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I. PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Article 1. Basis of the elections

The elections of deputies of Ukraine are carried out on the basis of universal, equal, and direct suffrage by secret ballot.

Four hundred and fifty deputies of Ukraine are elected on the total. Four hundred and twenty five of them are elected by single-mandate electoral districts on the basis of relative majority, and 225 - by lists of candidates in multimandate electoral districts by proportional representation.

Article 2. Universal suffrage

The elections of deputies of Ukraine are universal: all citizens of Ukraine of age 18 up have the right to elect. Citizens of age 21 up residing on the territory of Ukraine for not less than 5 years have the right to be elected.

Exercizing by citizens of Ukraine of their right to elect and to be elected does not depend on their descent, social and property status, ethnic and national affiliation, sex, education, language, relationship with religion, political convictions, character and kind of occupation.

Mentally diseased citizens declared by court incapable, persons kept in the sentence of court in penitentiary establishments do not participate in the elections.

Article 3. Equal suffrage

The elections of deputies of Ukraine are equal: every voter has one vote when voting by a single-mandate electoral district and one vote when voting by lists of candidates in a multimandate electoral district.

Article 4. Direct suffrage

The elections of deputies of Ukraine are direct: deputies are elected by citizens immediately.

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Article 8. Participation of citizens, political parties, electoral blocks, groups of voters in preparing and carrying out the elections

Citizens of Ukraine participate in preparing and carrying out the elections both through political parties, electoral blocks, groups of voters and immediately.

Political parties, electoral blocks, groups of voters participate in preparing and carrying out the elections both through their representatives in election committees and immediately.

Article 9. The right to nominate candidates for deputies of Ukraine

The right to nominate candidates for deputies of Ukraine is possessed by political parties that act in accordance with the Law of Ukraine on Unions of Citizens, by their unions - electoral blocks, and in single-mandate electoral districts - by groups of voters.

Article 10. Incompatibility of status of a deputy of Ukraine with implementation of other official duties

The status of a deputy of Ukraine is incompatible with business undertakings, with performing any other paid work except scientific and teaching work when free from deputy activity.

Article 11. Expenses connected with the elections of deputies of Ukraine. Material provision of the elections.  
Election funds

Expenses connected with preparing and carrying out the elections of deputies of Ukraine are brought about by election committees on account of the centralized election fund established by the Central election committee of the elections of deputies of Ukraine. Approximate volume of this fund is determined by the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine, and actual volume - by the Central election committee of the elections of deputies of Ukraine.

At the same time political parties and electoral blocks after registration by the Central election committee, candidates nominated by single-mandate electoral districts after registration by district election committees may establish uncentralized election funds. For this purpose they may use their own means, donations of citizens of Ukraine and juridical persons registered in Ukraine except enterprises with foreign capital. Juridical persons take corresponding decisions on spending their means with above-mentioned purpose.

The volume of an uncentralized election fund may not exceed threefold sum allocated by the Central election committee to every party, electoral block, candidate for deputy nominated by a single-mandate electoral district.

A manager is in charge of an uncentralized election fund.

The manager is appointed by leadership of a party participating in the elections independently, by leadership of parties united in an electoral block, by a candidate nominated by a single-mandate electoral district. For the manager by the application of leadership of a party, leadership of parties united in an electoral block, a candidate nominated by a group of voters the Savings bank of Ukraine opens the account with the stamp "Election fund".

Order of distribution and use of the means intended for expenses connected with the elections is determined by the Central election committee not later than 50 days before the elections.

After finishing of the elections, if a party or electoral block receive within Ukraine not less than three per cent of votes of voters that participated in the poll, the remainder of corresponding uncentralized election fund is taken onto the account of a party, or by equal parts - accounts of parties united in an electoral block. If a candidate nominated by a group of voters in a single-mandate electoral district is elected, the remainder of corresponding election fund is taken onto his account. All other means of election funds are directed to state budget.

Not later than one month after publication of the results of the elections election committees and parties, electoral blocks by lists of which deputies are elected, candidates for deputies nominated by groups of voters and elected as deputies publish in accordance with the form determined by the Central election committee the account of using means allocated for preparing and carrying out the elections.

Lawfulness of the use of election funds by parties, electoral blocks and candidates nominated by groups of voters is controlled by the Central, regional and district election committees.

Enterprises, institutions and organizations, state bodies, public unions in accordance with arrangements with election committees allot to their disposal premises, equipment and transport necessary for preparing and carrying out the elections.

State mass media publish free of charge materials presented by election committees, election programs of parties, electoral blocks, candidates for deputies nominated by groups of voters and other materials within the limits determined by this Law.

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Article 12. Responsibility for violation of the Law on  
Elections of Deputies  
of Ukraine

Persons, that hamper by means of coercion, deception, threats or other means free exercising by citizens of Ukraine of their right to elect and to be elected, to carry on election propaganda; meddle in the work of election committees; hinder the poll on polling stations, performance of functions connected with registration of a candidate for deputy, with counting up votes and summing up the elections in polling districts and electoral districts; carry on propaganda on the day of the elections, publish or spread by other means deliberately false information about a candidate for deputy, bear responsibility determined by the Law.

Parties, electoral blocks, candidates for deputies nominated by groups of voters that overdraw the volume of the election fund determined by this Law lose mandates received by them. Matters concerning these violations perpetrated by parties and electoral blocks are considered by the Supreme Court of Ukraine, perpetrated by candidates for deputies nominated by single-mandate electoral districts - by corresponding local courts.

II. PROCEDURE OF FIXING THE ELECTIONS.  
ELECTORAL DISTRICTS AND POLLING DISTRICTS

Article 13. Fixing of the elections

The elections of deputies of Ukraine are fixed by the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine not later than four months before the expiry of its term of office.

State republican and local mass media informs of the day of the elections not later than three days after fixing the elections.

## Article 14. Establishment of electoral districts

For the elections of deputies of Ukraine 225 single-mandate electoral districts and 26 multimandate electoral districts are established.

Electoral districts are established by the Central election committee of the election of deputies of Ukraine by representations made by ~~the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Crimea,~~ regional (oblast) Soviets, Kiev city Soviet.

Multimandate electoral districts are established by the Central election committee of the elections of deputies of Ukraine: one - in the Republic of Crimea, one - in every region (oblast), one - in Kiev.

Number of voters and boundaries of a multimandate electoral district coincide with a number of voters and boundaries of corresponding administrative territorial unit.

Number of mandates for every multimandate electoral district is determined in the following way:

1) number of voters that have permanent residence on the territory of Ukraine is divided by 225. The whole number received is equal to the principal quota;  $\frac{\text{Eligible voters}}{225} = X$

2) number of voters that have permanent residence on the territory of a multimandate electoral district is divided by the principal quota. A whole number received is equal to a preliminary number of mandates for given multimandate electoral district;  $\frac{\text{voters in region}}{X} = Y$

3) mandates that remained undivided as the result of realization of items 1,2 of this Article are transferred to those electoral districts, in which as the result of division in accordance with item 2 of this Article remainders are the largest.

Single-mandate electoral districts are established with approximately equal number of voters throughout the territory of Ukraine. When determining boundaries of single-mandate electoral districts the administrative territorial system of Ukraine is taken into account. A quota of voters for a single-mandate electoral district is determined by the Central election committee. A number of single-mandate electoral districts within multimandate electoral district coincide with a number of mandates for this district.

List of electoral districts with indication of their boundaries.

names and centres are published by the Central election committee in state press: of multimandate electoral districts - not later than ten days, and of single-mandate electoral districts - not later than twenty days after fixing the elections.

### Article 15. Polling districts

For carrying out the poll and counting up votes when carrying out the elections of deputies of Ukraine electoral districts are divided into polling districts.

Polling districts are established by district election committees by representations made by district Soviets of people's deputies situated on the territory of corresponding single-mandate electoral districts.

In hospitals and other permanent medical establishments, in places of residence of citizens located in difficult of access areas, and also on ships navigating on the day of the elections polling districts may be established. These polling districts are parts of electoral districts in accordance with their location or a port of registration of a ship. Polling districts may be established, if there is necessary conditions, at representations of Ukraine abroad.

On ships navigating on the day of the elections polling districts are established in accordance with the same order as in a port of registration of a ship. At representations of Ukraine abroad polling districts are established by the representation made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

Polling districts are established not later than 2 months before the elections. In difficult of access areas, on ships navigating on the day of the elections polling districts are established at the same time, yet in exceptional cases - not later than five days before the elections.

Polling districts are established with a number of voters from 20 to 3 000, and in necessary cases - with less or more voters.

The district election committee informs voters of boundaries of every polling district with indication of location of its local election committee and polling premises not later than three days after establishment of polling districts.



### III. ELECTION COMMITTEES

#### Article 16. System of election committees

Election committees are established for carrying out the elections of deputies of Ukraine:

the Central election committee of the elections of deputies of Ukraine;

regional election committees;

district election committees;

local election committees.

#### Article 17. Establishment of the Central election committee

The Central election committee of the elections of deputies of Ukraine is established not later than three months before the day of the elections, and consists of the chairman, two chairmen and not less than 21 members of the committee.

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The chairman and six members of the Central election committee are appointed by the President of Ukraine not later than seven days after fixing the elections.

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Seven members of the Central election committee are elected by the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine not later than ten days after fixing the elections.

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One member of the Central election committee is elected by the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Crimea not later than ten days after fixing the elections.

Every party after registration in the Central election committee with the purpose of participating in the elections has the right to appoint one member of the Central election committee, if its representative is not appointed by the President or is not elected by the Supreme Soviet as a member of the Central election committee.

If two days before the expiry of the term of establishing of the Central election committee its staff numbers less than 21 persons, the

President within two days appoints complementary members of the committee.

Not later than three days after its establishment the Central election committee elects out of its staff two deputy chairmen and the secretary.

Not later than five days after its establishment the Central election committee informs by means of state mass media of its staff, address and telephone numbers.

#### Article 18. Authorities of the Central election committee

The Central election committee of the election of deputies of Ukraine:

1) exercises throughout the territory of Ukraine control over observing this Law and ensures its unified application, interprets the order of application of this Law;

2) within the limits of its authorities gives instructions for solving the questions necessary for carrying on the election campaign and unforeseen by this Law, applies in case of need to the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine with requests of interpretation of this Law;

3) establishes electoral districts, gives them names and numbers, determines a number of mandates for every multimandate electoral district and a quota of voters for a single-mandate electoral district;

4) appoints three members of a regional election committee, and in case of need - complementary members of a regional election committee;

5) directs the work of regional election committees, hears their information;

6) solves questions about attachment of polling districts situated outside Ukraine to electoral districts on the territory of Ukraine;

7) determines the order of distribution and use of expenses connected with the elections: distributes means among regional election committees; controls providing regional election committees with premises, transport, communication and considers other questions of material and technical provision of the elections;

8) publishes the dates of commencement and termination of presenting and appointing members of election committees, of presenting lists of

candidates for deputies in electoral districts, of registration of candidates for deputies;

9) registers political parties and electoral blocks participating in the elections, lists of their candidates for deputies; gives candidates for deputies corresponding certificates;

10) determines forms of voting papers for the elections of deputies of Ukraine, of electoral rolls, of the records of sittings of election committees, of other election documents; models of polling boxes and seals of election committees, procedure of keeping election documents;

11) hears information presented by ministries, state committees and departments, other state and public bodies about questions connected with preparing and carrying out the elections;

12) registers elected deputies, sums up the elections in Ukraine on the whole, publishes in state press information about the results of the elections and the list of elected deputies of Ukraine;

13) passes on to the Mandate Committee of the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine the documentation necessary for verification of authorities of deputies and their successors;

14) determines the order of use of state mass media in connection with carrying out the elections; publishes in central state press lists of candidates and election programs of parties and electoral blocks;

15) determines the form of subscription lists, provides their printing and supplying to regional election committees, and also gives authorized persons of parties (electoral blocks) necessary number of subscription lists;

16) approves the text of voting papers for the elections by multimandate electoral districts, provide printing of subscription lists and their supplying to district election committees;

17) divides mandates within the amalgamation of multimandate electoral districts;

18) determines and informs by means of state mass media of the results of the elections;

19) examines applications and complaints about decisions and actions of election committees, cancels decisions of committees, terminates their activity or takes other decisions on these questions;

20) exercises other authorities in accordance with this Law and other laws of Ukraine.

Article 19. Establishment of regional election committees

The regional election committee of the elections of deputies of Ukraine is established in a multimandate electoral district not later than 80 days before the day of the elections, and consists of not less than 15 members.

Five members of the regional election committee are appointed by the Central election committee.

Five members of the regional election committee are elected by corresponding regional (oblast) Soviet (the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Crimea).

Every party after registration in the Central election committee with the purpose of participating in the elections has the right to appoint one member of the regional election committee, if its representative is not appointed by the Central election committee and is not elected by a regional (oblast) Soviet, the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Crimea as a member of the committee.

If two days before the expiry of the term of establishing of the regional election committee its staff numbers less than 15 persons, the Central election committee within two days appoints complementary members of the committee.

Not later than three days after its establishment the regional election committee elects out of its staff the chairman, deputy chairman and the secretary.

Not later than five days after establishment of regional election committees the Central election committee informs by means of state mass media, and regional election committees - by means of local mass media of the staff, addresses and telephone numbers of regional election committees.

Article 20. Authorities of the regional election committee

The regional election committee of the election of deputies of Ukraine:

- 1) exercises control over observing this Law on the territory of the

multimandate electoral district;

2) appoints five members of a district election committee, and in case of need - complementary members of a district election committee;

3) directs the work of district election committees, hears their information;

4) distributes means among district election committees; controls providing district election committees with premises, transport, communication and considers other questions of material and technical provision of the elections in the multimandate electoral district;

5) controls the authenticity of signatures collected in support of parties (electoral blocks);

6) ensures equal conditions for participation in the election campaign of candidates for deputies of parties, electoral blocks, groups of voters; publishes posters with principal propositions of election programs of parties, electoral blocks, candidates nominated by groups of voters, with lists of candidates and their biographies;

7) registers proxies of parties (electoral blocks), and gives them corresponding certificates;

8) sees to observing this Law by mass media;

9) hears information presented by local bodies of executive authorities, regional government, those in charge of state enterprises, organizations and establishments about questions connected with preparing and carrying out the elections;

10) approves the text of voting papers and provides their printing for the elections by multimandate electoral districts, and their supplying to district election committees;

11) determines and publishes in local press the results of counting up votes by the multimandate electoral district;

12) examines applications and complaints about decisions and actions of district election committees and takes decisions on these questions;

13) exercises other authorities in accordance with this Law.

Article 21. Establishment of district election committees

The district election committee of the elections of deputies of Ukraine is established in a single-mandate electoral district not later than 80 days before the day of the elections, and consists of not less than 15 members.

Five members of the district election committee are appointed by the regional election committee.

Five members of the district election committee are elected by corresponding regional (oblast) Soviet (the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Crimea).

Every party after registration in the Central election committee with the purpose of participating in the elections has the right to appoint one member of the district election committee, if its representative is not appointed by the Central election committee and is not elected by a regional (oblast) Soviet, the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Crimea as a member of the committee.

If two days before the expiry of the term of establishing of the district election committee its staff numbers less than 15 persons, the regional election committee within two days appoints complementary members of the district election committee.

Not later than three days after its establishment the district election committee elects out of its staff the chairman, deputy chairman and the secretary.

Not later than five days after establishment of district election committees the Central election committee informs by means of central state mass media, and regional election committees - by means of local mass media of the staff, addresses and telephone numbers of district election committees.

#### Article 22. Authorities of the district election committee

The district election committee of the election of deputies of Ukraine:

- 1) exercises control over observing this Law on the territory of the single-mandate electoral district;
- 2) establishes polling districts, determines their common numeration by the single-mandate electoral district, publishes their lists with indication of addresses;

3) appoints three members of a local election committee, and in case of need - complementary members of a local election committee;

4) directs the work of local election committees, hears their information;

5) distributes means among local election committees; controls providing local election committees with premises, transport, communication and considers other questions of material and technical provision of the elections in the single-mandate electoral district;

6) sees to drawing up of electoral rolls and their presenting for general acquaintance;

7) gives necessary number of subscription lists over to authorized persons of pretenders to be candidates for deputies nominated by the single-mandate electoral district;

8) controls the authenticity of signatures collected in support of pretenders to be candidates for deputies nominated by the single-mandate electoral district;

9) registers candidates for deputies nominated by the single-mandate electoral district, gives them corresponding certificates and provides printing of posters with their biographies and election programs;

10) registers proxies of candidates for deputies nominated by groups of voters, of parties and electoral blocks, and gives them corresponding certificates;

11) by agreement with local state executive authorities and local government determines sites for placing election posters for thorough acquaintance, and in case of need provides manufacturing of corresponding stands;

12) hears information presented by local bodies of executive authorities, local government, those in charge of state enterprises, organizations and establishments about questions connected with preparing and carrying out the elections;

13) assists labour collectives, collectives of vocational training schools, high schools, colleges, universities, public unions, groups of voters with organization of meetings with candidates for deputies both in these collectives and on places of residence of voters;

14) approves the text of voting papers and provides their printing for the elections by the single-mandate electoral district, and their supplying to local election committees of the elections by single-mandate and multimandate electoral districts;

15) determines and publishes in local press the results of counting up votes by the single-mandate electoral district;

16) examines applications and complaints about decisions and actions of local election committees and takes decisions on these questions;

17) exercises other authorities in accordance with this Law.

#### Article 23. Establishment of local election committees

The local election committee is established not later than 45 days before the day of the elections, and consists of not less than 9 members.

Three members of the local election committee are appointed by the district election committee.

Three members of the local election committee are elected by corresponding local Soviet.

Every party after registration in the Central election committee with the purpose of participating in the elections has the right to appoint one member of the local election committee, if its representative is not appointed by the district election committee and is not elected by a local Soviet as a member of the local election committee.

If two days before the expiry of the term of establishing of the local election committee its staff numbers less than 9 persons, the district election committee within two days appoints complementary members of the local election committee.

Not later than three days after its establishment the local election committee elects out of its staff the head, deputy head and the secretary.

Not later than five days after establishment of local election committees the district election committee informs by means of local state mass media of the staff, addresses and telephone numbers of local election committees.

#### Article 24. Authorities of the local election committee



The local election committee :

- 1) draws up the electoral roll of the polling district;
- 2) acquaints voters with the electoral roll, accepts and considers applications concerning mistakes in the electoral roll and decides on introducing amendments into it;
- 3) accepts from voters, that changed their residence within the period between presenting the electoral roll for general acquaintance and the day of the elections, voting papers in closed envelopes and ensures the secrecy of voters' will;
- 4) informs corresponding electorate of the day of the elections and the polling place;
- 5) provides preparing of polling premises, polling boxes and booths, and also information stands;
- 6) organizes the poll on the day of the elections in the polling district;
- 7) counts up votes in the polling district;
- 8) examines applications and complaints about preparing the elections and organizing the poll, takes decisions on these questions;
- 17) exercises other authorities in accordance with this Law.

Article 25. Procedure of appointing, electing and nominating representatives to election committees

Every party (electoral block), organization, enterprise, establishment, that have the right to nominate (appoint) a member of a election committee, may nominate (appoint) to each election committee only one member.

1) republican leadership of a party (parties united in an electoral block) registered by the Central election committee with the purpose of participating in the elections have the right to appoint their representatives as members of all election committees;

regional (oblast, Kiev city, Crimean autonomous republican) leadership - as members of corresponding regional, district, local election committees;

local leadership and primary party organizations - as members of local election committees.

Above-mentioned organs nominate representatives on sittings (meetings, conferences). If to one and the same committee several representatives of different organs of one party are nominated, the representative of the organ of higher level has the advantage;

2) voters by applying to corresponding election committee have the right to appoint their representatives as members of a district election committee, if the application is signed by not less than 100 voters residing on the territory of given single-mandate electoral district;

- as members of local election committee, if the application is signed by not less than 20 voters residing on the territory of given single-mandate electoral district.

Regional (oblast), Kiev and Sevastopol city Soviets have the right to elect their representatives as members of a district election committee, and district, village Soviets - as members of a local election committee.

1) meetings (conferences) of labour collectives, collectives of vocational training schools, high schools, colleges, universities situated on the territory of the electoral district have the right to nominate their representatives as candidates for members of district and local election committees;

2) regional leadership of unions of citizens that are not registered by the Central election committee with the purpose of participating in the elections - for members of district and local election committees, local leadership and primary organizations - for members of local election committees.

When nominating (electing, appointing) a member of an election committee the decision of corresponding local Soviet, republican leadership of a party, the joint statement of leadership of parties united in a block are passed within the term determined by this Law on to corresponding organ, or

a) extract from the records of a meeting (sitting, conference). In the extract are indicated the name of the organ, its address, telephone number, number of members of the organ (collective), number of participants of the meeting (sitting, conference), results of voting, date of the decision, party membership, position (occupation), address and telephone number of the person nominated (elected, appointed) as a member of a committee. The person who presents the records is given a dated certificate with indication of date and time of receiving;

b) in case indicated in item 2 of forth paragraph of this Article - application with indication according item a) of this Article of information about the person appointed as a member of a committee; surname, first name, patronymic, date of birth, series and number of passport, home address, date of signature, signatures of persons supporting appointed member of a committee. The person who presents the application is given certificate of receiving the application.

When appointing members of the election committee by a committee of higher level the priority is given to candidates nominated in accordance with items 1,2 of paragraphs 7,8 of this Article. If the number of candidates to the committee exceeds the number of members of the committee that may be established by a committee of higher level in accordance with this Law, the advantage is given to those candidates who have certificates dated in accordance with item a) of this Article earlier than certificates of other candidates.

#### Article 26. Election committee membership

A candidate for deputy of Ukraine, A head of a Soviet and of state administration of any level, a proxy of a party, electoral block and a candidate for deputy may not be members of the election committee.

Any member may be released from executing his duties:

- 1) on the grounds indicated in first paragraph of this Article;
- 2) in case of resignation;
- 3) in case of recall or deprivation of authorities.

The organ that nominated, elected or appointed the member of the committee has the right to recall him.

The right to deprive the member of the committee of his authorities is possessed by a committee of higher level (a member of the Central election committee - by this committee) when violating this Law and constant ignoring his duties.

When releasing the member of the committee from his duties or in case of his death, if the member of the committee was a representative of a party participating in the elections, or of an electoral block this party or electoral block have the right within two weeks to appoint a new member of the committee. In other cases a new member of the committee within two weeks may be appointed by a committee of higher level in accordance with the procedure determined by this Law.

Article 27. Organization of the work of election committees

Sitting of the election committee is competent if not less than two thirds of the committee members take part in it. Decisions are taken by a majority of votes. Committee members vote by show of hands. Those committee members who do not agree with its decision have the right to express their own opinion in written form which is enclosed with the records of the sitting. If the votes are equally divided the committee chairman's vote is decisive.

By decision of the election committee any of its members may resign from implementation of their present production or official duties while preparing and carrying out the election. During this time they receive their average salary at the expense of the funds allocated for carrying out the elections.

Article 28. Promotion of exercising committees' authorities

Decisions taken by election committees within the limits of their competence are compulsory for all state bodies, institutions of local and regional government, public unions, enterprises, establishments, organizations, officials.

State bodies, institutions of local and regional government, public unions, enterprises, establishments, organizations, officials are bound to assist election committees with exercising of their authorities, provide them with necessary information and materials.

Concerning the issues of preparing and carrying out the elections the election committee has the right to apply to state bodies, institutions of local and regional government, public unions, enterprises, establishments, organizations, officials that are bound to examine an issue and give an answer not later than three days after applying.

Decisions and actions of the election committee may be appealed against in the election committee of higher level and in cases specified by this Law - in Court.

Article 29. Term of authorities of election committees.

Term of authorities of all election committees commences since their establishing and expires when the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine recognizes authorities of elected deputies of Ukraine.

#### IV. ELECTORAL ROLL

Article 30. Electoral roll and procedure of its drawing up.

Electoral roll for the elections of deputies of Ukraine is drawn up in every polling district and is signed by the head and the secretary of the local election committee. The election committee may enlist community representatives in drawing up the electoral roll.

City state administrations, and in towns of regional and district subordination, villages - local executive committees ensure the registration of corresponding electorate and deliver to local election committees the information necessary for drawing up the electoral roll.

Surname, first name, patronymic, date of birth, address of every voter are put on the electoral roll.

Polling districts established in hospitals and other permanent medical establishments, and also on ships navigating on the day of the elections, at Ukrainian representations abroad draw up their electoral rolls on the basis of data given by those in charge of indicated institutions and captains of ships.

Surnames of voters are arranged in the electoral roll in order convenient for organization of the poll.

Article 31. Acquaintance of the public with electoral rolls, distribution of voter's cards, the right to appeal against mistakes in electoral rolls

Electoral rolls are presented for general acquaintance 15 days before the elections. In polling districts established in hospitals and other permanent medical establishments, and also, in exceptional cases on ships navigating on the day of the elections electoral rolls are presented two days before the elections.

Not later than ten days after presenting electoral rolls for thorough acquaintance local election committees provide voters with voter's cards. Surname, first name, patronymic, ordinal number of a voter in the electoral roll, number and address of the polling station are indicated in the voter's card.

On the premises of the local election committee citizens have the opportunity of acquainting with the electoral roll and checking its correctness.

Every person has the right to appeal against non-inclusion, wrong inclusion in the electoral roll or exclusion from the electoral roll, and also mistakes in information about the particular voter. An application concerning mistakes in the electoral roll is examined by the local election committee that is bound to examine it not later than on the next day after applying, yet on the day before the elections and on the day of elections - immediately. The election committee must introduce necessary amendments into the electoral roll or give the declarant a copy of justified decision against the application. This decision may be appealed against in district (city) court not later than five days before the elections. The court is bound to examine the complaint not later than on the third day after applying. The decision of the district (city) court is definitive. Amendments into the electoral roll in accordance with the court's decision are introduced immediately by the local election committee.

Article 32. Securing of the citizen's suffrage when changing the permanent residence

When a voter changes a residence within Ukraine, but not within the same settlement during the period between the presentation of electoral rolls for general acquaintance and the day of the elections, the local election committee at voter's request and with voter's passport or other identity document available gives him the certificate for voting and makes corresponding note in the electoral roll. The voter acknowledges the receipt of the certificate by his signature.

On the grounds of the certificate for voting the voter is inserted in additional electoral roll in the polling district of the voter's present residence.

V. REGISTRATION OF PARTIES AND ELECTORAL BLOCKS WITH THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTIONS. NOMINATING OF CANDIDATES FOR DEPUTIES OF UKRAINE, THEIR REGISTRATION AND VOTING PAPERS

Article 33. Registration of parties with the purpose of participating in the elections

In order to receive the right to nominate their candidates for deputies of Ukraine and appoint their representatives to election committees parties registered in established order, their unions - electoral blocks (block may have a name) not later than ten days after announcing the day of the elections may submit to the Central election committee an application signed by a leader of a party, leaders of parties united in an electoral block.

Executive representative of the party (electoral block), his address and telephone number are indicated in the application. When the party (electoral block) wants to participate in the elections carried out in multimandate electoral districts lists of the party (electoral block) candidates are enclosed with the application - one list for each electoral district where the party (electoral block) intends to participate in the elections. The Central election committee gives executive representative of the party (electoral block) a dated certificate of receiving the application.

Not later than three days after receiving the application the Central election committee registers the party (electoral block) with the purpose of participating in the election and gives the executive representative of the party (electoral block) a dated certificate of registration, and also, if the list of candidates is enclosed - necessary number of subscription lists for collecting signatures in support of the party (electoral block).

Not later than on the next day after the expiry of registration term the Central election committee publishes in state republican and local press according to the sequence of submitting of applications the list of registered with the purpose of participating in the elections parties and electoral blocks (with enumeration of parties united in a block), and also lists of their candidates for deputies.

A party joined with a block has no right to join another block or participate in the elections independently.

Article 34. Nominating of candidates for deputies of Ukraine by multimandate electoral districts

Every party participating in the elections independently and every electoral block have the right to present one list of candidates in each multimandate electoral district. Number of candidates in the list should not exceed the number of mandates of corresponding district.

Those persons who meet the requirements of Article 2 of this Law may be included in the list of candidates of the party (electoral block).

Procedure of drawing up lists of candidates is determined by parties and electoral blocks on their own. The list is drawn up so that mandates obtained by the party (electoral block) as a result of the elections are divided from the top of the list in regular succession.

Ordinal number, surname, first name, patronymic, date of birth, profession, position (occupation), office and home addresses, party membership of every candidate are indicated in the list.

The list of candidates of the party is confirmed by the signature of the authorized person of the party, and the list of candidates of the electoral block - by signatures of authorized persons of all the parties united in the block. Written consent of every candidate to be included in the list is enclosed.

Lists of candidates of the party (electoral block) may be registered for participating in the elections if the party (electoral block) is supported by signatures of not less than 100 000 voters within Ukraine.

Collection of signatures begins since the moment of registration of the party (electoral block) with the purpose of participating in the elections.

Article 35. Nominating of candidates for deputies of  
Ukraine  
by single-mandate electoral districts

Parties participating in the elections independently, electoral blocks, groups of voters have the right to nominate candidates for deputies of Ukraine in single-mandate electoral districts.

Every party participating in the elections independently and every electoral block after registration by the Central election committee with the purpose of participating in the elections, and groups of voters - after announcing the elections have the right to nominate one candidate in each single-mandate electoral district not later than 60 days before the elections.

Pretender to be a candidate for deputy of Ukraine should be a person



that meets the requirements of Article 2 of this Law.

With the purpose of nominating a candidate the regional branch of the party (electoral block), the group of voters apply to the corresponding election committee. In the application are indicated surname, first name, patronymic, date of birth, profession, position (occupation), office and home addresses, party membership of the pretender, and also surname, first name, patronymic, address and telephone number of the authorized person of the party (electoral block, group of voters).

When nominating a candidate for deputy the party (electoral block) encloses with the application:

1) extract from the records of the meeting of the regional (oblast, Kiev city, Crimean autonomous republican) party (electoral block) branch. In the extract are indicated name of the party (electoral block), address of its regional branch, telephone, total number of members of the party (parties united in electoral block) that belong to the corresponding branch, number of participants of the meeting, result of voting, date of the meeting's decision. The records are confirmed by signatures of the chairman and the secretary of the meeting;

2) list of members of the party (parties united in the electoral block) who belong to the corresponding regional branch with indication of their surnames, first names, patronymics, dates of birth, series and numbers of passports, home addresses.

To declare the meeting of the regional branch of the party (electoral block) valid it is necessary that it is attended by not less than two thirds of the nominal list of party (electoral block) members who belong to the corresponding regional branch. The branch must number not less than 100 members of the party (electoral block).

When nominating a candidate for deputy by the group of voters the application is signed by not less than 10 voters residing within the single-mandate electoral district in which the candidate is nominated with indication of surname, first name patronymic, date of birth, series and number of passport, home address of every voter.

The district election committee gives the authorized person of the party (electoral block, group of voters) a dated certificate of receiving the application.

Not later than three days after receiving the application the district election committee gives the authorized person of the party (electoral block, group of voters) a dated certificate of registration of the pretender to be a candidate and necessary number of subscription

lists for collecting signatures in support of the pretender.

A pretender to be a candidate for deputy of Ukraine may be registered as a candidate for deputy if he is supported by signatures of not less than 500 voters of this electoral district.

Collection of signatures in support of the pretender begins since the moment of registration of the pretender.

Article 36. Lists of voters supporting parties, electoral blocks, pretenders to be candidates for deputies by single-mandate electoral districts.

The list of voters supporting a party (electoral block), a pretender to be a candidate for deputy of Ukraine nominated by a single-mandate electoral district is presented to the district election committee not later than 45 days before the elections.

On the top of each subscription list in support of a party (electoral block) the name of the party is indicated. On the top of each subscription list in support of a pretender to be a candidate for deputy of Ukraine nominated by a single-mandate electoral district surname, first name, patronymic of the pretender are indicated.

Beside each signature are indicated surname, first name patronymic, address, series and number of passport of the person who put the signature, date of signing. Signatures are numbered. The list is signed by the person responsible for collecting signatures with indication of his address and telephone number.

One voter has the right to sign in support of only one candidate of his electoral district and only one party (electoral block).

Election committees have the right to verify the authenticity of signatures. If one and the same voter supports more than one pretender or more than one party (electoral block), signatures made later than the first one are declared invalid. False signatures and signatures collected under compulsion are also considered invalid, if the voter who put the signature declares that in the written form. If because of above-mentioned reasons the number of signatures becomes less than necessary a party (electoral block) is offered within five days to supplement the list of supporters. In case of non-compliance with this condition the party (electoral block, group of voters) is not registered. Claims concerning signatures are taken into consideration by the district election committee not later than five days after presenting the list of voters supporting the party (electoral block, group of voters).

Only members of election committees, and in case of bringing an action - judicial organs have the right to acquaint with the lists of voters supporting the party (electoral block).

Article 37. Registration of lists of candidates for  
deputies  
of Ukraine

Lists of candidates for deputies of Ukraine of a party (electoral block) are registered by the Central election committee not later than five days after presenting necessary number of signatures in support of the party (electoral block) that presents lists of candidates.

Not later than three days after registration of lists of candidates of the party (electoral block) the Central election committee gives the executive representative of the party (electoral block) a certificate of registration of the lists and gives certificates over to the candidates of the party lists.

Decision on registration of the list of candidates is taken with the following documents available:

application signed by the leader of the party (leaders of parties united in the electoral block);

list of voters supporting this party (electoral block);

written statement of every candidate of the list of the party that he resigns from his previous position being elected as a deputy of Ukraine.

The person who presents above-mentioned documents is given a certificate of the Central election committee. Date and time of receiving of the documents are indicated in the certificate.

If presented documents do not meet the requirements of this Law the Central election committee not later than three days after receiving the documents notify those who have presented these documents with the purpose of correcting. Corrected documents are presented to the committee not later than 35 days before the elections.

Registered lists of candidates are numbered in the Central election committee according to the sequence of receiving of the documents that meet the requirements of this Law and are published in state press not later than five days after the end of registration.

Article 38. Registration of candidates for deputies of Ukraine by single-mandate electoral districts

Candidate for deputy of Ukraine nominated in a single-mandate electoral district is registered by corresponding district election committee not later than five days after presenting necessary number of signatures in his support.

Decision on registration of a candidate for deputy nominated by a party, electoral block or a group of voters is taken with the following documents available:

application with the signature of the leader of the party regional branch ( leaders of regional branches of parties united in the block) or of the authorized person of the group of voters;

list of voters supporting the candidate;

written statement of the candidate that he resigns from his previous position being elected as a deputy of Ukraine.

The person who presents above-mentioned documents is given a certificate of the district election committee. Date and time of receiving of the documents are indicated in the certificate.

If presented documents do not meet the requirements of this Law the district election committee not later than three days after receiving the documents notify those who have presented these documents with the purpose of correcting. Corrected documents are presented to the committee not later than 40 days before the elections.

Registered lists of candidates are numbered in the district election committee according to the sequence of receiving of the documents that meet the requirements of this Law and are published in state press not later than five days after the end of registration.

Article 39. Limitation of the possibility of parallel ballot

One and the same person may not be a candidate:

by lists of candidates of one party (electoral block) in more than one multimandate electoral district;

by lists of candidates of different parties (electoral blocks);

by list of candidates in multimandate electoral district and simultaneously as a candidate nominated in single-mandate electoral district by a group of voters;

as a candidate nominated by more than one single-mandate electoral district.

Even if one of these requirements is violated the Central election committee withdraws corresponding candidature.

Article 40. Cancellation of the decision on nominating candidate for deputy. Withdrawal by a candidate for deputy of his own candidature

The party (electoral block) has the right at any time before the elections to cancel its decision on nominating a candidate for deputy. His candidature is excluded from the list of the Central election committee on the grounds of the application signed by the party leader (by all the leaders of parties united in the block). In this case his candidature is also withdrawn in the electoral district. Candidature of a candidate for deputy may be withdrawn in the electoral district on the grounds of the same application, but may remain in the list of candidates.

A candidate for deputy may at any time before the elections withdraw his candidature in the list of candidates or in single-mandate electoral district, or both in the list and in single-mandate district, applying with this purpose to the Central (district) election committee.

Information about withdrawal of his candidature by the candidate the Central election committee publishes in state press not later than three days after receiving the application.

Article 41. Voting papers

Voting papers are made of two colours.

In the paper of one colour are inscribed names of parties and electoral blocks in the sequence of registration of lists of their candidates by the Central election committee. Together with the name of the electoral block names of parties that constitute the block are enumerated in the paper. Together with the name of the party are

enumerated candidates for deputies nominated by the list of this party (electoral block) in corresponding multimandate electoral district with indication of their surnames, first names, patronymics, dates of birth, positions (occupations). Candidates for deputies are numbered in sequence determined by the party (electoral block).

In the paper of the other colour are inscribed surname, first name, patronymic, date of birth, profession, position (occupation), party membership of every candidate, name of the party that nominates the candidate (if a candidate for deputy is nominated on the grounds of the application of the group of voters, the note "by the group of voters" should be written) according to the sequence of their presenting to corresponding election committee.

Not later than 15 days before the day of the elections regional election committees provide printing of voting papers according to the lists of candidates, and district election committees - of voting papers for voting in single-mandate electoral districts.

Voting papers are printed by regional and district election committees in Ukrainian and, in case of need, in any other language intelligible for the part of the population of the electoral district. Voting papers are subject to accurate registration. Regional and district election committees ensure transferring of voting papers to district and local election committees correspondingly. Local election committees have to receive voting papers not later than 5 days before the elections. Receiving of voting papers is acknowledged by signatures of the head, deputy head or the secretary of the committee.

## VI. GUARANTEES OF ACTIVITIES OF PARTIES, ELECTORAL BLOCKS, CANDIDATES FOR DEPUTIES

Article 42. Candidate's right to address meetings, to appear in mass media, to obtain information

All candidates for deputies of Ukraine without special preferences participate in election campaign from the moment of their registration as candidates for deputies.

Candidates for deputies have the right to address meetings, conferences, gatherings, sittings; appear in print, on television, go on the air.

Election committees are bound to assist candidates for deputies in

organizing their meetings with voters, and in receiving necessary information and references.

Taking advantage of candidate's present official position for carrying on election propaganda is inadmissible.

Article 43. Election programs of parties, electoral blocks, candidates for deputies nominated by groups of voters

Candidate for deputy of Ukraine of a party (electoral block) has the right to speak openly about the program of the future activities of his party (block), and a candidate for deputy of a group of voters - about the program of his future activities.

The program of a party (electoral block), candidate nominated by a group of voters may not contain war propaganda, calls for forcible changing of existing state and social system, infringement of territorial integrity of Ukraine, stirring up national, racial, religious hostility. In case of violation of these demands the Central election committee by representation made by the regional election committee when the violation is perpetrated by a party (electoral block), or by representation made by the district election committee when the violation is perpetrated by a candidate nominated by single-mandate electoral district or by his own initiative, and in accordance with the decision of the court

(Supreme Court of Ukraine - when the violation is perpetrated by a party (electoral block), and corresponding local court - when violation is perpetrated by a candidate nominated by single-mandate electoral district)

may consider the question of cancelling the decision on registration of the candidate. The court is bound to consider this matter not later than three days after bringing in the action.

Article 44. Proxies of parties, of electoral blocks, of candidates nominated by single-mandate electoral districts

Every party and electoral block that have presented their lists of candidates may have in each multimandate electoral district, and every candidate nominated by single-mandate electoral district - in his district - up to 10 proxies (i.e. person empowered to act for a candidate). Proxies carry on the election campaign of a party (electoral block) and of a candidate nominated by single-mandate electoral district in corresponding electoral district, carry on election propaganda,

represent interests of a party (electoral block), of a candidate in interrelations with state bodies, institutions of local and regional government, public unions, enterprises, establishments, organizations and voters, and also in election committees.

A party (electoral block) selects proxies at its own discretion and after registration of the list of candidates informs corresponding regional election committee of their proxies, and a candidate nominated by single-mandate electoral district - corresponding district election committee.

In the application are indicated surname, first name, patronymic, office and home addresses and telephone number of the proxy. The district election committee not later than three days after receiving the application registers proxies and gives them corresponding certificates.

A party (electoral block), a candidate nominated by single -mandate electoral district may at any time before the elections terminate authority and replace their proxy. When terminating authority and replacing the proxy a party (electoral block) is bound to inform corresponding regional election committee, and a candidate nominated by a single-mandate electoral district - corresponding district election committee. A proxy may at any time before the elections abdicate his authorities.

Proxies on the grounds of the application of a leader of a party (leaders of parties united in a block), of a candidate nominated by single-mandate electoral district may be relieved of his present production and official duties during the period of the election campaign at the expense of funds allocated to a party (electoral block), to a candidate nominated by a single-mandate electoral district for the election campaign.

A proxy may not be a member of an election committee.

Article 45. Relieving a candidate of production or official duties for participating in the election campaign

A candidate for deputy after registration is relieved of his own accord of discharging production or official duties for the period of the election campaign, or temporarily for election meetings with voters, going on the air, appearing on television. For all this his salary is preserved at the expense of funds allocated for carrying out the elections.

A candidate is relieved on the grounds of personal application and



receive his salary on his working place. This is legalized by corresponding order of a manager of an enterprise, an organization, an institution. After finishing of the election campaign the account for payment is presented to corresponding regional election committee if a candidate is nominated by the list of a multimandate electoral district, and to corresponding district election committee if a candidate is nominated by a single-mandate electoral district.

#### Article 46. Candidate's right of free pass

A candidate for deputy has the right of free pass for all kinds of urban and suburban passenger transport (excluding taxi) within a single-mandate or a multimandate electoral district in which he is registered.

#### Article 47. Inviolability of a candidate for deputy

A candidate for deputy may not be brought to trial, arrested or be subject to disciplinary measures without the consent of the Central election committee.

#### Article 48. Election propaganda

Citizens of Ukraine, public unions, labour collectives, collectives of vocational training schools, high schools, colleges, universities, proxies have the right to discuss freely and comprehensively election programs of parties, electoral blocks, candidates for deputies; political, business and personal qualities of candidates; carry on propaganda for or against a party, an electoral block, a candidate for deputy on meetings, radio, television in press.

Parties, electoral blocks, candidates for deputies hold meetings or meet their voters in any other convenient form. The election committee jointly with local authorities, public unions promotes holding of such meetings - gives premises, in proper time notifies about time and place of meetings and carries out other necessary arrangements.

The Central election committee jointly with corresponding state institutions provides printing of election posters of parties and electoral blocks, and district election committees - of candidates nominated by single-mandate electoral districts not later than 30 days before the elections.

Printing of election posters is carried out according to the following norm:

for a candidate nominated by a single-mandate electoral district - 2 000 copies;

for parties and electoral blocks - 100 000 copies.

For printing of election posters by the time fixed by the committee a sketch and text of a poster are presented to corresponding committee.

By the time of finishing of registration of parties, electoral blocks, candidates nominated by single-mandate electoral districts local executive authorities in concordance with local election committees allot on the territory of every polling district crowded, easy of access sites for placing posters.

Local executive authorities have the right to prohibit placing of posters on some buildings that are architectural monuments, or with the purpose of securing of street traffic. Bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs are bound to take off such posters.

Taking away, tearing away, painting over, damaging of posters if these posters are not placed in forbidden areas are prohibited, and in accordance with the Law are punished by fine of 1 000 coupons.

Posters may not contain war propaganda, calls for forcible changing of existing state and social system, infringement of territorial integrity of Ukraine, racial, national and religious hostility, information humiliating honour and dignity of a man.

Any propaganda on the day of the elections (i.e. distribution of voting leaflets, posters, calls on voters to vote for these or those candidates, parties and blocks, or to boycott the elections) is prohibited.

## VII. POLL PROCEDURE. SUMMING UP AND PUBLISHING OF RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS

### Article 49. Time and place of the poll

When carrying out the election of deputies of Ukraine the poll is carried out on the day of the elections from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. About the time and place of the poll the local election committee notifies voters not later than 10 days before the elections.

Closing of polling stations, holding up the poll, unsealing of polling boxes, counting up votes are not allowed while carrying out the elections.

At polling stations placed in hospitals and other permanent medical establishments, on ships navigating on the day of the elections, in regions difficult of access, and also at Ukrainian representations abroad a local election committee may declare the poll completed before 8 p.m. if all voters inscribed in the list have voted.

#### Article 50. Organization of the poll

The poll is carried out in specially allotted premises where must be equipped polling booths or rooms for secret ballot, indicated places for distribution of voting papers and polling boxes. There must be ball-point pens in the booths (rooms) for secret ballot.

The local election committee bears the responsibility for organizing the poll, ensuring the secrecy of voters' will, equipping the premises and keeping up necessary order. On the day of the elections before the poll the head of the local election committee in the presence of members of the committee examines and seals up polling boxes.

Every voter votes personally. Voting for other persons is not allowed.

Every voter receives two voting papers: one for voting by the single-mandate electoral district, and one for voting by the multimandate electoral district.

Voting papers are distributed by the local election committee on the grounds of the electoral roll of the polling district or the certificate for voting with presenting by a voter of passport or other identity document. When receiving the voting paper this paper is signed by a member of the local election committee that distributes the paper. Receiving of the voting paper the voter also acknowledges by his signature.

Certificate for voting is appended to the additional list of voters. When certain voters because of bad health or other reasons cannot come to the polling station the local election committee in accordance with their request charges some members of the committee with organizing the poll on the place of these voters' residence.

#### Article 51. Carrying out the poll

The voting paper is filled by the voter in the booth (room) for secret ballot. When filling the paper the presence of anybody else besides the voter who is voting is prohibited. The voter who cannot fill the voting paper on his own has the right to ask at his own discretion another person into the booth or room for secret ballot. This person may not be a member of the election committee, a proxy and a representative of a candidate for deputy (a party, an electoral block).

In the voting paper for voting by the single-mandate electoral district the voter crosses out the ordinal number of only that candidate for whom he votes.

In the voting paper for voting by lists of candidates in the multimandate electoral district the voter crosses out the ordinal number of only that party or only that electoral block for the list of which he votes.

The voter has the right either to vote for the list as a whole or to cross out ordinal numbers of those candidates he considers preferable (principal preference). Number of candidates the voter considers preferable may not be more than 3.

#### Article 52. Counting up votes in the polling district

When counting up votes the local election committee must adhere to the following succession of actions:

- 1) after completing the poll the election committee cancels, counts up and packs up unused voting papers. On the package are inscribed name and number of the polling district, kind and number of unused voting papers. The package is signed by the head, deputy head and secretary of the committee and is sealed;

- 2) the election committee determines by the principal and additional lists the total number of voters of the polling district and the number of voters that participated in the elections (received voting papers);

- 3) the head of the election committee in the presence of members of the committee examines integrity of the seal on the polling boxes and opens them;

- 4) the committee counts up separately numbers of voting papers of different colours in boxes - the number of voters that participated in the poll, the number of voting papers declared invalid.

Invalid voting papers are declared those of unstated standard and

also papers in which ordinal numbers of more than one candidate or one party (electoral block) are crossed out.

If the validity of the voting paper is doubtful the question is solved by voting. Voting papers of different colours that are declared invalid are enclosed in separate envelopes and sealed so that it is impossible to take out or enclose a paper in the envelope without damaging the seal. Name and number of the polling district, number of enclosed voting papers, kind of voting papers are inscribed on the envelopes;

5) the committee sorts and counts up separately the number of votes given for each candidate in the single-mandate electoral district, the number of votes given for each list of candidates in the multimandate electoral district, the number of principal preferences of every one of candidates of each list. After that the voting papers are enclosed in envelopes separate for each candidate and for each list of candidates, and are packed just as in item 4 of this Article;

6) the committee on its sitting examines the results of counting up of votes and enters them (results) on the records.

In the minutes are indicated:

name and number of the polling district;

number of voters that participated in the elections;

number of voters that participated in the poll;

number of votes given for every candidate in the single-mandate electoral district;

number of votes given for every list of candidates in the multimandate electoral district;

number of votes given for every list on the whole;

number of principal preferences of every candidate of every list;

number of voting papers declared invalid.

Number of copies of the records should exceed by two the total number of candidates for deputies included in the voting paper of one colour and parties (electoral blocks) included in the voting paper of the other colour.

7) Every copy is signed by the head, deputy head, secretary and members of the committee.

The first copy of the records and all voting papers are immediately sent to corresponding district election committee in accordance with established procedure, second copy is kept in the local election committee, and representatives of candidates nominated by the single-mandate electoral district, of parties and electoral blocks are given one copy each.

Article 53. Determining of the results of counting up votes in a single-mandate electoral district

A candidate nominated by a single-mandate electoral district is declared elected if he received the largest in comparison with other candidates number of votes of voters that participated in the poll.

On the grounds of the records of local election committees the district election committee on its sitting determines the results of counting up votes and enters them on the minutes.

In the records are indicated:

total number of voters in the district;

number of voters that participated in the elections;

number of voters that participated in the poll;

number of votes given for every candidate;

total number of votes given for every list of candidates within this single-mandate electoral district in corresponding multimandate electoral district;

number of votes given for every list on the whole;

number of principal preferences of every candidate of every list;

number of voting papers declared invalid.

The first copy of the records and unused voting papers not later than three days after the day of the elections are sent to the regional election committee in accordance with established procedure, second copy is kept in the district election committee, and proxies of candidates nominated by this single-mandate electoral district, of parties and electoral blocks are given one copy each.

The district election committee may declare the elections invalid in those polling districts where flagrant violation of this Law took place. The complaint about such a violation is sent to the district election committee not later than on the next day after the elections. If the violation influences on the general results of the elections in the district the district election committee has the right to schedule repeated elections in those polling districts where the elections were declared invalid. Repeated elections are carried out in a week after the elections in accordance with the procedure determined in Articles 49 - 52 of this Law. Question of carrying out the election by lists of candidates in these polling districts is considered by the regional election committee and is realized in accordance with the same procedure.

Article 54. Determining of the results of counting up votes in a multimandate electoral district

For determining the results of counting up votes in the multimandate electoral district the regional election committee must adhere to the following succession of actions:

1) voting quota is determined. For this, the number of votes given for every list of candidates is summed up and the result is divided by the number equal to the number of mandates of this multimandate electoral district plus 1 and is approximated to the nearest whole number;

2) number of votes received by every list of candidates is determined. For this, the number of votes given for every list of candidates is divided by the voting quota. For every list whole number and remainder are determined. The whole number is the number of mandates received by corresponding list of candidates;

3) deputies elected by every list of candidates are determined. For this, for every list:

3-1) number of additional preferences of every candidate is determined beginning with the first by ordinal number candidate of the list. For this, from the number of votes given for the list on the whole is subtracted the number necessary for augmentation of the number of principal preferences of the candidate up to the voting quota. After exhausting of the number of votes given for the list on the whole the process of determining of additional preferences comes to a halt;

3-2) all candidates in the list are arranged in order of diminution of sums of principal and additional preferences;

3-3) candidates for deputies are declared elected if their ordinal numbers in the list do not exceed the number of mandates received by this list.

4) the committee examines on its sitting the results of counting up votes and enters them on the records.

In the records are indicated:

total number of voters in the region;

number of voters that participated in the elections;

number of voters that participated in the poll;

total number of votes given for every list of candidates;

number of votes given for every list on the whole;

number of principal preferences of every candidate of every list;

number of additional preferences of every candidate of every list;

number of mandates remained undivided;

number of remainders for every list;

number of votes given for every candidate by every single  
-mandate electoral district within this multimandate electoral district;

number of voting papers declared invalid.

The first copy of the records and unused voting papers not later than three days after the day of the elections are sent to the Central election committee in accordance with established procedure, second copy is kept in the regional election committee, and proxies of parties and electoral blocks are given one copy each.

Article 55. Division of mandates by the amalgamation of  
multimandate electoral  
districts

Mandates that as the result of the division within multimandate electoral districts remained vacant, and mandates received by lists of candidates of those parties (electoral blocks) that received in multimandate electoral districts within Ukraine less than 3 per cent of the number of voters that participated in the poll are divided by the



national amalgamation of multimandate electoral districts.

For determining candidates that receive mandates by the amalgamation of multimandate electoral districts the Central election committee must adhere the following succession of actions:

1) the barrier is determined - 3 per cent of the number of voters that participated in the poll. For this, 0.03 is multiplied by the number of voters that participated in the poll and the result is approximated to the nearest whole number. Parties and electoral blocks with total number of votes given for their lists of candidates less than the barrier do not receive deputy mandates, votes given for them are crossed out of the number of votes subject to registration; mandates received by them in multimandate electoral districts are divided among other parties and electoral blocks, and their lists of candidates are left out when further counting up votes;

2) for every party (electoral block) the sum of remainders of votes received in multimandate electoral districts is determined;

3) number of mandates that are divided by the amalgamation of multimandate electoral districts is determined. For this, to the total number of mandates that remained undivided in multimandate electoral districts is added the total number of mandates received in multimandate electoral districts by parties (electoral blocks) that received within Ukraine less than 3 per cent of votes of voters that participated in the poll;

4) sums of remainders are divided in succession by 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on. Whole numbers received after division are arranged in order of diminution of absolute value;

5) voting quota is determined, that is equal to that of whole numbers received in accordance with item 4 of this Article ordinal number of which is equal to the number of mandates that are divided by the amalgamation of multimandate electoral district;

6) number of mandates received by every party (electoral block) by the amalgamation of multimandate electoral districts is determined. For this, the sum of remainders of votes received by every party (electoral block) is divided by the voting quota;

7) candidates for deputies elected by lists of every party (electoral block) are determined. For this:

7-1) for every list of candidates of parties (electoral block) the correlation between the total number of votes given for this list and the number of voters that participated in the poll in this multimandate electoral district is determined.

7-2) all lists of candidates of a party (electoral block) are arranged in order of diminution of numerical values of correlations received in accordance with item 7-1 of this Article;

7-3) number of mandates received by those lists of candidates of a party (electoral block) ordinal number of which (determined in accordance with item 7-2 of this Article) does not exceed the number of mandates received by given party (electoral block) by the amalgamation of multimandate electoral district is increased by 1;

7-4) arrangement of candidates for deputies of every list of candidates of a party (electoral block) is determined in accordance with item 3-2 of Article 54 of this Law. If one or several candidates for deputies are elected by the list of candidates in a multimandate electoral district candidates following them in the list of candidates of this party (electoral block) in given multimandate electoral district are transferred to the top of the list;

7-5) if one or several candidates for deputies are elected both by the list of candidates in a multimandate electoral district and by a single-mandate electoral district they are declared elected by a single-mandate electoral district, and candidates following them in the list of candidates of the party (electoral block) in given multimandate electoral district are transferred to the top of the list;

7-6) candidates for deputies are declared elected if their ordinal numbers in every one of the lists of a party (electoral block) determined in accordance with items 7-4, 7-5 of this Article do not exceed the number of mandates that falls on corresponding list out of the number of mandates received by given party (electoral block) by the amalgamation of multimandate electoral districts.

Article 56. Summing up the elections by the Central  
election  
committee

The Central election committee not later than five days after the elections on its session sums up the elections by single-mandate electoral districts and by lists of candidates in multimandate electoral districts and enters them on the records.

In the records are indicated:

number of voters that participated in the elections;

number of voters that participated in the poll;

number of votes given for lists of candidates of every party (electoral block);

number of voting papers declared invalid;

number of mandates received by every party (electoral block) that participated in the elections;

list of candidates elected by lists of parties and electoral blocks;

results of the elections by single-mandate electoral districts;

names and numbers of electoral districts and polling districts in which the elections are declared invalid and number of voters in them.

Number of copies of the records should exceed by two the number of parties and electoral blocks that form the voting paper. Every copy of the records is signed by the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary and members of the committee. The first copy of the records is kept in the Central election committee, and the Mandate committee of the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine and proxies of parties and electoral blocks are given one copy each.

#### VIII. PUBLISHING OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS. CERTIFICATE AND BADGE OF A DEPUTY OF UKRAINE

##### Article 57. Registration of deputies of Ukraine and publishing of the results of the elections

The Central election committee not later than five days after summing up the elections registers elected deputies of Ukraine and published in republican state press, informs on television and radio of the results of the elections.

In the report of the Central election committee are indicated:

total number of voters in Ukraine;

number of voters in every single-mandate electoral district and every multimandate electoral district;

number of voters that participated in the elections;

number of voters that participated in the poll;

number of votes given for every candidate, for lists of candidates of every party and electoral block;

number of voting papers declared invalid;

names and numbers of polling districts in which the elections are declared invalid and number of voters in them;

list of deputies elected by single-mandate electoral districts and by lists of candidates in multimandate electoral districts according to the Records of the Central election committee;

surname, first name, patronymic, party membership, date of birth, profession, position (occupation) of every deputy.

#### Article 58. Certificate and badge of a deputy of Ukraine

The Central and district election committees after publishing in press the list of deputies of Ukraine registered by the Central committee give every elected deputy a certificate of his election.

The Central election committee gives certificates over to deputies elected by lists of candidates in multimandate electoral districts, and district election committees - over to deputies elected by single-mandate electoral districts.

After acknowledgement by the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine of the authorities of elected deputies certificates of their election are replaced by certificates of a deputy of Ukraine. A deputy is also given the badge "Deputy of Ukraine".

#### IX. PROCEDURE OF DETERMINING A DEPUTY'S SUCCESSOR

##### Article 59. Procedure of determining a deputy's successor

When authorities of certain deputies of Ukraine are declared invalid by the Mandate committee of the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine, and also in case of resignation of a deputy or termination ahead of time of his authorities because of other circumstances his successor becomes a deputy of Ukraine.

If the quitting deputy was elected by a single-mandate electoral district, the candidate who received in the elections less votes than

elected deputy, but more votes than any other candidate is declared the successor.

If the quitting deputy was elected by the list of candidates in a multimandate electoral district, the candidate is declared the successor, if he occupies in the list of candidates the place ordinal number of which is the next after ordinal numbers of deputies elected by this list.

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