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**LAW OF THE UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC:
ON ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR**

C h a p t e r 1

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

**Article 1. Presidential Elections in the
Ukrainian SSR.**

President of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic is elected by citizens of the Ukrainian SSR on the basis of Universal, Equal and Direct Suffrage by secret ballot for a term of 5 years.

Any citizen of the Ukrainian SSR attained to the age of thirty-five years, having a suffrage according to the present Law, been ten years a resident within the Ukrainian SSR and speaking the state language can be elected President of the Ukrainian SSR.

One and the same person cannot be elected President more than two terms in succession.

Violation of this article requirements leads to the declaration of the elections invalid.

**Article 2. Legislation of Presidential Elections in
the Ukrainian SSR**

Organization and conducting of Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR are regulated by the Constitution of the Ukrainian SSR, the present Law and the other legislative documents of the Ukrainian SSR.

**Article 3. Participation of citizens in Presidential
Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.**

Citizens of the Ukrainian SSR attained to the age of 18 years have the right to take part in Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.

Any direct or indirect restriction of citizens' suffrage based on their origin, social and property status, race or nationality, sex, education, language, religious orientation, political views, period of residence in Ukraine, type and nature of occupation is prohibited.

Mentally-ill citizens, those found incompetent by court and incarcerated cannot participate in Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.

Citizens take part in the elections on the equal basis, directly, each voter has one vote.

Control over voters free will is not allowed.

**Article 4. Glasnost (openness) In the course of
Preparation for and Conducting of Presidential
Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.**

Election Committees, state and public organizations openly and publicly prepare for and conduct Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.

Corresponding state and public bodies inform citizens about their decisions concerning Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR through mass media and in other way within 5 days after they have been taken.

Election Committees inform citizens about their location, working hours, formation of voting districts, nominated candidates for President, candidates registration results, biographical data of registered candidates and elections results.

People's Deputies, representatives of registered political parties, public associations and people's movements, work collectives, collectives of vocational training schools, specialized secondary schools and institutions of higher learning, assemblies of voters based on their place of residence and of military servicemen according to their military units, government bodies and candidates' surrogates have the right to be present at the Election Committees meetings, at the polling districts and the electoral districts in the course of the voting, count of votes and announcement of the voting results. The powers of designated representatives are certified by the appropriate documents. Representatives' intention to be present at polling places on the elections day or at the Election Committees meetings should be declared to the corresponding Election Committee within 2 days before the elections. Interference of such representatives in the work of Election Committees is not allowed. The elections results are announced to those present at Election Committees meetings.

Mass media publicizes preparation for and conducting of Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR. Media representatives are guaranteed free access to all meetings and assemblies connected with the elections.

In the course of Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR all public actions connected with the elections are held freely. Local government bodies must be informed about these actions by their organizers who are responsible for breach of peace in the course of such actions.

Article 5. Material-and-technical Support of Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.

Expenses connected with the preparation and conduct of Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR are covered by Election Committees from a single centralized fund, formed by the Central Election Commission for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR at the expense of the State and money donated voluntarily by enterprises, institutions and organizations, public associations and private persons.

Maximum sum of donation for one candidate and maximum sum of a single donation is defined by the Supreme Soviet of

the Ukrainian SSR on proposal of the Central Election Commission for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.

Enterprises, institutions and organizations, state and public bodies provide for Election Committees free premises, equipment and transport necessary for preparation and conduct of elections. Any direct or indirect participation of foreign organizations and citizens in financing and other material support of the Election Campaign of candidates for President of the Ukrainian SSR is not allowed.

If a candidate for President of the Ukrainian SSR violates the present article requirements concerning financial and other material support, he is debarred from the further participation in the elections by court.

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MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE UKRAINIAN SSR

Article 6. Calling of Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.

Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR are set by the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR within four months before the elections day.

An announcement of the elections day is published in press and other mass media.

Article 7. Formation of Election and Polling Districts for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR

27 Election constituencies (districts) are formed for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR (one each for Crimean SSR, regions of Ukraine, and the cities of Kiev and Sevastopol).

Polling stations for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR are formed according to the Law of the Ukrainian SSR "On Elections of People's Deputies in the Ukrainian SSR".

Article 8. Election Commissions for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR

Central Election Commission district election commissions and divisional election commissions for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR organize and conduct Presidential Elections.

According to the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR resolution the Central Election Commission for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR authorizes the Central Election Commission for the Elections of People's Deputies in the Ukrainian SSR, which act according to the Law "On

Elections of People's Deputies in the Ukrainian SSR" and the present Law.

Order of formation of district and divisional election committees and their powers are provided by the Law "On Elections of People's Deputies in the Ukrainian SSR" (except items 7 and 9 of the article 24) and the present Law.

Article 9. Voters' Lists

The Law "On Elections of People's Deputies in the Ukrainian SSR" provides the procedure how to make voter lists, include citizens in them, appeal against non-inclusion or wrong inclusion in the lists, committed errors in voter's data and how to secure suffrage of citizens when they change their place of residence.

Article 10. Procedure of Candidates' Nomination for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR

Nomination of candidates for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR begins 3 months and terminates 2 months before the elections.

Political parties, public associations and people's movements represented by their republican bodies, as well as work collectives, collectives of vocational training schools, specialized secondary schools and institutions of higher learning, assemblies of voters based on their place of residence and of military servicemen according to their military units have the right to directly nominate candidates for President of the Ukrainian SSR according to the Law "On Elections of People's Deputies of the Ukrainian SSR".

A citizen of the Ukrainian SSR has the right to nominate his candidature for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.

Presidential aspirants, nominated by the above mentioned structures as well as those nominated themselves can be registered as candidates for President if their candidatures are supported by at least 100 thousand signatures of the Ukrainian citizens having a suffrage.

To get the right to nominate their candidate political parties, public associations and people's movements must be registered in the Central Election Commission. For that they present to the Central Election Commission the appropriate application signed by their leader together with their charters and programs not earlier than 20 days before and not later than 30 days after the elections have been declared.

The Central Election Commission registers political parties, public associations and people's movements and gives the appropriate certificates to their representatives within three days after their applications have been submitted.

Each of the structures, mentioned in this article, has the right to nominate only one Presidential aspirant.

Citizens' signatures in support of a nominated Presidential aspirant are collected according to the Law of the Ukrainian SSR "On All-Ukrainian and Local Referendums".

Article 11. Subscription List, Order of Its Giving out and Filling in.

A subscription list pattern, approved by the Central Election Commission, must contain columns for the following data: index number; first, middle and last name; passport number and series; date of birth; place of residence; personal signature.

A Presidential aspirant has the right to receive subscription lists directly from a district election commission.

To receive subscription lists a Presidential aspirant must get the appropriate certificate from the Central Election Commission.

The Central Election Commission must provide a Presidential aspirant with a necessary amount of subscription lists. But a Presidential aspirant can make his own copies of the subscription list.

A person collecting signatures in support of an aspirant must indicate in the subscription list first, middle and last name of the aspirant and the information on himself.

One list should contain signatures of residents of only one settlement.

Subscription lists are taken and registered by district election committees which send them to the Central Election Commission after signatures have been verified.

Procedure of signatures' verification is determined by the Central Election Commission.

A district election committee must supply a Presidential aspirant on his request with the information on the number of citizens' signatures in his support.

Article 12. Registration of Candidates for President in the Ukrainian SSR

Nominated candidates for President are registered by the Central Election Commission for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR within 3 days from the moment of receiving documents on a candidate's nomination and his written consent to run for.

Candidates for President are registered after such documents have been presented: report on a President aspirant nomination, report on results of signatures' collection in support of a candidate for President, candidate's for President written consent to run for, and if there are no documents on his incompetence.

A candidate for President as well as his surrogates cannot participate in election committees for Presidential Elections. A person nominated a candidate for President or proposed as his surrogate is considered relieved of his

duties in the electoral committee from the moment of his registration as a candidate for President or a surrogate of a candidate for President of the Ukrainian SSR.

The Central Election Commission gives to candidates for President the appropriate certificates within 2 days after registration.

The Central Election Commission publishes in press and other mass media information on registration together with the data about each candidate: first, middle and last name, date of birth, occupation, office, party-membership, place of residence and if having a criminal record, within 5 days after a candidate's registration.

Rejection of the Central Election Commission to register a Presidential aspirant can be appealed against in the Supreme Court of the Ukrainian SSR by person nominated a Presidential aspirant. The Supreme Court of the Ukrainian SSR considers the complain within 3 days. Decision of the Supreme Court of the Ukrainian SSR is final. Registration of candidates is conducted in terms defined by the Law of the Ukrainian SSR "On Elections of People's Deputies in the Ukrainian SSR".

A candidate for President can withdraw his candidature, applying for this in writing to the Central Election Commission any day before elections.

Article 13. Surrogates of Candidates for President of the Ukrainian SSR.

A candidate for President of the Ukrainian SSR can have up to 30 surrogates, who help him in conduct of election campaign, carry on propaganda for him, represent his interests in his contacts with state and public bodies and voters as well as in election committees.

A candidate for President chooses his surrogates himself and informs the Central Election Commission, which gives to such surrogates the appropriate certificates after their registration. A candidate for President can change his surrogate any time before elections.

Article 14. Guarantees of Candidates for President of the Ukrainian SSR and Their Surrogates' Activities

Candidates for President of the Ukrainian SSR from the moment of their registration by the Central Election Commission take part in the election campaign on the equal basis, have an equal right to use mass media within the Ukrainian SSR.

All registered candidates for President have equal opportunities in material-and-technical and financial support of their election campaigns.

Registered candidates for President have the right to be released from their official duties with their average salaries retained at the expense of money allotted for the election campaign.

Candidates for President have the right to use public transport free (except taxi) within the Ukrainian SSR.

Candidates for President, their surrogates cannot be dismissed from their office or transferred to another post without their consent in the course of the election campaign.

A candidate for President cannot be made answerable, arrested or subject to official reprimand by court without his consent in the course of the election campaign.

Article 15. Ballot-Paper.

Form and text of the ballot-paper for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR is approved by the Central Election Commission. Ballot-paper must contain in alphabetical order all registered candidates for President indicating their first, middle and last names, together with the following data: date of birth, occupation, office, party-membership, place of residence and information on the organization that nominated the candidate.

Ballot-paper is printed according to the Law "On Languages in the Ukrainian SSR".

C h a p t e r 3

RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE UKRAINIAN SSR

Article 16. Organization and Manner of Voting, Summing up of Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR.

The time and place, organization and manner of voting and counting of votes in electoral constituencies and polling districts for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR are defined by the Law of the Ukrainian SSR "On Elections of People's Deputies in the Ukrainian SSR".

After the voting is over polling stations and electoral constituencies give the data to district election commissions which count the votes and record the results, signed by all members of the corresponding committees.

Records of election commissions contain the following data:

- number of citizens included in voters' lists for Presidential Elections;
- number of citizens who voted;
- number of votes for each candidate for President;
- number of votes against each candidate for President;
- number of ballot-papers declared invalid.

Records on voting results are transmitted immediately to the Central Election Commission.

Article 17. Definition and Publication of Voting Results of Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR

The Central Election Commission for Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR announces the results of Presidential Election in the Ukrainian SSR on the basis of records of district election commissions within 7 days after the elections.

A candidate having more than a half of votes of all voters who participated in the elections shall be the President of the Ukrainian SSR.

Elections are declared invalid if less than a half of all voters included in voters' lists have taken part in the elections or in case of all registered candidates' removal from the elections.

Elections in whole or in some election districts can be declared invalid because of errors committed in the course of elections or counting of votes, that have influenced the elections results.

The Central Election Commission takes the decision to declare the elections invalid. Such decision can be disputed in the Supreme Court of the Ukrainian SSR within one month. The right to appeal against such decision belongs to the candidates for President of the Ukrainian SSR.

Report on the results of Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR is published by the Central Election Commission within 3 days after the record on the elections results has been signed.

Article 18. Re-Voting.

If a ballot contained names of more than two candidates for President of the Ukrainian SSR and none of them has been elected, the Central Election Commission declares re-voting for Presidential Elections. In this case only the names of the 2 candidates having the greatest number of votes are included, not counting the candidates withdrawn after the first voting. If only one candidate is left as the result of the withdrawal of the other candidates, then re-voting is conducted only for his candidacy. In this case to elect this candidate more than a half of all voters taking part in the elections should vote for him. Re-voting is conducted within two weeks of the observance of the present Law. Report on re-voting is published in press.

The Candidate having the majority of votes of the whole number of electors who participated in the elections comparing with the other candidate shall be the President of the Ukrainian SSR. The number of votes for this candidate should be more that the number of votes against.

Elections are declared valid if more than 50% of all voters included in voters' lists participated.

Article 19. By-Elections.

If more than two candidates for President have run for and no one has been elected and if Presidential Elections have been declared invalid or after re-voting a President has

not been elected, the Central Election Committee takes the decision to call by-elections with new candidates for President nominated. In this case a new staff of district and divisional election committees can be assigned.

By-elections are conducted within two months after the first elections. Voting is carried out in the same polling districts, on the basis of the voters' lists made for the first elections.

Formation of Election Committees, nomination and registration of candidates for President of the Ukrainian SSR, other actions connected with the conduct of re-elections are made in the order determined by the present Law.

Report on re-elections is published in press and other mass media.

Article 20. Decision to Call Elections.

Decision to call and to support Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR is made by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE SUPREME SOVIET
OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR
ON THE ORDER OF IMPLEMENTING
THE LAW OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR
"ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE UKRAINIAN SSR"**

The Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic **resolves:**

1. To implement the Law of the Ukrainian SSR "On Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR" from the moment of its ratification.
2. To state that the requirements specified in the first paragraph of Article 6 of the Present Law does not affect the elections for the first President of the Ukrainian SSR.

**LAW OF THE UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC:
ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR**

Article 1. According to the Ukrainian SSR Constitution the President of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic is the highest official of the Ukrainian State and the head of the executive power.

The Ukrainian SSR President's powers are determined by the Ukrainian Constitution.

Article 2. Any citizen of the Ukrainian SSR attained to the age of thirty-five years on the elections day can be eligible to the office of President of the Ukrainian SSR.

One and the same person can not be elected President of the Ukrainian SSR for more than two terms in succession.

President of the Ukrainian SSR cannot be a Peoples' Deputy, hold any post in the state bodies, public associations and other organizations, and be involved in the commercial activities.

If a person elected President of the Ukrainian SSR is a People's Deputy, his Deputy's powers cease at the moment of his taking the President's office.

Violation of this article requirements leads to the loss of the President's powers, and the person elected can not be sworn in.

Article 3. The manner of holding the Elections for the President of the Ukrainian SSR is determined by the Law 'On Presidential Elections in the Ukrainian SSR'.

Article 4. President of the Ukrainian SSR assumes the office from the moment of taking the oath.

President of the Ukrainian SSR when assuming the office takes such an oath:

"I do solemnly swear to the Ukrainian people that I will observe the Ukrainian Constitution and laws, respect and protect citizens' rights and freedoms, defend the Ukrainian SSR sovereignty, faithfully execute my office".

President of the Ukrainian SSR takes the oath within 15 days after the official announcement of the elections results. The taking of oath day is determined by the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR.

President of the Ukrainian SSR swears in the ceremonial atmosphere at the Session of the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet, holding the Constitution of the Ukrainian SSR in his hands.

Chairman of the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet or his deputy administer the oath to President.

Article 5. President of the Ukrainian SSR has the right to take part in the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet Sessions, in the discussion of questions submitted for its consideration.

President signs bills passed by the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet within ten days from the day they were presented to him.

If President does not approve a bill, he has a right to return it with his objections within two weeks to the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet for reconsideration and re-voting. If the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet confirms the previous decision by the majority of votes the law is considered passed. President is obliged to sign it within ten days after it has been presented to him for the second time.

Article 6. President of the Ukrainian SSR exercises his powers guided by the Ukrainian SSR Cabinet of Ministers; the President has the right to establish necessary administrative and consultative structures.

Article 7. President of the Ukrainian SSR issues decrees which are in his competence, compulsory for observance within the Ukrainian SSR, on the basis of the Ukrainian Constitution and laws.

President of the Ukrainian SSR has a right to disaffirm resolutions and decrees of the Ukrainian SSR Cabinet of Ministers, Crimean ASSR Government, Ukrainian SSR Ministries and other bodies subordinate to him, of the executive committees of local Soviets of the People's Deputies of the Ukrainian SSR.

President also has a right to suspend the implementation of the decrees passed by the USSR executive bodies within the Ukrainian SSR if they contradict the Ukrainian Constitution and laws.

Article 8. President cannot resign his commissions to other persons or bodies.

Article 9. President of the Ukrainian SSR has an immunity.

People guilty in the infringement of President's honor and dignity are subject to responsibility according to the law.

Status of President of the Ukrainian SSR is protected by law.

Article 10. President of the Ukrainian SSR holds his office until the assumption of the office by a newly elected President, except the cases specified in the second and third parts of the Article 114 of the Ukrainian SSR Constitution.

President keeps his title lifelong.

Article 11. Order of financial and material-and-technical support of President of the Ukrainian SSR state activities is provided by laws of the Ukrainian SSR.