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THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION (CEC), pursuant to article 64, paragraph 1 and paragraph 2, sub-paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 and article 127 of the Law No. 08/L-228 on General Elections in the Republic of Kosovo (LGE), articles 20 and 29, paragraph 2 of the Law No. 03/072 on Local Elections in the Republic of Kosovo (LLE) on 12.03.2024, adopts this:

ELECTION REGULATION NO. 13/2024

ELECTION RESULTS

Article 1

Purpose

This Regulation determines the procedures for reporting and publishing preliminary, progressive, final results and statistics, and certification of final election results.

Article 2

Preliminary reporting of election results

- 1. On election day, the Central Election Commission (CEC) collects and publishes data on results and statistics, collected from each Municipal Election Commission (MEC) within the respective municipality.
- 2. Preliminary reporting includes:
 - 2.1. publication of voter turnout statistics throughout election day;
 - 2.2. publication of results for political entities from polling stations;
 - 2.3. publication of results for political entity candidates from the Municipal Counting Center (MCC) and other updates.
- 3. The Central Election Commission (CEC), through its reporting staff, collects data through the electronic platform from all polling stations (PS) regarding participation in elections and preliminary results of political entities, as recorded in the Political Entities Results Forms (PER).

4. The preliminary results on election day include only the votes of political entities from regular polling stations, excluding the votes from conditional ballot envelopes, votes of persons with special needs, and votes from outside Kosovo.

Article 3

Preliminary preparations

- 1. The Central Election Commission (KQZ) prepares reporting guidelines and forms for the MEC related to reporting, as outlined in paragraph 2 of Article 2 of this Regulation.
- 2. The CEC deploys staff to report results at all polling centers (PC).
- 3. The reporting staff is trained, equipped with information technology (IT), provided with reporting guidelines, and they sign the Code of Conduct.
- 4. To ensure the efficient operation of reporting process on election day, the reporting staff performs simulations of the process according to the provided guidelines. The simulation must include the immediate data entry from no less than 60% of polling centers (PCs).

Article 4

Publication of voter turnout statistics during election day

- 1. The CEC publishes on the website statistics on participation in election in the following time intervals: 09:00, 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00, 19:00, except in cases where the CEC decides otherwise.
- 2. The publications at 13:00 and 19:00 include gender and age group statistics.
- 3. The reporting on participation in election, depending on the type of election, includes data on participation at the national, municipal, PC, and PS levels.
- 4. The election participation information includes the following data:
 - 4.1. the name of municipality, PC and PS number (code);
 - 4.2. the number of voters on the voter list;
 - 4.3. the number of voters who have voted;
 - 4.4. the total number of polling stations;
 - 4.5. the number of processed PSs, from which data has been sent;
 - 4.6. voter turnout, expressed as a percentage against the total number of processed voters.

Article 5

Publication of results for political entities from polling stations

- 1. In the elections to the Assembly of Kosovo, the results of all political entities are reported at the national, municipal, PC and PS levels.
- 2. In local elections, results of political entities for municipal assemblies and results of candidates for mayors are reported. The data is presented at the municipal, PC, and PS levels.
- 3. The presented results include:
 - 3.1. number of valid votes for each political entity;
 - 3.2. number of valid votes for each candidate for mayor;
 - 3.3. percentage of votes won by each political entity and/or mayoral candidate against the total number of valid votes.

Article 6

Presentation on electronic platform

- 1. The presentation on the electronic platform is done in a non-discriminatory manner for political entities.
- 2. The presentation includes a cartographic map of municipalities, where clicking on the area of a municipality displays the data for that respective municipality.
- 3. Each political entity is assigned a specific color, which represents the entity in the graphic display and must have sufficient contrast to clearly distinguish between the colors of entities.
- 4. A visible notice is displayed explaining that preliminary results do not include conditional votes, votes from outside Kosovo, and votes from individuals with special needs.

Article 7

The verification and review of results by MEC

- 1. After the publication of preliminary results and statistics from the PSs, the MEC reviews the published results by comparing them with the data processed from the copies of Political Entities Results Forms (ERF).
- 2. The CEC corrects the preliminary results based on correction data received from the MECs.

Article 8

Publication of preliminary results by MCC

- 1. The publication of preliminary results by MCC includes:
 - 1.1. updated results of political entities for elections for the Assembly of Kosovo and municipal assembly, after verification;
 - 1.2. updated results of the candidates for mayor;
 - 1.3. results of the candidates from political entities.
- 2. Presentation of results is done according to the criteria under Article 6 of this Regulation.
 - 2.1. Presentation of candidates' results is done according to the order on the candidate list.

Article 9

Publication of final results

- 1. In case of discrepancies in results, the CEC may order the recount of votes for any PS, or even the repetition of voting in a PS or a PC.
- 2. The publication of the final results includes:
 - 2.1. The verified results from the CRC, after matching the data from the result forms and voter list, received by the MCC (for regular PSs);
 - 2.2. results of votes cast outside Kosovo and statistics of the voter list;
 - 2.3. results of conditional votes and statistics of voters' list;
 - 2.4. results of votes from people with special needs and statistics of voters' list.
- 3. The publication of final results is done progressively by the CRC.
- 4. The CEC announces the final results, based on Articles 106 and 111 of the LGE, and Article 8 of the LLE.
- 5. An individual or legal person whose legal rights have been violated by the CEC's decision regarding the announcement of final election results may file an appeal with the ECAP within forty-eight (48) hours of the announcement of results.

Article 10

Certification of final results

- 1. The CEC certifies the final election results after the completion of all procedures by the ECAP and Supreme Court.
- 2. Based on the certified results, the CEC prepares the list of all mandates for certified elections and submits it to the President of Kosovo and relevant institutions.
- 3. The certified results are published in both tabular and graphical formats on the CEC's website, and include:
 - 3.1. number of registered voters;
 - 3.2. Number and gender of voters who voted in each PS, PC and municipality;
 - 3.3. number and gender of voters who voted from abroad;
 - 3.4. number and gender of voters who voted conditionally;
 - 3.5. number and gender of voters through VPSN;
 - 3.6. total number and gender of voters who voted;
 - 3.7. number of valid ballots;
 - 3.8. number of unused ballots;
 - 3.9. number of used ballots;
 - 3.10. number of invalid ballots;
 - 3.11. number of spoiled ballots;
 - 3.12. number of votes for each political entity;
 - 3.13. number of seats won by each individual candidate;
 - 3.14. number of seats won by each entity;
 - 3.15. formula for distribution of mandates together with the results;
 - 3.16. names of elected candidates.
- 4. As an exception to paragraph 3 of this article, the CEC publishes the certified results on the electronic platform. The results on the electronic platform must be published in a way that allows filtering and sorting of all presented data.
- 5. The election results certified by the CEC are final and binding.

Article 11

Final Provisions

- 1. Upon the entry into force of this Regulation, Regulation No. 13/2023 on Preliminary Results, of 09.03.2023, is repealed.
- 2. The procedure for reporting preliminary and final results is an integral part of this Regulation.

Article 12

Entry in to Force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Chairperson Central Elections Commission

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