THE LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

«ON THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN»

Article 1. The Central election commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereafter referred to as – “The Central Election Commission”) is established for the organization and conducting of elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as a referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan and carries out its activity on a permanent basis.

(The first part was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from August 27, 2004, № 671-II – The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, № 37, art. 408)

(The second part was excluded by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 4, 2014, № LRU-373- The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2014, № 36, art.452)

Article 2. The main principles of activity of the Central election commission

The main principles of activity of the Central election commission are independence, lawfulness, collegiality, transparency and fairness. (The first part was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 4, 2014, № LRU-373 – The collection of the laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2014, № 36, art. 452)

The Central election commission is called for facilitating with its activity the realization of democratic principles of an election system, ensuring the possibility of free expression of will of electors (voters).

Article 2¹. Independence¹ *

The Central election commission and its members carry out their activity independently of any state bodies, public associations and officials.

The members of the Central election commission, by making a decision, express their attitudes, which are independent of political dispositions and other outside influences.

Interference in the activity of the Central election commission is not allowed and draws responsibility in accordance with the law.

Article 2². Lawfulness

The Central election commission and its members in their activity are guided by the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the law on elections, a referendum and other legislative acts.

Article 2³. Collegiality

Consideration of questions (issues) and decision-making is carried out by the Central election commissions collectively.

Article 2⁴. Transparency

The Central election commission carries out its activity transparently. Meetings of the Central election commission are conducted openly.

The meetings of the Central election commission can be attended by the representatives of political parties, mass media, and observers from other countries, international organizations and movements.

Decisions of the Central election commission are published in the mass media.

Article 2. Fairness

The Central election commission takes necessary measures to ensure equal conditions (status) for candidates, political parties for carrying out election campaigns, fair distribution of budgetary funds, allocated for the preparation and conduct of elections, a referendum, honesty of polling and summing up election results and a referendum.

Article 3. Establishment of the Central election commission

The Central election commission is established by the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan composed of at least fifteen members.

The members of the Central election commission are selected by the Legislative chamber and the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the recommendation of Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakistan, regional and Tashkent city Kengashs of people’s deputies.

The Chairman of the Central election commission is selected from amongst its members on the nomination of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan at a commission’s meeting.

The Deputy Chairman and the secretary of the Central election commission are selected from amongst its members at a commission’s meeting.

(The fifth part of the article 3 was excluded by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 4, 2014, № LRU-373 — CL RU, 2014, № 36, art. 452)

(The article 3 was emended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from August 27, 2004, № 671-II — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, № 37, art. 408)

Article 4. Membership of the Central election commission

A member of the Central election commission can be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, who has reached the age of twenty-five years, and has, as a rule, higher education, professional experience in the organization and conduct of elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and to the representative bodies of state authorities, a referendum, who enjoys prestige with a community and permanently lives in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan at least for the last five years.

Citizens who have an outstanding or unquashed conviction for committing grave and especially grave crimes, military men of the Armed Forces, employees of the National Security Service of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and other militarized departments, professional workers of religious organizations and associations cannot be members of the Central election commission.
A member of the Central election commission cannot be a member of other election commission or a political party.

A member of the Central election commission registered in accordance with procedure established by the law as a Presidential candidate of the Republic of Uzbekistan, a deputy candidate of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, a member candidate of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, a proxy, is considered to be dropped out of the composition of the commission.

Authority of a member of the Central election commission can be ceased by the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan directly or upon the recommendation of an organ that recommended the candidate in the following instances:

- filing of a written application about resignation by him;
- recognition of him in accordance with procedure established as a legally incapable (incompetent);
- coming into legal force of a guilty verdict against him;
- systematic failure to perform his duties.

A new member of the Central election commission is approved in accordance with procedure established with the present Law.

A member of the Central election commission based on its decision can work at the commission on a permanent basis.

The members of the Central election commission, who work on a permanent basis, cannot engage in other types of paid activities except scientific and pedagogical activities.

Article 4. A certificate (identity card) of a member of the Central election commission

A member of the Central election commission has an appropriate identity card.

Identity cards of the Chairman of the Central election commission and his deputy Chairman are signed by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, identity cards of other members of the Central election commission are signed by the Chairman of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
Uzbekistan in concurrence with the Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

(The article 4 was introduced by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 4, 2014, № LRU-373 — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2014, № 36, art. 452)

Article 5. Authority of the Central election commission

The Central election commission:

leads the system of election commissions and commissions on the conduct of a referendum, which are established for the conduct of elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan and a referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan, carries out in the entire territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan control over enforcement of laws on elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan and a referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan and ensures their uniform application;

declares the beginning of an election campaign for election to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regional, district, city Kengashs of people’s deputies;

(The third paragraph was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from December 25, 2008, № LRU-194 — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2008, № 52, art. 510)

provides methodological support for the activities of election commissions and commissions on the conduct of a referendum, adopts within its authority decrees, issues instructions (guidelines) and approves statutes and provides clarifications on the questions of the organization of elections and a referendum;

establishes district election commissions, referendum districts, assigns names and numbers to them, publishes the list of districts indicating their boundaries (limits), the number of voters (electors) and citizens entitled to participate in a referendum;

resolves the questions of an attachment to the district election districts (constituencies) of precinct stations and referendum stations established at the representative offices of the Republic of Uzbekistan in foreign counties;

establishes district election commissions (constituencies) and district commissions on the conduct of a referendum and publishes information on their locations;

determines a procedure for introducing amendments to the composition of election commissions and commissions on the conduct of a referendum;

independently or proposed by the General Prosecutor of the Republic of Uzbekistan abolishes decisions of district election commissions and district commissions on the conduct of a referendum in instances where those decisions contradict laws on elections and a referendum;

issues (mandates) accreditation to the observers of foreign states, international organizations in the elections and a referendum;
works out and approves a cost estimate for the preparation and conduct of elections and a referendum, distributes funds among election commissions and commissions on the conduct of a referendum, including funding of participation of political parties in elections, establishes a procedure for using them, controls the provision of election commissions and commissions on the conduct of a referendum with premises, transports and communication facilities, considers other questions of logistical support for elections and a referendum;

(The eleventh paragraph was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 4, 2014, № LRU-373 — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2014, № 36, art.452)

establishes a sample of a mandate (accreditation) for observers (agents) from political parties, representatives of the press, TV, radio, observers from other countries, international organizations and movements;

(The twelfth paragraph was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 25, 2008, № LRU-194 — CL RU, 2008, № 52, art. 510)

on the basis of presented documents makes decision about permitting political parties to participate in elections;

receives corresponding documents from political parties, nominating Presidential candidates of the Republic of Uzbekistan and deputy candidates of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

(The fourteenth paragraph was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 25, 2008, № LRU-194 — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2008, № 52, art. 510)

makes a decision about conducting a conference of the Ecological movement of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the elections of deputies to the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

(The fifteenth paragraph was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 4, 2014, № LRU-373 — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2014, № 36, art. 452)

registers Presidential candidates of the Republic of Uzbekistan and deputy candidates of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, organizes publication of the lists of registered candidates and information about them in print;

ensures equal conditions (status) for the participation of Presidential candidates of the Republic of Uzbekistan and deputy candidates of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

establishes samples and forms of election ballots and election lists on elections for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, deputies of the Legislative Chamber and the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, ballots for voting at a referendum, lists of voters (electors) and citizens entitled to participate in a referendum, candidacy lists, minutes of election commissions, commission on the conduct of a referendum and other documents, sample ballot boxes and seals (stamps) of election commissions, commissions on the conduct of a referendum, determines procedures for document preservation (record keeping);
hears reports of the representative of election commissions, commissions on the conduct of a referendum, political parties, ministries, state committees and agencies, local bodies of state authorities and other state bodies and non-governmental non-commercial organizations on questions related to the preparation and conduct of elections and a referendum;

sums up election’s results and a referendum, determine the results of voting overall as a whole in the Republic of Uzbekistan and publishes in print a report on the number of voters and citizens entitled to participate in a referendum, participated in the voting, number of votes given for each candidate, number of votes, given for and against a question submitted to a referendum;

in instances, where it is provided for in the law, organizes the conduct of repeat voting, repeat elections and elections in place of dropped out deputies of the Legislative Chamber or members of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

registers the elected deputies of the Legislative Chamber and the members of the Senate of the Republic of Uzbekistan as well as publishes their lists in print;

convenes the first meeting (session) of the Legislative Chamber, Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan in accordance with procedure established by the law;

presents (issues) to an elected person an identity card (certificate) on being elected as a President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

issues to a deputy of the Legislative Chamber and a member of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan identity card (certificate) and a badge accordingly of a deputy of the Legislative Chamber and a member of the Senate;

considers applications and complaints about decisions and actions of election commissions and commissions on the conduct of a referendum and makes decisions on them;

passes (hands over) to the bodies of prosecutor offices material on infringement of the laws on elections and a referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan which draws criminal responsibility;

carries out international cooperation with election bodies of other countries, international organizations, organizes meetings with the representatives of foreign countries, international organizations, concludes agreements and memorandums on cooperation;

participates in the observation of elections in foreign countries, including in the composition of missions of international organizations;

invites international organizations, election bodies of foreign countries for the observations of elections in the country, assigns its own representatives to the composition of missions of observers;

ensures transmission of documents related to the organization and conduct of elections and a referendum to an archive;
approves the Guidelines (Procedures) of the Central election commission;

strenthenes and develops public relations and links with the mass media;

exercise other powers in accordance with the legislative acts.

(The paragraphs twenty-eighth and thirties were replaced with the paragraphs twenty eighth – thirty fourth by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 4, 2014, № LRU-373 — The Collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan 2014, № 36, art. 452)

(It was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from August 27, 2004, № 671-II — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, № 37, art. 408)

### Article 6. Authority of the Chairman of the Central election commission

The Chairman of the Central election commission:

- carries out leadership over the activity of the Central election commission;

- convenes meetings of the Central election commission, preside over them and distributes obligations among its members;

- invites for participation in the meetings of the Central election commission the representatives of state bodies, political parties and other public associations, organizations and other officials;

- represents the Central election commission in relations with state bodies, international organizations and public associations;

- informs the chambers of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan about the outcomes of elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan as well as a referendum; (The sixth paragraph was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from August 27, 2004, № 671- II — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, № 37, art. 408)

- signs resolutions and other acts of the Central election commission;

- distributes and controls targeted use of funds allocated for ensuring the activity of the Central election commission from the State budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

(The seventh and eighth were introduced by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from September 4, 2014, № LRU-373 — The collection of the law of Uzbekistan, 2014, № 36, art. 452)

- opens accordingly the first meeting of the Legislative Chamber and Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan and presides over them until the selection of the Speaker of the Legislative Chamber and the Chairman of the Senate;

- exercises other powers provided for in the present Law and other legislative acts.

(The ninth and tenth paragraphs were amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from August 27, 2004, № LRU-671 — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, № 37, art. 408)
In instances when the Chairman of the Central election commission cannot fulfill his powers, also in the instance of his absence, functions of the Chairman are rested with the Deputy chairman or by the decision of the Central election commission with one of its members.

**Article 7. Meetings of the Central election commission**

An organizational form of work of the Central election commission is its meetings, which are conducted as deemed necessary. Meetings are considered to be legitimate if there are attended at least by two thirds of the total members of the commission.

Decisions of the Central election commission are made by an open voting and simple majority of votes of the total members of the commission. In case of equal division of votes, the vote of the chairman of the Central election commission is considered as decisive.

**Article 8. Minutes of the meeting of the Central election commission**

At the meetings of the Central election commission the minutes are kept, which are signed by the chairman and the secretary of the Central election commission.


The members of the Central election commission are entitled to express a separate opinion, which is attached to the protocol in a written form.

**Article 9. Resolution of the Central election commission**

The Central election commission within its authority issues resolutions, which are signed by the Chairman and subject to publishing in print.

**Article 10. Obligation of decisions of the Central election commission**

Decisions, are made by the Central election commission within the limits of its authority, are considered to be obligatory for district and precinct election commissions and commissions on the conduct of a referendum, for state bodies, political parties and other non-governmental non-commercial organizations, enterprises, agencies and institutions.

*(It was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from August 27, 2004, № 671-II — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, № 37, art. 408)*

**Article 11. Consideration of appeals by the Central election commission**

The Central election commission is entitled to appeal on the questions related to the preparation and conduct of elections or a referendum to the leadership of the state bodies, non-governmental non-commercial organizations, enterprises, agencies and organizations, other officials, who are obliged to consider a question and give an answer in the course of three days.

*(It was amended by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan from August 27, 2004, № 671-II — The collection of the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, № 37, art. 408)*

**Article 12. Appealing decisions of the Central election commission**
Decisions of the Central election commission can be appealed to the Supreme Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan. A complaint should be considered in the course of three days after its arrival, and if until elections or a referendum left less than six days - immediately.

**Article 13. Secretariat of the Central election commission**

For ensuring the activity of the Central election commission, a secretariat is established.

The work of the Secretariat is managed by the secretary of the Central election commission.

Structure, staff of the Secretariat and a procedure of its work are approved by the Chairman of the Central election commission.

**Article 14. Regulations of the Central election commission**

The rules of procedures of the Central election commission is determined by its Regulations.

**Article 15. Funding of the Central election commission**

Funding of the Central election commission is carried out at the expense of state means (funds) and is provide for in the State budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan with a separate budget line.


**Article 16. Seal (stamp) of the Central election commission**

The Central election commission has its own seal with the image of State emblem of the Republic of Uzbekistan and name on it.

The Central election commission is a legal entity.

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan I. Karimov

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