency;
 - 2) the number of election ballots received by polling station in the constituency;
 - 3) the number of unused election ballots in the constituency;
 - 4) the number of voters who received election ballots;
 - 5) the number of voters who participated in voting;
 - 6) the number of election ballots found void;
 - 7) the number of votes cast "for" each candidate;
 - 8) the number of votes of the voters who did not support any candidate.

2. Territorial election commission from the moment of completion of voting shall announce continuous session up to the moment of determination of results of voting in territorial election constituency and signing of the minutes. During this time members of territorial election commission can not be engaged to perform other functions except for participation in the session of the commission.
3. Minutes of polling station election commission shall be declared at the session of territorial election commission immediately after representative of polling station election commission arrive. Only after that, the minutes, if necessary, shall be sent to the automated system for processing. After all minutes are declared, members of the territorial election commission shall be given a summary tabulation which is to be entered into the minutes by the commission after discussion and approval.
4. The minutes of territorial election commission shall be made in three copies to be signed by the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary and members of the territorial election commission who attended its session, and to be sealed with the territorial election commission's stamp. The reason of absence shall be indicated against the names of absent members of the commission. Data mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be entered in writing. Separate comments of members of the territorial election commission in the written form, written appeals and complaints received by the commission, and decisions that the commission adopted on them after consideration shall be attached to the minutes. The first copy of the minutes along with the minutes from all polling station commissions shall be immediately sent to the Central Election Commission and be transmitted by fax, the second one shall be kept by the secretary of the territorial election commission, and the third copy shall be at once posted in the premises of the territorial election commission for public review.
5. Upon request by a candidate or his/her authorized person, or official observers present at the session of commission they shall be given a copy of the minutes right after their completion.

ARTICLE 45. Determination of results of elections of the President of Ukraine.

1. On the basis of the minutes from the territorial election commissions minutes from polling station election commissions formed at representations of Ukraine abroad, Central Election Commission shall no later than five days after the election day determine results of elections in the unified all-state single-mandate election constituency for the elections of President of Ukraine, of which appropriate minutes shall be made. The minutes shall inscribe:
 - 1) the total number of voters in unified all-state single-mandate election constituency;
 - 2) the number of produced election ballots;
 - 3) the number of unused election ballots;
 - 4) the number of voters who received election ballots;
 - 5) the number of voters who participated in voting;
 - 6) the number of election ballots found void;
 - 7) the number of votes cast for each candidate;
 - 8) the number of votes of the voters who did not support any candidate;
 - 9) candidate who is elected the President of Ukraine according to this Law.
2. In the event it is impossible to determine the candidate elected President of Ukraine based on the voting results Central Election Commission shall adopt a decision concerning calling repeat elections, of which a mention shall be made in the minutes.
3. In the event that elections of the President of Ukraine under this Law were found by Central Election Commission as non-occurred, Central Election Commission shall adopt a decision concerning calling repeat elections, of which a mention shall be made in the minutes.
4. Elections shall be found non-occurred in case all candidates for President of Ukraine resigned.
5. A candidate who obtained in the elections more than a half of votes of the voters who participated in voting, shall be deemed elected President of Ukraine.
6. Results of elections of the President of Ukraine shall be published by Central Election Commission in the newspapers "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uriadovi Kur'er" no later than on the third day after the minutes on election results were signed.

ARTICLE 46. Repeat voting

1. If more than 2 candidates were listed on the election ballot and none of them received more than half of votes of voters who participated in the elections, Central Election Commission shall appoint repeat voting for elections of the President of Ukraine between the 2 candidates who obtained the greatest number of votes,

excepting those candidates who withdrew their candidatures after the first voting.

In the event one of the candidates on whom the repeat voting is to be held withdrew his/her candidature no later than seven days prior to the voting day, Central Election Commission shall adopt a decision to include in the election ballot a candidate next by the number of votes received. If the candidature was withdrawn after the aforementioned term had expired or if there are no other candidates left, the voting shall be held on one candidature.

2. Repeat voting takes place within two weeks after the day of elections of the President of Ukraine with observance of the requirements of this Law. The date of the repeat voting conduct is to be published in the newspapers "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uriadovyi Kuryer" and be publicized in other mass media.
3. The candidate is considered elected President of Ukraine if, as a result of the repeat voting, he received more votes of voters participating in the elections than the other candidate. In the event repeat voting was held on only one candidature, the candidate is considered elected President of Ukraine if more than half of votes of the voters who took part in the voting voted for him/her.
4. Repeat voting is deemed as such as one that did not provide opportunity to determine candidate elected President of Ukraine, if in the result of repeat voting both candidates who were balloting received equal number of votes or if election was held on one candidature and he/she did not receive more than half of votes of the voters who participated in the elections.

ARTICLE 47. Repeat elections.

1. If during elections of the President of Ukraine no more than two candidates for President of Ukraine ran and none of them was elected, and as well as all candidates for the President of Ukraine resigned prior to the day of elections then Central Election Commission shall, no later than 20 days after election results were determined, file with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine a submission to appoint repeat elections of the President of Ukraine.
2. Nomination and registration of candidates for President of Ukraine and other activities related to the conduct of repeat elections of the President of Ukraine are to be carried out in the order established by this Law. Upon a decision of Central Election Commission, elections may be conducted by the previously formed territorial election commissions and polling station commissions on elections of the President of Ukraine.
3. An announcement regarding the conduct of repeat elections of the President of Ukraine shall be published in the newspapers "Holos Ukrainy" and "Uriadovyi Kuryer" and publicized via other mass media.

ARTICLE 48. Peculiarities of conducting extraordinary elections of the President of Ukraine

Extraordinary elections of the President of Ukraine shall be conducted in the order and within the terms prescribed by this Law, and having the following peculiarities:

- 1) elections shall be conducted in unified all-state election constituency and territorial election constituencies, polling stations formed during the previous elections of the President of Ukraine;
- 2) proposals as to candidatures to the membership of territorial election commissions shall be submitted no later than on the fifth day after elections were called;
- 3) nomination of nominees for candidate shall commence 85 days and terminate 75 days prior to the day of elections;
- 4) collection of signatures in support of nominees for candidate shall begin after their registration with Central Election Commission and terminate 40 days prior to the election day;
- 5) registration of candidates shall terminate 30 days prior to the election day;
- 6) campaign posters of candidates shall have been manufactured no later than 15 days prior to the election day.

ARTICLE 49. Assuming of office by the President of Ukraine.

1. Newly elected President of Ukraine shall assume office no later than thirty days after the election results were officially announced from the moment he/she takes an oath to the people of Ukraine at a grand session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.
2. After the oath is made, Central Election Commission shall hand the newly elected President of Ukraine a credential of President of Ukraine.

CHAPTER VIII. CONCLUSIVE PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 50. Responsibility for violations of the election legislation.

1. Persons who inhibit through violence, deception, threats, bribery or otherwise free exercise by a Ukrainian citizen of the right to elect and be elected and to carry out campaign publicity, as well as chairman, deputy chairman, secretary, and members of election commissions, public officials or civil servants of state bodies, of local self-government bodies, and of associations of citizens who forged election documents, committed a deliberate miscount of votes, breached the secrecy of voting, or committed any other violation of this Law, shall bear responsibility prescribed by law.
2. Persons who publish or otherwise disseminate deliberately falsified information about a candidate shall be brought to responsibility prescribed by law as well.

ARTICLE 51. The safekeeping of election-related documents.

1. After official publishing of the voting results and election outcomes, the Central Election Commission shall pass election-related documents to the respective central state archive institution, and territorial and polling station commissions shall pass them to the respective local state archive institutions.
2. The list of election-related documents to be secured in state archive institutions shall be determined by Central Election Commission.
3. Election ballots and lists of voters shall be secured for five years in the local state archive institutions, and afterwards be destroyed in the established order.
4. The state archive institutions shall provide access to election-related documents in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

CHAPTER IX. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. This Law shall become effective from the day of its official promulgation.
2. The Law of Ukraine "On elections of the President of Ukraine" (Official Gazette of the Verkhovna Rada of USSR of 1991, # 33, p.448; Official Gazette of the Verkhovna Rada of USSR of 1994, # 8, p. 40, # 33, p. 298), Resolution of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as of July 13, 1994 " On Implementations of Laws of Ukraine "On Elections of People's deputies of Ukraine", "On Elections of the President of Ukraine", "On Elections of deputies and Chairmen of village, settlement, rayon, city, city rayon, oblast radas" (Official Gazette of the Verkhovna Rada of USSR of 1994, # 33, p. 310) shall lose its effect from the day this Law becomes effective.

March 25,1999.

Signature of L.Kuchma.