



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Independent Election Commission

Regulation on Introducing New Vice Presidential Candidate In case of his/her Death, Resignation or Refractory Disease which are Hindrances to his/her Candidacy

Legal Basis:

This regulation has been established by the IEC (hereafter referred to as the Commission) under Article 79 of the Electoral Law.

Purpose:

This regulation shall regulate affairs related to death, resignation and withdrawal of a vice presidential candidate or to a refractory disease or any other diseases affecting and preventing him/her from running for 2014 presidential election.

Withdrawal Period prior to Publishing Final List of Candidates

Article 1:

If one or both vice presidential candidates withdraw from candidacy within the specific period provided for a candidate's withdrawal in the electoral timeline or die or affected by a refractory disease or a disease preventing one or both of them from candidacy, the presidential candidate shall introduce to the Commission another person or persons as his/her vice presidential candidate(s) as soon as possible.

Withdrawal Period after Publishing Final List of Candidates

Article 2:

1. A presidential candidate is not allowed to dismiss or force to resign his/her vice presidential candidate after the end of the withdrawal period.
2. If one or both vice presidential candidates die, resign or affected by a refractory disease after the withdrawal period, the presidential candidate shall introduce another eligible person or persons to the Commission as a vice president with required documents within 72 hours.
3. A presidential candidate shall publicize complete personal information on his/her new vice president through the mass media.
4. After ending the withdrawal period, if one or both vice presidential candidates withdraw, he/she is not allowed to be introduced as a vice presidential candidate for another presidential nominee.

Challenge Adjudication Period

Article 3:

1. The Commission shall publish the personal information on the new vice presidential candidate.
2. If the issues mentioned in Article 2.1 arises during last days of the withdrawal period or the situations happen as stated in Article 2.2 and a presidential candidate introduces a new vice presidential candidate to the Commission, the Commission shall consider a 72 hour period for receiving and addressing challenges against the new vice president.
3. If the newly introduced vice president is not qualified, the presidential candidate shall, for the last time, introduce another eligible person no later than 48 hours and in this case; the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Article 1 and paragraph 3 of Article 2 of this regulation shall be applied.
4. A presidential candidate shall, for the last time, introduce his/her new vice president to the Commission not later than 72 hours before Election Day.
5. If the vice presidential candidate is not qualified for the second time, the candidate shall be considered to have resigned and his/her votes shall not be counted for him/her and the Commission shall inform the public of the issue.

Resignation or Death of Vice Presidential Candidate on Election Day or After Announcement of Election Results

Article 4:

If one of the vice presidential candidates resigns or dies on Election Day or after the announcement of the election results, the winning President shall appoint another person with the approval of Wolosi Jirga.

Entry into Force

Article 5:

This regulation shall be entered into force and published by the date of approval.