

**REGULATIONS
ON THE ELECTION OF THE
PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA 2009**

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CHAPTER I
General provisions

Art. 1. – (1) This law establishes the organization and conduct of the election of the President of Romania.

(2) The President of Romania shall be elected by universal, equal, direct, secret, and freely expressed vote, under the terms of this law.

(2¹) The candidate who, in the first round, achieved the majority of votes of the voters who are registered on the permanent electoral rolls, shall be declared elected.**

(2²) In case none of the candidates has achieved the majority provided for in paragraph (2¹), a second round shall be organized in which shall participate only the first 2 candidates established in accordance with the number of votes obtained in the first round. The candidate who obtained most of the votes validly cast shall be declared elected.**

(3) A voter shall be entitled to a single vote in each round organized for the election of the President of Romania according to Art. 81 (2) and (3) of the Constitution of Romania, republished.

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Art. 1¹. – (1) Within the meaning of this law, the terms below shall have the following meanings:

a) electoral period – the time span that starts on the date of coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date, and ends when the results of the poll are published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I; the electoral period covers the time span between the date of coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date and the date when the electoral campaign starts, the electoral campaign, the actual conduct of the voting, the vote counting and centralization, the ascertaining of the results of the voting, the allocation of the mandate, the validation of election, and the publication of the results in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I;

b) voters' majority of votes – is determined as the full, unrounded share of the balance between the number of voters registered on the permanent electoral rolls and the figure 2, to which one unit shall be added, and represents the minimum number of votes validly cast that a candidate must obtain in the first round, in order to be elected President of Romania;

c) permanent electoral rolls – the lists comprising the Romanian citizens entitled to vote, who have turned 18 by the election day inclusive;

d) identity document – the identity card, the temporary identity card, the identity certificate or the diplomatic passport, the electronic diplomatic passport, the official passport, the electronic official passport, the regular passport, the electronic regular passport, the temporary regular passport, the travel document, and the military service report card for students in military schools, all valid on election day.

(2) The regular passport, the electronic regular passport, the temporary regular passport, and the travel document may be used with a view to exercising the right to vote only by the Romanian citizens who vote abroad or by the Romanian citizens who have their domicile abroad, and vote in Romania.*

Art. 2. – (1) Repealed.**

(2) The Constitutional Court, according to Art. 146 point f) of the Constitution of Romania, republished, shall see to it that the provisions of this law are observed all over the country, and shall ascertain the election results.

Art. 3. – (1) In the elections for the office of President of Romania may run candidates proposed by the political parties or political alliances established according to the Law of political parties no.14/2003, as well as independent

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** Repealed by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

candidates. Political parties and alliances may propose only one candidate each. The member parties of a political alliance that proposes a candidate may not propose other candidates separately.

(2) Candidacies proposed by political parties and alliances, as well as independent candidacies may be submitted only if supported by at least 200,000 voters. A voter may support only one candidate.

Art. 4. – (1) The election day is a Sunday. The elections shall take place in the month prior to the month in which the presidential mandate comes to an end. The Government shall set by Decision the election date at least 45 days prior to the election day.

(2) In the circumstances provided for in Art. 97 (1) of the Constitution of Romania, republished, the election date shall be set and made public by the Government within 30 days at most of the date when the office of President has fallen vacant.

(3) The Decision on setting the election date shall be adopted on the proposal of the Ministry of Administration and Interior and of the Permanent Electoral Authority.*

Art. 4¹. – (1) In case several political parties, political alliances, and legally constituted organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities wish to propose the same candidate for the office of President of Romania, they may join in making an electoral alliance only at national level, based on a protocol. A political party, a political alliance or a legally set up organization of the citizens belonging to the national minorities represented in the Council for National Minorities may only belong to a single political alliance. The electoral alliance that took part in the former elections, irrespective of their kind, under a particular denomination may preserve it provided its original composition has not changed. That particular denomination shall not be used by another alliance.

(2) The protocol of establishing the electoral alliance shall be filed with the Central Electoral Bureau within 24 hours at most of completing this electoral bureau with the representatives of the Permanent Electoral Authority, and of the parliamentary political parties.

(3) The Central Electoral Bureau shall rule, in public meeting, on the admission or rejection of the protocol of establishing the electoral alliance, within 24 hours at most of the registration thereof.

(4) The decision of the Central Electoral Bureau to admit the protocol of establishing the electoral alliance may be contested in writing at the High

* Amended by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

Court of Cassation and Justice by any interested natural or legal person, within 24 hours at most of its posting.

(5) The decision of the Central Electoral Bureau to reject the protocol of establishing the electoral alliance may be contested by the signatories to the protocol at the High Court of Cassation and Justice, within 24 hours at most of its posting.

(6) The High Court of Cassation and Justice shall rule on the petitions stipulated under paragraphs (4) and (5), within 24 hours at most of the registration thereof, by final and irrevocable judgements, which shall be transmitted to the Central Electoral Bureau.

(7) The agreement to break up the protocol of establishing an electoral alliance shall be filed in writing with the Central Electoral Bureau no later than 4 days at most prior to the date when the deadline for the submission of candidacies expires.

(8) The provisions of paragraphs (3) – (6) shall apply accordingly to the agreement to break up the protocol of establishing an electoral alliance.*

CHAPTER II

Organization and conduct of the elections

Section 1

*Permanent electoral rolls and electoral tables***

Art. 5. – (1) The permanent electoral rolls shall be drawn up per communes, towns, and municipalities, as the case may be, and shall include all the voters who reside in the commune, town or municipality for which these lists have been drawn up.

(2) The permanent electoral rolls shall be drawn up for the communes per villages, and, as the case may be, per streets, and for the towns, municipalities, and administrative-territorial subdivisions of municipalities, per streets, and, as the case may be, per blocks of flats.

(3) The permanent electoral rolls shall include, in the succession of the number of buildings where the voters live, the full name, the personal numerical code, the domicile, the identity document type, series, and number.

(4) In case the permanent electoral rolls cannot be drawn up in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs (1) – (3), the voters may be put down on the permanent electoral rolls in alphabetical order, on the

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endorsement of the county electoral bureau or of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality, and which shall be transmitted to the Permanent Electoral Authority.

(5) Within 15 days at most of the coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date, the National Centre for Managing Databases regarding the Persons' Records shall select and process the data regarding the voters included in the National Register of the Persons' Records, shall publish and put at the mayors' disposal, free of charge, through its territorial units, two copies of the permanent electoral rolls. The permanent electoral rolls shall be signed by the mayor, the secretary of the administrative-territorial unit, by the head of the county community public service of the persons' records, and by the head of the territorial structure of the National Centre for Managing Databases regarding the Persons' Records.

(6) One copy of the permanent electoral rolls shall be kept by the mayor, and the other one shall be handed in to the court of law under the territorial jurisdiction of which falls the locality for which that electoral roll has been drawn up.

(7) The updating of the permanent electoral rolls shall be carried out by the mayor of the administrative-territorial unit, together with the community public service of the persons' records.

(8) The voters are entitled to check their registration on the permanent electoral rolls. For this purpose, the mayors are obliged to make the electoral lists available to the voters, for consultation, and to organize the information and guidance of the voters for making the necessary verifications.

(9) The complaints concerning the omissions, the wrong registrations, any other errors on the rolls, as well as the refusal to allow the verification of the registration shall be made in writing to the mayor of the locality, who is obliged to pass an order within 3 days at most of the registration.

(10) The contestations regarding the settlement of the complaints shall be filed in writing, within 5 days of the communication of the mayor's order, with the court of law under the territorial jurisdiction of which the voter resides, and shall be solved by the court within 3 days at most of the registration.

(11) Within 48 hours of the settlement of the complaints and the modifications made in the permanent electoral rolls, the mayors are obliged to communicate them to the National Centre for Managing Databases regarding the Persons' Records.*

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Art. 6. – (1) By at least 5 days before the election date, the National Centre for Managing Databases regarding the Persons' Records, through its territorial units, shall publish and put at the mayors' disposal, in triplicate, free of charge, 3 copies of the permanent electoral rolls, updated, which include the voters in each polling station. The copies of the permanent electoral rolls shall be signed by the mayor, the secretary of the administrative-territorial unit, by the head of the county community public service of the persons' records, and by the head of the territorial structure of the National Centre for Managing Databases regarding the Persons' Records.

(2) The copies of the permanent electoral rolls shall include the voter's full name, the personal numerical code, the domicile, the identity document type, series, and number, the number of the polling station, as well as a column for the voter's signature.

(3) The copies of the permanent electoral rolls shall be handed in by the mayor, in duplicate, based on a statement of the vote, to the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, 2 days before the election date. One copy shall be put at the voters' disposal for consultation, and one copy shall be used on the election date. The third copy shall be kept by the mayor.

(4) Any inconsistency between the permanent electoral roll and the copy shall be solved by the mayor immediately, by order, based on the data included in the permanent electoral roll.

(5) Any alteration which occurs in the permanent electoral roll, after the handing in of the copy to the electoral bureau of the polling station, shall be immediately communicated to it, in writing, by the mayor.*

Art. 7. – (1) The voters who come to cast their vote and who can prove with their identity document that they reside within the territorial area of the respective polling station, but who were left out of the copy of the permanent electoral roll which is to be found at the electoral bureau of the polling station, as well as the members of the electoral bureau of the polling station, the persons entrusted with keeping the order and who are not registered in the copy of the permanent electoral roll in that polling station, the voters who on election day are in another commune, town or municipality than the one they reside in, as well as the voters who vote at the polling stations abroad shall be registered in a table including the full name, the personal numerical code, the domicile, the identity document type, series, and number, as well as other elements established by Government Decision.

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(2) The voters who exercise their right to vote by means of the special ballot box, according to Art. 19⁶(1), shall be registered on another table.*

*Section 2***

Polling stations

Art. 7¹. – (1) Polling stations shall be organized as follows:

a) in localities with more than 1,000 inhabitants , one polling station for 1,000 – 2,000 inhabitants;

b) in localities with up to 1,000 inhabitants, only one polling station;

c) polling stations may also be organized in the villages, groups of villages or districts with up to 1,000 inhabitants, which are situated more than 3 kilometres away from the closest polling station in the commune, town or municipality;

d) special polling stations shall be organized in towns, municipalities and communes, especially in railway stations, bus and air terminals; special polling stations shall also be organized in campuses; in these polling stations the voters provided for in Art. 19⁵ (4) shall exercise their right to vote.

Art. 7². – (1) The delimitation of polling stations shall be established by the mayors of the communes, towns, municipalities or administrative-territorial subdivisions of municipalities, within 5 days at most of the coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date. The National Centre for Managing Databases regarding the Persons' Records shall provide the data, information and support needed by the mayors to carry out this obligation.

(2) The special polling stations shall be established by the Government, by Decision, by meeting the time limit provided for in paragraph (1). To this effect, the institutions of the prefect shall provide all the necessary data and information.

(3) The numbering of the polling stations within the territorial area of a county, of the Bucharest Municipality respectively, shall be established by the prefect, within 5 days at most of the delimitation of polling stations, the establishing of the special polling stations respectively, starting with the county town and continuing with the polling stations in the municipalities, towns and communes, in alphabetical order; in the municipalities with

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administrative-territorial subdivisions the numbering shall be made by observing the order of these subdivisions, as provided for by the law.

(4) Within 5 days at the most of the expiry of the deadline provided for in paragraph (3), the prefects shall communicate to the Permanent Electoral Authority the delimitation, the establishing and numbering of each polling station respectively, as well as other relevant data regarding the building in which the voting will take place, in the format established by the Authority. Any modifications concerning the delimitation and numbering of polling stations, as well as the places where the voting will take place shall be communicated to the Permanent Electoral Authority within 48 hours at most of the making thereof.

(5) The prefects shall make public the delimitation and numbering of each polling station by means of publications in which the place of the voting is mentioned as well.

(6) The mayors and the secretaries of the communes, towns, municipalities, and administrative-territorial subdivisions, as well as the National Centre for Managing Databases regarding the Persons' Records shall provide the data, information and support needed by the prefects to carry out the obligations stipulated under paragraphs (2) – (5).

Art. 7³. – (1) One or several polling stations shall be organized next to the diplomatic missions and consular offices of Romania for the voters who are abroad on the election date.

(2) Polling stations may also be organized, with the agreement of the government of the respective foreign country, in addition to the ones referred to in paragraph (1), in other localities than those in which the diplomatic missions or consular offices are based.

(3) The organization and numbering of the polling stations abroad shall be established by order of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Within the time limit stipulated under Art. 7² (4), the Minister of Foreign Affairs shall make public the numbering of each polling station abroad, as well as the voting places.

*Section 3**

Electoral bureaux

Art. 7⁴. – (1) The Central Electoral Bureau, the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, and the electoral

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bureaux of the polling stations shall be set up for the organization and conduct of specific electoral operations.

(2) The electoral bureaux shall be made up only of citizens entitled to vote. The presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, the deputies thereof, and the representatives of the Permanent Electoral Authority may not be politically affiliated. The candidates, the spouses, the relatives and their affines up to the second degree inclusive may not be members of the electoral bureaux.

(3) In the discharge of their duties, the members of the electoral bureaux exercise an office that involves state authority. The fair and unbiased exercise of the office of member of the electoral bureau is mandatory. The failure to comply with this obligation shall entail legal, civil or criminal liability, as the case may be.

(4) Nobody shall be allowed to be a member of two or several electoral bureaux at the same time.

(5) The written reports drawn up on the occasion of the setting up and completion of the electoral bureaux shall certify the capacity as member of the electoral bureau.

Art. 7⁵. – (1) The electoral bureaux shall function legally in the presence of the majority of their members.

(2) The meetings of the electoral bureaux shall be presided over by the presidents.

(3) In the absence of the president of the electoral bureau, his duties shall be discharged by his deputy.

(4) The members of the electoral bureaux shall be obliged to attend the meetings. The presidents of the electoral bureaux may approve the absence of certain members for justified reasons.

(5) The electoral bureaux shall adopt acts and take measures, according to their competence, only with the majority vote of the members who are present. In case of equality of votes, the president's vote shall be decisive.

Art. 7⁶. – (1) The representatives of political formations in the electoral bureaux may not receive or discharge other duties than those provided for in this law.

(2) The representatives of political formations in the electoral bureaux may be replaced at the request of those who nominated them, with the approval of the hierarchically superior electoral bureau, till the day before voting day, and in case of demise, illness or accident, even on voting day, with the observance of the conditions stipulated under Art. 7⁷ – 7¹⁴.

(3) The capacity as member of an electoral bureau shall cease *de jure* in the event legal action is taken against him for the perpetration of an

offence provided for in this law or under the conditions provided for in Art. 26² (5). The cessation *de jure* of the capacity as member of an electoral bureau shall be ascertained within 48 hours of the occurrence of the case by the president of the hierarchically superior electoral bureau, and in the case of the Central Electoral Bureau by the president of the High Court of Cassation and Justice.

Art. 7⁷. – (1) The Central Electoral Bureau shall be made of 5 judges of the High Court of Cassation and Justice, the president and vice-presidents of the Permanent Electoral Authority, and 10 representatives at the most of the political formations.

(2) The appointment of the 5 judges shall be done by the president of the High Court of Cassation and Justice, in open meeting, within 3 days of the coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date, by drawing lots, from among the sitting judges of the Court. The date of the meeting shall be made public in the media by the president of the High Court of Cassation and Justice, two days before the meeting.

(3) The result of the drawing of lots shall be recorded in a written report signed by the president and the first assistant magistrate of the High Court of Cassation and Justice.

(4) Within 24 hours of the nomination, the appointed judges shall elect from among them, by secret ballot, the president of the Central Electoral Bureau and his deputy. Within 24 hours of the election of the president of the Central Electoral Bureau, the structure of the Central Electoral Bureau shall be made of the president, the vice-presidents of the Permanent Electoral Authority, and one representative of each parliamentary political party. Consequently, the Central Electoral Bureau shall discharge all the duties that are incumbent upon it according to this law until it is completed with the representatives of the non-parliamentary political formations that proposed candidates.

(5) The making up of the Central Electoral Bureau shall be recorded in a written report that shall represent the deed of investiture.

(6) Within 48 hours at most of the date the candidacies have become final, each political formation that is not represented in Parliament and has proposed a candidate shall communicate to the Central Electoral Bureau the full name of its representative. Communications sent after this time limit shall no longer be taken into consideration. The Central Electoral Bureau shall be completed with the proposed representatives by drawing lots within 24 hours of the expiry of the time limit allocated to the communications, by the president of the Central Electoral Bureau, in the presence of the members of the bureau and of the candidates, or of the

persons delegated by the political formations that proposed the candidates, within the limits of the number of representatives stipulated under paragraph (1).

(7) The Central Electoral Bureau has a technical working apparatus made up of specialists from the Ministry of Administration and Interior, the Permanent Electoral Authority and the National Institute of Statistics.

(8) The Central Electoral Bureau, with the composition stipulated under paragraph (4), shall adopt, by decision, within 3 days of its constitution, the organization and functioning regulations of the electoral bureaux and the working apparatus thereof, which shall be published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, and shall be compulsory for all electoral bureaux and the working apparatus thereof.

Art. 7⁸. – (1) The Central Electoral Bureau shall have the following duties:

a) it shall ensure the application and unitary interpretation of the provisions of this law;

b) it shall ascertain that the content and form of the conditions stipulated under this law for the candidacies are carried out; it shall communicate the registered candidacies to the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, and the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, and shall make these candidacies known through the agency of the public radio and television services, as well as by posting them on its own Internet page;

c) within 48 hours of the date the candidacies have become final, it shall establish the order of candidates on the ballot paper, by drawing lots, in the first place from among the candidates proposed by the political formations represented in Parliament, and in the second place from among the other candidates; it shall communicate the order of the candidates and of their electoral signs on the ballot paper to the Constitutional Court and the Autonomous Régie “Monitorul Oficial”, and it shall make it public through the agency of the public radio and television services, as well as by posting it on its own Internet page;

d) it shall solve the objections referring to its own activities, and the contestations regarding the activity of the county electoral bureaux, of the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, and of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad; in the event that actual checks are needed to be carried out in order to solve an objection or contestation, these checks shall be done in the presence of a judge of the Central Electoral Bureau; such checks shall not be done on election date;

e) it shall centralize the election results, ascertain the elected candidate, and present to the Constitutional Court the documents which enable the validation of the mandate of President of Romania;

f) it shall organize and implement a system designed to collect data and to periodically inform public opinion about the presence of the population in the voting process, based on a representative sample at county and national level;

g) it shall transmit to the Permanent Electoral Authority all the materials and documents it has collected, after the publication of the election results in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I;

h) it shall decide on the recounting of the votes in a polling station or on the remaking of the centralization of the votes and of the election results, in case the Bureau finds that there are errors or inconsistencies among the data recorded in the statements of the vote;

i) it shall carry out any other obligations incumbent upon it according to this law.

(2) In the discharge of the duties incumbent upon it according to the provisions of this law, the Central Electoral Bureau shall adopt decisions and resolutions.

(3) The decisions of the Central Electoral Bureau shall be adopted in order to apply the provisions of this law, to approve or reject the protocol for setting up an electoral alliance, to approve or reject the registration of candidacies, to approve or reject the registration of electoral signs, to solve the objections and contestations within its competence, as well as for other cases provided by this law. The decisions of the Central Electoral Bureau shall be mandatory for all the authorities, public institutions, electoral bureaux, and organizations which have responsibilities in electoral matters, as well as for all the participants in the elections, shall be transmitted to the interested parties, and shall be made public by posting on its own Internet page.

(4) The resolutions of the Central Electoral Bureau shall be adopted for the unitary interpretation of this law, shall be generally mandatory, and shall be made public by posting on its own Internet page and by the publication in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Art. 7⁹. – (1) The county electoral bureau, the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality respectively, shall be made of 3 judges, a representative of the Permanent Electoral Authority nominated by the Authority, and 7 representatives at the most of the political formations that proposed candidates.

(2) The appointment of the judges shall be made in public meeting, within 10 days at most of the coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date, by the president of the court of law, by drawing lots, from among the sitting judges thereof or, as is the case of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality, from among the sitting judges of the district court of law. The date of the meeting shall be made public through the press, by the president of the court of law, at least 24 hours before the meeting is held. The drawing of lots shall be done per positions, president and deputy, and shall be recorded in a written report signed by the president of the court of law, which shall represent the deed of investiture. The county electoral bureau or the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality constituted as such shall carry out all the duties that are incumbent upon it according to this law, and within 24 hours it shall be completed with the representative of the Permanent Electoral Authority.

(3) Within 48 hours at most of the date the candidacies have become final, each political formation that proposed a candidate shall communicate to the county electoral bureau or to the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality the full name of its representative. The communications transmitted after this deadline shall no longer be taken into consideration. Within 24 hours of the expiry of the time limit for the communications to be made, the county electoral bureau or the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality shall be completed with the representatives proposed by the political formations represented in Parliament, and which proposed candidates, within the limits of the number of representatives provided for in paragraph (1). Within 24 hours of the completion of the county electoral bureaux or of the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality with the representatives proposed by the political formations represented in Parliament, and which proposed candidates, these bureaux shall be completed by the president of the county electoral bureau or of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality, as the case may be, with the representatives of the other political formations represented in Parliament, and which proposed candidates, within the limits of the number of representatives provided for in paragraph (1), by drawing lots, if the need arises, in the presence of the members of the bureau, and of the candidates or persons delegated by the leadership of the political formations which proposed the candidates.

Art. 7¹⁰. – (1) The county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality respectively, shall have the following duties:

a) they shall monitor and ensure the unitary application and observance of the provisions of this law, as well as of the resolutions and decisions of the Central Electoral Bureau by all the authorities, institutions and organizations which have responsibilities in electoral matters, in a county or the district of Bucharest Municipality;

b) they shall provide, together with the prefects and the Permanent Electoral Authority, the training of the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations and of their deputies;

c) they shall solve the objections referring to their own activity, and the contestations regarding the operations of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations and the voting process; the decisions shall be final;

d) they shall distribute, on the basis of a written report, through the mayors, the ballot papers, the control stamps, the stamps marked “VOTED”, and the other materials required by the electoral process to the electoral bureaux of the polling stations;

e) they shall centralize the results of the vote counting for the county or the district of Bucharest Municipality in which they operate, and shall submit to the Central Electoral Bureau the statements of the vote regarding the centralization of the results of the vote at the level of the administrative-territorial units in which they operate, the statements of the vote received from the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, the files containing the copies of the permanent electoral rolls, and the tables used in the polling stations, as the case may be, as well as all the contestations and objections received;

f) they shall hand over, on the basis of a written report, to the county courts of law, the Bucharest Court of Law respectively, the null and the contested ballot papers, as well as the other documents and materials which are not handed over to the Central Electoral Bureau.

(2) The county electoral bureaux, and the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality shall discharge any other duties incumbent upon them according to this law.

(3) In the discharge of the duties incumbent upon them according to the provisions of this law, the county electoral bureaux, and the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality shall adopt decisions. The decisions shall be mandatory for all the authorities, public institutions, electoral bureaux, and organizations which have responsibilities in electoral matters, as well as for all the participants in the elections they refer to,

falling under the territorial jurisdiction of the bureau, and shall be made public by posting or by any other means of advertising.

Art. 7¹¹. – (1) The electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall be made of 3 sitting judges of the Bucharest Court of Law, one representative of the Permanent Electoral Authority appointed by decision, and no more than 7 representatives of the political formations that proposed candidates.

(2) The provisions of Art. 7⁹ (2) – (3) shall apply accordingly.

(3) The electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall have the following duties:

a) it shall monitor and ensure the unitary application and observance of the legal provisions concerning the elections by all the authorities, institutions and organizations which have responsibilities in electoral matters regarding the organization of the voting abroad;

b) it shall provide the training of the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations organized abroad;

c) it shall solve the objections referring to its own activity, and the contestations regarding the activity of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad;

d) it shall distribute to the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad, through the agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the basis of a written report, the ballot papers, the control stamps, the stamps marked “VOTED”, as well as the other materials required by the electoral process;

e) it shall centralize the results of the vote counting in the polling stations abroad, and shall submit to the Central Electoral Bureau the statement of the vote regarding the centralization of the results of the vote in the polling stations abroad, the statements of the vote received from the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad, as well as all the contestations and objections received;

f) it shall hand over, on the basis of a written report, to the Bucharest Court of Law all the documents and materials which are not handed over to the Central Electoral Bureau.

(4) The electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall discharge any other duties incumbent upon it according to the law.

(5) In the discharge of the duties incumbent upon it according to the provisions of this law, the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall adopt decisions. The decisions of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall be mandatory for all the authorities, public institutions, electoral bureaux, organizations which have responsibilities

in electoral matters, as well as for all the participants in the elections they refer to, falling under the territorial jurisdiction of the bureau, and shall be made public by posting or by any other means of advertising.

Art. 7¹². – (1) The electoral bureaux of the polling stations shall be made of a president, a deputy, who are usually jurists, as well as of 7 representatives at the most of the political formations that proposed candidates. The electoral bureaux of the polling stations may not function with less than 5 members.

(2) The appointment of the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations and of their deputies shall be carried out in 10 days at the most prior to the election date by the president of the court of law, in public meeting announced by 48 hours in advance, by drawing lots for each position, from among the jurists to be found in a county or in Bucharest Municipality.

(3) The lists of jurists who shall be selected by drawing lots shall be drawn up by the president of the court of law together with the prefect in 25 days at the latest before the election date. The lists shall include at least 10% more persons than necessary, as a reserve at the disposal of the president of the county electoral bureau or of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality, as the case may be, for the replacement, in special cases, of those entitled to hold that position, or for the completion of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations which have not the minimum number of members as stipulated under this law.

(4) The lists provided for in paragraph (3) shall include only jurists who meet the conditions stipulated under Art. 7⁴ (2).

(5) In case the number of jurists is insufficient, the lists shall be completed, on the proposal of the prefect, with persons who enjoy a good reputation, and who meet the conditions stipulated under Art. 7⁴ (2).

(6) The lists with proposals for the positions of president of the electoral bureau of the polling station and of his deputy shall include: the full names, the personal numerical codes, the addresses, telephone numbers, and the signatures of acceptance of the persons proposed. The lists shall be accompanied by the statements on one's own account of the persons proposed with regard to the compliance with the conditions referred to in Art. 7⁴ (2). The signatures of acceptance of the persons proposed shall represent the approval for the processing of their personal data by the institutions of the prefect and the Permanent Electoral Authority.

(7) The proposals of persons for the positions of president of the electoral bureau of the polling station and his deputy must be approved by the Permanent Electoral Authority from the point of view of their

former activity as members of the electoral bureaux, as the case may be. Within 2 days at most of the drawing up, the lists with proposals of persons stipulated under paragraphs (4) and (5) shall be submitted for approval to the Permanent Electoral Authority by the prefects, in the format required. The approval of the Permanent Electoral Authority shall be communicated to the prefects and presidents of courts of law by 5 days at the latest prior to the appointment of the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations and of their deputies.

(8) The grouping of the persons on the list for the purpose of drawing lots shall be made by taking into account the proximity of their dwelling places to the electoral bureau of the polling station. The result of the drawing of lots shall be recorded in a written report signed by the president of the county court of law. The written report shall represent the deed of investiture.

(9) Within 48 hours at the most of the drawing of lots, the president of the court of law shall submit to the county electoral bureau or, as the case may be, to the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality the list of the persons appointed as presidents and deputies, of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, as well as the reserve lists stipulated under paragraph (3).

Art. 7¹³. – (1) Within 2 days at the most of the expiry of the time limit stipulated under Art. 7¹² (9), the political formations that proposed candidates shall communicate to the county electoral bureau, the electoral bureau of the district respectively, in the case of Bucharest Municipality, the list of their representatives in the electoral bureaux of the polling stations as a table containing the following: polling station number, full name, personal numerical code, domicile or residence and contact modality, namely telephone and fax number or e-mail. A political formation may have 2 representatives at most in an electoral bureau of a polling station.

(2) The electoral bureaux of the polling stations shall be completed with the representatives of the political formations by the president of the county electoral bureau, the president of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality respectively, in the presence of the representatives of the political formations in the county electoral bureau or in the electoral bureau of the respective district, within 48 hours of the expiry of the time limit provided for in paragraph (1). The operations incurred by the completion of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations may be carried out over those 48 hours, and shall be recorded in written reports, which shall represent the deeds of investiture. The electoral bureaux of the polling stations shall be considered set up on the date

when they are completed with the representatives of the political formations.

(3) The electoral bureaux of the polling stations shall be completed – in the first stage, with the representatives of the political formations represented in Parliament that proposed candidates, and, in the second stage, by drawing lots in each polling station, with the representatives of the other political formations that proposed candidates – by the president of the county electoral bureau or that of the district of Bucharest Municipality, as the case may be.

(4) In the event that, following the carrying out of the operations referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3), there are still electoral bureaux of the polling stations which have not the maximum number of members provided for in paragraph (1), these bureaux shall be completed by drawing lots, in each polling station, from among all political formations that filed proposals for the second representative in that polling station.

(5) In the event that, following the carrying out of the operations referred to in paragraphs (2) – (4), there are still electoral bureaux of the polling stations which have not at least 5 members, namely president, deputy and 3 members, these bureaux shall be completed with persons on the reserve list at the disposal of the president of the county electoral bureau or that of the district of Bucharest Municipality, as the case may be, by drawing lots, with the observance of the provisions of Art. 7¹² (8).

(6) At the written request of the representatives of political formations in the electoral bureau, the president of the county electoral bureau or, as the case may be, that of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality shall put at the disposal thereof certified copies of the written reports for the completion of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations.

(7) One certified copy of the written reports of completion shall be handed over to the presidents of the county electoral bureaux through the agency of the mayors.

Art. 7¹⁴. – (1) Each electoral bureau of the polling station abroad shall be made up of a president, appointed by the chief of the diplomatic representation office, usually from its ranks, and of 2 to 6 representatives of the political formations that proposed candidates. The electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad shall not function with less than 3 members, the president and 2 representatives of the political formations that proposed candidates.

(2) The electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad shall be completed with the representatives of the political formations that proposed candidates by the president of the electoral bureau for the polling stations

abroad, and shall be recorded in a written report that shall represent the deed of investiture. With this composition, the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad shall discharge all the duties stipulated under this law. The provisions of Art. 7¹³ (2) – (4) shall apply accordingly.

(3) In case the number of persons proposed by the political formations is insufficient for the completion of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad, these shall be completed with persons enjoying a good reputation, without political affiliation, and who meet the conditions stipulated under Art. 7⁴ (2), from a list drawn up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The list shall be submitted for approval to the Permanent Electoral Authority, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the format required, within 2 days of it being drawn up. The approval of the Permanent Electoral Authority shall be communicated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs up to 5 days at the latest prior to the appointment of the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations.

(4) The time limits for the appointment of the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad, for the communication of the representatives of the political formations in the bureaux respectively, as well as for the completion of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad shall be those stipulated under this law for the local electoral bureaux of the polling stations.

(5) The total expenditure on transportation, accommodation, food, and other everyday expenses of the members of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad shall be borne by those who appoint them.

(6) At the written request of the representatives of political formations in the electoral bureau of the polling stations abroad, the president shall put at the disposal thereof certified copies of the written reports for the completion of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad.

Art. 7¹⁵. – (1) Two days before election date, the electoral bureaux of the polling stations shall receive, on the basis of a written report from the county electoral bureaux or from the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, through the agency of the mayors, the following:

a) two copies of the permanent electoral rolls, that include the voters in the polling station; one copy shall be put at the disposal of the voters for consultation, and one copy shall be used on election date;

b) the ballot papers, the control stamp, and the stamp marked “VOTED”;

c) the forms of the tables stipulated under Art. 7, the forms for the conclusion of the statements of the vote, other printed forms and materials required for the conduct of the electoral process, as well as a ballot paper

that was invalidated, as the case may be, by the president of the county electoral bureau, of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality respectively, and that shall be posted in a visible place at the polling station on the eve of the election.

(2) On receipt, the materials provided for in paragraph (1) a) – c) shall be sealed by the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, and shall be kept under guard, until they are transported on the premises of the polling stations, in a single place only, provided by the mayor of the administrative-territorial unit in which these stations operate.

(3) The electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad shall receive, on the basis of a written report, from the electoral bureau of the polling stations abroad, through the agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the ballot papers, the control stamp, the stamps marked “VOTED”, the forms of the tables stipulated under Art. 7 (1), the forms for the conclusion of the statements of the vote, other printed forms and materials required for the conduct of the electoral process, as well as a ballot paper that was invalidated by the president of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, and that shall be posted in a visible place at the polling station on the eve of the election. On receipt, all these shall be sealed by the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, and shall be kept, until they are transported on the premises of the polling stations, in a single place only, provided by the chief of the diplomatic representation office in the respective state.

(4) The electoral bureaux of the polling stations shall discharge the following duties:

a) they shall ensure the good organization and conduct of the electoral operations falling under their territorial jurisdiction;

b) they shall solve the objections referring to their own activity, and the contestations regarding the voting process;

c) they shall count the votes, and shall record the results in the statement of the vote provided for in Art. 21 (1); they may decide the recounting of the votes, at the request of any member, before the results are recorded in the statement of the vote provided for in Art. 21 (1);

d) they shall discharge any other duties established by this law or by decisions and resolutions issued by the hierarchically superior electoral bureaux.

(5) After the voting is over and the vote results have been recorded, electoral bureaux of the polling stations shall carry out the following activities:

a) they shall hand over to the county electoral bureaux or, as the case may be, to the electoral bureau of the district the following: the statements of the vote with the vote results, the null and the contested ballot papers, together with the objections, the contestations and the materials referring to these statements, which fall under the jurisdiction of the above mentioned bureaux, the files containing the copies of the permanent electoral rolls and the tables used in the polling station, as well as the statements on one's own account stipulated under Art. 19⁵ (4), as the case may be; the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad shall hand over, through the agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad or, in case the latter has ceased its activity, to the Bucharest Court of Law the statements of the vote with the vote results, the null and the contested ballot papers, together with the objections, the contestations and the materials referring to these statements, and shall hand over to the Permanent Electoral Authority, through the agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the files containing the tables used in the polling stations abroad, as well as the statements on one's own account stipulated under Art. 19⁵ (5);

b) they shall hand over, on the basis of a written report, to the representative of the court of law within the territorial jurisdiction of which they are based, and who is on the premises of the county electoral bureau or, as the case may be, on the premises of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality, the ballot papers which were used and uncontested, as well as the null ones, the stamps and the other materials required in the voting conduct; the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad shall pass on these materials to the diplomatic representation offices, which, within 3 months of the publication of the vote results in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, shall hand them over with a view to having them melted by specialized economic services.

(6) In the discharge of its duties, the electoral bureau of the polling station shall adopt decisions. Decisions shall be mandatory for all the parties involved and shall be made public by posting in a visible place on the premises of the electoral bureau of the polling station.

Art. 7¹⁶. – (1) The political formations participating in the election and the candidates may contest the setting up and the composition of electoral bureaux within 2 days at most of the expiry of the time limit for the setting up and, as the case may be, the completion of these bureaux.

(2) The contestations shall be lodged with the hierarchically superior electoral bureau or, in case the contestation refers to the Central Electoral Bureau, with the High Court of Cassation and Justice, and shall be

solved within 2 days at most of the lodging. The decision or, as the case may be, the judgement issued shall be final.

Art. 7¹⁷. – (1) The county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, and the electoral bureaux of the polling stations shall cease their activity on the date the results of the election for the elected President shall be validated.

Art. 8. – Repealed*.

Section 4

*Candidacies***

Art. 9. – (1) The proposals for candidates for the election of the President of Romania shall be submitted to the Central Electoral Bureau by 30 days at the latest prior to the election date.

(2) The proposals shall be made in writing, and shall be accepted only if:

a) they are signed by the leadership of the party or of the political alliance, or by the leaderships thereof, that have proposed the candidate or, as the case may be, by the independant candidate;

b) they include the candidate's full name, place and date of birth, civil status, domicile, education, occupation and profession, and the specification that he/she meets the conditions provided by the law in order to stand in the election;

c) they are accompanied by the declaration of candidacy acceptance, written, signed and dated by the candidate, the statement of wealth, the statement of interests, a statement on the candidate's own account as to the fact that he/she has or has not been an employee or collaborator of the *Securitate*, as well as the list of supporters whose number may not be less than 200,000 voters.**

(3) The list of supporters is a public act subject to the penalty under Art. 292 of the Penal Code. The list or lists of supporters shall include the candidate's full name, as well as the full name, date of birth, address, name, series and number of the identity document, and the signature of the voters who support the candidacy. At the end of the list, the person who has drawn it up shall make a statement on his/her own account, attesting to the truthfulness of the supporters' signatures. The model of the

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supporters' list and that of the statement are provided for in the annex which is an integral part of this law.*

(4) The proposal for candidacy shall be submitted and registered with the Central Electoral Bureau in 4 samples, the original sample and 3 copies. The original sample and one copy shall be kept at the Central Electoral Bureau, another copy shall be sent to the Constitutional Court, and the forth, certified by the Central Electoral Bureau, shall be returned to the submitter.

(5) The candidates' statements on their own account as to their being or not employees or collaborators of the *Securitate* shall be sent, within 24 hours of the filing thereof, to the National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives.**

(6) The statements of wealth and the statements of interests shall be published on the Internet page of the Central Electoral Bureau within 48 hours of the submission of candidacies.**

(7) Also, the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply accordingly to the candidates proposed by the organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities, as well as to the candidates proposed by electoral alliances.**

(8) The political affiliation of the candidate to the political party, the organization of citizens belonging to national minorities or to one of the members of the political alliance or electoral alliance that proposes him/her shall not constitute a condition for standing for election.**

Art. 10. – The persons who, on the date of the submission of candidacy, do not meet the conditions under Art. 37 of the Constitution of Romania, republished, to be elected or who were previously elected twice President of Romania shall not stand for election.

Art. 11. – (1) The Central Electoral Bureau shall check if the conditions are met both in content and form as provided by this law for candidacies, shall register the candidacies which meet these conditions, and shall reject the registration of those which do not meet the legal conditions.

(2) The registration and rejection of the registration of candidacies by the Central Electoral Bureau shall be made by decision within 48 hours at most of the submission thereof.

(3) The Central Electoral Bureau shall draw up written reports where one can see the date and time of posting the decisions for the registration or, as the case may be, for the rejection of the registration of candidacies.

(4) The candidates may renounce candidacies until these become final. For this purpose they shall state in writing on their own account that they

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give up the candidacy. The statement shall be submitted to the Central Electoral Bureau.*

Art. 11¹. – (1) The electoral signs shall be sent to the Central Electoral Bureau, both in writing and in electronic format, together with the candidacy.

(2) The electoral signs of the candidates for the office of President of Romania must be clearly different, the use of the same graphic symbols, no matter in what geometrical figure they appear, being forbidden. The candidates proposed by political parties and political alliances may use as electoral sign the permanent sign with which those political formations registered with the Bucharest Court of Law.

(3) The electoral signs shall not reproduce or combine the national symbols of the Romanian state, of other states, of the European Union, of international organizations or religious cults.

(4) In case a candidate opts for the electoral sign of the political party, the organization of citizens belonging to national minorities, the political or electoral alliance that proposes him/her, as the case may be, the candidate may use it only if the political formation referred to, legally registered as from 1990, used that sign in the first place; the sign may not be owned or used by another political party, political alliance, electoral alliance or organization of citizens belonging to national minorities that was registered later, or by an independent candidate except for the consent of those who have had the sign, namely the parties that made up the initial political alliance or electoral alliance.

(5) In case the same electoral sign is requested by several candidates, it shall be assigned to the candidate who was the first to have registered that sign.

(6) The registration and rejection of the registration of electoral signs shall be made by the Central Electoral Bureau, by decision, together with the registration and rejection of the registration of candidacies.**

Art. 11². – (1) Within 24 hours at most of the expiry of the time limit under Art. 11 (2), Art. 11¹ (6) respectively, the candidates, political parties, organization of citizens belonging to national minorities, political alliances, electoral alliances, and the voters may contest the registration or rejection of the registration of candidacies or electoral signs, as the case may be. Contestations shall be submitted in writing to the Constitutional Court.

(2) The Constitutional Court shall solve the contestations within two days at most of the submission thereof. The decisions shall be final, shall

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be communicated immediately to the Central Electoral Bureau, and shall be published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

(3) Within 24 hours at most of the expiry of the time limit for solving the contestations provided for in paragraph (2), the Central Electoral Bureau shall make public, by posting on its own Internet page and through the massmedia, the final candidacies and electoral signs, in the order of the submission thereof. Within the same time limit, the Central Electoral Bureau shall communicate to the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, and the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, the final candidacies and electoral signs, in the order of the submission thereof, the bureaux being obliged to post them immediately at their premises.*

Section 5

*Ballot papers and electoral stamps***

Art. 12. – (1) The model, dimensions and printing conditions of the ballot papers shall be established by Government Decision, within 5 days of the coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date, on the proposal of the Permanent Electoral Authority and of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

(2) The ballot papers shall be printed by the Autonomous Régie “Monitorul Oficial” in letters of the same size, the same character font, and with the same ink, in as many copies as the number of voters on the permanent electoral rolls, with a supplement of 10%, completed with the estimated number of ballot papers required by the polling stations abroad, as well as the estimated number of ballot papers required by the special polling stations. For this purpose, within 10 days of the coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date, the National Centre for Managing Databases regarding the Persons’ Records, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the institutions of the prefect shall communicate to the Central Electoral Bureau: the number of voters on the permanent electoral rolls, the estimated number of ballot papers required by the polling stations abroad, as well as the estimated number of ballot papers required by the special polling stations.

(3) By at least 15 days before the election date, the layout of the ballot paper shall be presented by the Autonomous Régie “Monitorul Oficial” to

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the members of the Central Electoral Bureau. This presentation shall be recorded in a written report signed by all the people who are present. The possible objections shall be raised on the spot, further objections shall not be taken into account any longer. The members of the Central Electoral Bureau must request the Autonomous Régie “Monitorul Oficial” to modify the layout and to print properly the ballot papers, if the full names of the candidates, as well as the electoral sign are printed incorrectly or are not visible.

(4) One copy of the ballot paper, endorsed and invalidated by the president of the Central Electoral Bureau, shall be posted on the web site of this institution.*

Art. 13. –(1) The manufacturing of the stamps of the county electoral bureaux, of the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, of the control stamps of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, of the stamp of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, and of the stamps of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad shall be carried out through the offices of the prefects, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs respectively, 10 days at the latest before the election date.

(2) The stamp of the Central Electoral Bureau shall be made by the Ministry of Administration and Interior, and the stamps marked “VOTED” shall be made by the Autonomous Régie “State Mint”. The stamp marked “VOTED” must be proportioned in such a way as to be smaller than the quadrilaterals on the ballot papers, smaller than the distance in-between respectively.

(3) In case of loss or theft of electoral stamps, the hierarchically superior electoral bureaux that owned those stamps shall take measures in order to replace them, with the support of the Autonomous Régie “State Mint”, of the prefect or of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as the case may be.*

Art. 14. – (1) The ballot papers, control stamps and stamps marked “VOTED”, the forms for making the written reports, the copies of the electoral rolls, the tables under Art. 7, and the other materials required by the conduct of the electoral process shall be taken over by the prefect, together with the president of the county electoral bureau or of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality, on the basis of a written report, and shall be kept in special rooms, locked and sealed. These materials shall be distributed, by the agency of the mayors, to the presidents of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, on the basis of

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a written report, two days at the latest before the election. For the polling stations abroad, the taking over and the distribution of these materials shall be carried out, on the basis of a written report, by the president of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, through the agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(2) The delivery and the distribution of the ballot papers shall be done in sealed packages of 100 pieces each or multiple of 100 pieces, on the basis of a written report.

(3) On the eve of election, at the premises of each polling station there shall be posted a ballot paper, endorsed and invalidated, as the case may be, by the president of the county electoral bureau, of the district of Bucharest Municipality or of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad.*

Section 6 *Electoral campaign**

Art. 15. – (1) (1) The electoral campaign shall start 30 days prior to the election date and shall end on the Saturday morning preceding the election date, at 7:00 p.m.*

(2) The President in office may participate in the electoral campaign of the political party or political alliance that proposed or supports his candidacy, according to Art. 9.

Art. 16. – (1) Access to the public radio and television services shall be equal and free of charge for the candidates standing for President of Romania.

(2) The timetable of the electoral campaign and the air time distribution for the equal and free of charge access of candidates to the public radio and television services shall be established after the term for the submission of candidacies is over, by the joint standing bureaux of the two Chambers of Parliament, together with the representatives of the public radio and television services, and with the participation of the candidates.

(3) In case the elections for the President of Romania take place simultaneously with the elections for the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, the timetable and the air time distribution for the electoral campaign regarding the election of the two Chambers shall be taken into consideration as well.

Art. 17. – (1) In the electoral campaign the candidates and, as the case may be, the political parties, political alliances and electoral alliances, the organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities that proposed

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them, as well as the citizens shall be entitled to express their opinions freely and without any discrimination in rallies, meetings, marches, as well as through the media. Such rallies, meetings and marches shall be organized only if they are authorized by the legislation in force.

(2) The means used in the electoral campaign may not contravene the legal order.

(3) The electoral campaign actions of any kind shall be forbidden in military units, educational institutions, during the educational program, on the premises of diplomatic representation offices, as well as in prisons.

(4) During the electoral campaign, the mayors shall provide the candidates and political formations having proposed them, indiscriminatingly, with appropriate spaces for meeting their voters.*

Art. 18. – (1) The electoral campaign, through the audiovisual program services, public and private, must serve the following general interests:

a) of the electorate – to receive accurate information so that they can exercise their right to vote with full knowledge of the fact;

b) of the candidates and their supporting political parties, political alliances, electoral alliances, organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities – to make themselves known and to present their platforms, political programs and electoral offers;

c) of the broadcasters – to exercise their rights and duties resulting from the journalistic profession.

(2) The public and private broadcasters shall have the obligation to ensure, through the audiovisual program services, the conduct of an equitable, balanced and fair electoral campaign for all the candidates and all supporting political parties, political alliances, electoral alliances, organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities.*

Art. 19. – (1) During the electoral period, in case any opinion polls with electoral content are presented, these must be accompanied by the following information:

a) the name of the institution carrying out the poll;

b) the date or period in which the poll has been carried out, and the methodology used;

c) the size of the sample and the maximum margin of error;

d) who has requested and who has paid for the poll.

(2) Televoting or the surveys conducted in the street among the voters must not be presented as being representative for the public opinion or for a certain social or ethnic group.

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(3) 48 hours prior to the election day, the presentation of any polls, televotes or surveys conducted in the street shall be forbidden.

(4) Upon exit from the voting, polls may be carried out by the polling organizations, the trading companies, or the non-governmental organizations which are entitled to carry out polls and which are accredited in the field, by decision, by the Central Electoral Bureau. Based on the accreditation of the institution they are working for, the poll operators shall have access to the polling station protection area stipulated in Art. 19⁴ (6), without having access inside the polling station premises.

(5) On election day, the presentation of exit polls before the close of voting shall be forbidden.*

Art. 19¹. – (1) The candidates shall have the obligation to ask the management of the public radio and television services, until the date on which the electoral campaign begins, the granting of the air time. The requests exceeding this time limit shall not be taken into consideration.

(2) The candidates shall benefit from free access to the public and private radio and television services. The private radio and television stations shall offer the candidates air time proportional to that practiced by the public stations. The private radio and television stations which do not observe the provisions of this paragraph shall be sanctioned. The sanctions shall be established by decisions of the National Audiovisual Council.

(3) There shall be forbidden the introduction of electoral spots in other shows than the electoral ones.

(4) Within 10 days of the entry into force of the Government Decision on setting the election day, the National Audiovisual Council shall establish, by decision, the rules for conducting the electoral campaign for President through the audiovisual program services.

(5) The candidates may designate their campaign coordinators at county, district of Bucharest Municipality level, and for abroad, and then they shall notify them to the Central Electoral Bureau and to the Permanent Electoral Authority within 48 hours at most of the finalization of candidacies.

(6) The campaign coordinators of the candidates shall have the role of representing the candidates and of leading their electoral campaign, there where they have been designated.**

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Art. 19². – (1) After the expiry of the time limit for the submission of candidacies, but before these become final, the mayors shall have the obligation to establish, through an order brought to public knowledge by posting at the headquarters of the town hall, special places for the display of electoral posters, taking into account the number of candidates.

(2) The special places meant for electoral posters should be located in public places frequently visited by citizens, so that they can be used without disturbing the public traffic and the other activities in the respective localities. Beforehand, the mayors shall have the obligation to make sure that any electoral propaganda material left behind from the previous electoral campaigns is removed from the public space.

(3) The special places for electoral posters may only be used by the candidates for the office of President and by the parties that proposed them.

(4) The use of the special places for electoral posters by a candidate in such a way that it prevents another candidate from using these places shall be forbidden.

(5) The electoral posters shall be allowed in other places than those established according to paragraph (2) only with the written consent of the owners or, as the case may be, of the holders, and only by taking the measures laid down in the legislation in force on granting the citizens' safety.

(6) Each candidate may place one, single electoral poster on an electoral board. An electoral poster placed in the locations stipulated in paragraph (1) shall not exceed the size of 500 mm x 300 mm, and that by which an electoral meeting is convened, 400 mm x 250 mm.

(7) The electoral posters combining the colors in a succession which reproduces the flag of Romania or that of another state shall be forbidden.

(8) There shall be forbidden the posting for an electoral purpose on the walls or piers of bridges, tunnels, viaducts, on the road signs, road orientation and information panels, as well as on the electronic systems of traffic regulation.

(9) The electoral propaganda actions may not affect by any means the green areas, natural reservations, and ecologically protected areas.

(10) The use of minors under the age of 16 for the distribution and placing of electoral propaganda materials shall be forbidden.

(11) After the closure of the electoral campaign there shall be forbidden the broadcasting of electoral messages in audio, video or mixed format on digital screens placed in public or private places, as well as through any specially equipped vehicles.

(12) The mayor, supported by the public order bodies, shall have the obligation to ensure the integrity of the boards, electoral posters, and of other electoral propaganda materials displayed in authorized places.

(13) The mayors may approve the installation, on the public property, by the candidates and, as the case may be, by the political parties, organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities, political alliances and electoral alliances supporting them, of provisional facilities with a view to distributing electoral propaganda materials, provided the location thereof does not entail restrictions of road or pedestrian traffic.

(14) The electoral campaign may be conducted in a state other than Romania provided the legislation in force of the respective state is observed.*

Art. 19³. – (1) The county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, and the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall supervise the fair conduct of the electoral campaign, solving, by decisions, the complaints referring to the electoral campaign.

(2) If the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, and the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad consider that, on the occasion of solving the complaint, it is imperative to take administrative measures or to impose penalties for minor or criminal offenses, they shall notify the competent authorities.

(3) The contestations against the decisions issued by the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, and the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad may be submitted to the Central Electoral Bureau, within 48 hours at most of them being posted.

(4) The solving of the complaints and contestations shall be done within 3 days of their registration.

(5) The contestations formulated, within the legal time limit, against the decisions adopted by the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, and the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall suspend their execution.

(6) The decisions adopted by the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, and the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall become executory as from the date the contestation deadlines expire.

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(7) The contestations concerning the hindrance of a party or a political formation, or of a candidate to conduct the electoral campaign according to the law shall be solved by the Constitutional Court, with the majority vote of the judges, within 48 hours at most of their registration.*

*Section 7**

Voting

Art. 19⁴. – (1) Each polling station must have a sufficient number of ballot boxes, voting booths, stamps marked “VOTED”, proportional to the number of voters on the copies of the permanent electoral rolls and to the estimated number of voters who will be included in the tables stipulated in Art. 7, as well as a special ballot box.

(2) The voting booths and ballot boxes must be placed in the same room where the electoral bureau of the polling station is placed. The voting booths and ballot boxes shall be provided by the mayors of the communes, towns, municipalities and of the administrative-territorial subdivisions of municipalities, together with the prefects.

(3) The president of the electoral bureau of the polling station together with its members shall be present at the premises of the polling station, on the eve of the election day, at 6:00 p.m., having the obligation to order all the measures necessary for ensuring order and fairness of the voting operations. Between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall receive, according to the provisions of Art. 19⁶ (1), the requests for voting by means of the special ballot box. The president of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall make sure, with the support of the mayor, that all the electoral propaganda materials of any kind are removed from the premises and outside the premises of the polling station, and shall order the setting up of watch posts around the voting premises.

(4) Upon departure, the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall seal the entry into the voting premises by affixing the control stamp on a paper tape. Leaving the voting premises in possession of the control stamp or of stamps marked “VOTED” shall be forbidden.

(5) On election day, the activity of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall start at 6:00 a.m. The president of the electoral bureau of the polling station, in the presence of the other members and, as the case may be, of the accredited persons, shall check the ballot boxes, electoral rolls,

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ballot papers and the stamps, by writing down at points e) and i) in the written report stipulated in Art. 21 (1) the number of the ballot papers received, the number of the stamps marked “VOTED” received, respectively. As he opens the sealed packages, the president makes sure he affixes the control stamp on the last page of each ballot paper in these packages. After these actions are completed, the president shall close and seal the ballot boxes by affixing the control stamp on all their openings, except for the slit through which the ballot papers shall be introduced. The lack of ballot papers shall be written down at point j) in the written report stipulated in Art. 21 (1).

(6) The president of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall have the obligation to take the necessary measures so that the elections are conducted in good conditions. His duties shall also be exercised outside the voting premises, in the courtyard, at the entries into the courtyard, around the voting premises, as well as in the streets and in public squares, up to a distance of 500 m.

(7) The measures ordered by the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall be brought to public knowledge by posting in visible places.

(8) The administrative measures ordered by the electoral bureaux concerning the electoral posting shall be carried out by the mayor of the administrative-territorial unit, as soon as these have been communicated.

(9) To keep order, the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall have at his disposal the necessary means of order, provided by the mayor and the prefect, together with the representatives of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

(10) Except for the members of the electoral bureau of the polling station, the candidates and observers, no other person may stay in the public places in the voting area or on the voting premises longer than the time necessary to vote.

(11) Throughout the voting process, the members of the electoral bureaux, the persons in charge with keeping order, and the accredited persons shall not be allowed to wear name tags, badges or any other signs of electoral propaganda.

(12) On voting day, between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., the selling and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited in the protection area of the polling station stipulated in paragraph (6).

(13) For the polling stations abroad, the provisions of this article shall be applied, as the case may be, by taking into account the specific circumstances regarding the organization thereof.

Art. 19⁵. – (1) The voting shall start at 7:00 a.m. and shall close at 9:00 p.m. The starting time and the closing time shall be posted at the premises of the polling stations, in visible places.

(2) The voters shall vote at the polling stations to which they belong according to their domicile, with the exceptions stipulated in this law.

(3) The members of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations and the persons in charge with keeping order shall vote at the polling station where they carry out their activity.

(4) The voters who, on election day, find themselves in a commune, town, or municipality other than the one where they have their home, shall vote only at the special polling stations established according to Art. 7¹ point d), after stating in writing on their own account that they have not voted and they will not vote again in that ballot. The model of the statement on one's own account shall be set by Government Decision within the time limit stipulated in Art. 27 (1).

(5) The voters who are abroad on voting day shall vote at the polling stations established under the terms of Art. 7³, after stating in writing on their own account that they have not voted and they will not vote again in that ballot. The model of the statement on one's own account shall be set by Government Decision within the time limit stipulated in Art. 27 (1).

(6) The access of the voters to the voting room shall take place in series corresponding to the number of voting booths. The voter shall present the identity document to the electoral bureau of the polling station. The president of the electoral bureau of the polling station or the member designated by him shall check if the voter is included in the copy of the permanent electoral roll, and afterwards the voter shall sign the roll at the position meant for him. The voter who finds himself in one of the situations stipulated in paragraphs (3) – (5) shall be included, by the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station or by the member designated by the president, in the table stipulated in Art. 7 (1), and afterwards the voter shall sign in line with his/her personal data at the position meant for the signature in the table. Based on the signature in the copy of the permanent electoral roll or in the table, as the case may be, the president or the member of the electoral bureau of the polling station designated by him shall entrust the voter with the ballot paper and the stamp marked “VOTED”, which he shall affix on the ballot paper. In the event the voter, based on solid grounds found by the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station, cannot sign the electoral roll, then the president shall note this down in the list, confirmed by his signature and by that of another member of the electoral bureau.

(7) The voters shall vote separately in closed booths, affixing the stamp marked “VOTED” inside the quadrilateral including the full name of the voted candidate.

(8) The presence of any person in the voting booths, except for the person casting the vote, shall be forbidden. The voter who, for good grounds found by the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station, cannot vote alone, is entitled to call in the voting booth an attendant chosen by him, to help him. The attendant may not be chosen from amongst the accredited persons or members of the electoral bureau of the polling station.

(9) After having voted, the voters shall fold the ballot papers so that the unprinted page bearing the control stamp remains outside, and then they shall introduce them into the ballot box, seeing that they do not open. The inappropriate folding of the ballot paper shall not incur the invalidation thereof.

(10) At the voter’s request, if he/she has inappropriately affixed the stamp marked “VOTED”, but he/she has not introduced the ballot paper into the ballot box, the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station may give him/her, only once, a new ballot paper, by keeping and invalidating the initial ballot paper, and making the appropriate mention according to point f) in the written report stipulated in Art. 21 (1).

(11) The stamp entrusted for the voting shall be given back to the president or to those members of the electoral bureau of the polling station designated by the president, who shall affix on the identity document of the voter the stamp marked “VOTED” or a self-adhesive stamp, as the case may be, and shall write down the date of the ballot.

(12) The president may take measures so that a voter’s staying in the voting booth shall not last more than necessary.

(13) The candidates and any voter are entitled to contest the identity of the person who comes to vote. In this case, the identity shall be established by the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station by any legal means.

(14) In case the contestation is well-grounded the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall prevent the contested voter from voting, shall put this fact down in a written report, and shall notify the situation to the qualified authorities.

(15) The president of the electoral bureau of the polling station may suspend the voting for good grounds. The suspension may not exceed one hour. The suspension shall be notified by posting at the door of the

premises of the polling station as soon as the event that caused the suspension has occurred.

(16) During the suspension, the ballot boxes, the stamps, the ballot papers, and the other documents and materials of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall stay under permanent guard. During the suspension, more than half of the members of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall not be allowed to leave simultaneously the voting room. The candidates and the observers who attend the voting shall not be forced to leave the voting room during this interval.

Art. 19⁶. – (1) For the voters in Romania who are unfit to be moved for reasons of illness or disablement, at the written request thereof, submitted on the eve of the voting at the latest, accompanied by copies of medical or other official documents certifying that the persons in question are unfit to be moved, the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station may approve that a team made up of at least two members of the electoral bureau goes with a special ballot box and the material required by the voting - a stamp marked “VOTED”, ballot papers, and self-adhesive stamps necessary for the voting to be carried out. Within the jurisdiction of a polling station there shall be used only one special ballot box. The special ballot box may be carried only by the members of the electoral bureau of the polling station. The special ballot box may be carried only within the territorial jurisdiction of the respective polling station.

(2) For the cases referred to in paragraph (1) the voting shall be carried out on the basis of the table provided for in Art. 7 (2).

(3) The procedure for exercising the right to vote by persons who are under arrest, taken into preventive custody based on a warrant, or by persons who are serving a sentence with the loss of liberty, but who have not lost their electoral rights, shall be established by decision of the Central Electoral Bureau. The provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply accordingly.

Art. 19⁷. – (1) At 9:00 p.m. the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall declare the close of voting, and shall order the closing of the room where the voting takes place.

(2) The voters who are in the room where the voting is carried out at 9:00 p.m. may exercise their right to vote.

Art. 19⁸. – (1) The electoral operations carried out by the electoral bureaux of the polling stations may be attended, apart from the members thereof, by the persons accredited under the conditions of this law.

(2) Within the meaning of this law, by *accredited persons* one shall understand:

- a) the internal and external observers;**
- b) the internal and external representatives of the media.**

(3) The representatives of non-governmental organizations that have in their line of business the defence of democracy and of human rights or the observation of the elections, and that are legally set up at least 6 months before the election date may be accredited as internal observers. The persons appointed internal observers by these organizations may not have a political affiliation.

(4) As internal representatives of the media may be accredited the persons specially appointed in writing by the management of the media institutions. The persons appointed internal representatives of the media may not have a political affiliation.

(5) The accreditation of internal observers and of internal representatives of the media shall be made by the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality and the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, for all the polling stations within the jurisdiction thereof, following the petition filed by the non-governmental organizations or media institutions in Romania at least 5 days before the election date.

(6) The accreditation of external observers and of external representatives of the media shall be made by the Permanent Electoral Authority on the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for all electoral bureaux.

(7) Only the persons proposed by those non-governmental organizations that present a certificate attesting to the fulfilment of the conditions provided for in paragraph (3), issued by the Permanent Electoral Authority, may be accredited as internal observers. The certificate may be requested by 10 days at the latest prior to the election date.

(8) The persons proposed by those media institutions that present a certificate issued by the Permanent Electoral Authority attesting to the fact that they carry on activities in that field may be accredited as internal representatives of the media. The certificate may be requested by 10 days at the latest prior to the election date, based on certain documents that show the line of business of the respective institution.

(9) The accredited persons may attend the electoral operations on the election day, from 6:00 a.m. till the moment when the members of the electoral bureau of the polling station draw up and sign the statement of the vote in the respective polling station, only if they present the accreditation document, the copy of which is valid as well. These persons may not intervene in any way in the organization and conduct of the

elections, they are only entitled to notify in writing the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station in case they notice an irregularity. Any electoral propaganda action, as well as the violation in any way of the accreditation document shall incur the enforcement of legal sanctions, the suspension of the accreditation by the electoral bureau that found the infringement, and on voting day the immediate removal of the respective person from the polling station.

(10) At the electoral bureau of the polling station the accredited persons may stay only in the space established for this purpose in the voting room by the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station. At the same time the accreditation shall entitle the holder to have access to the space specially arranged for this purpose at the county electoral bureau, at the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality or at the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad that issued the accreditation.

(11) The contestations on the accreditation or rejection of the request for accreditation by the county electoral bureau, the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality or by the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall be submitted with the court of law within the territorial jurisdiction of which functions the electoral bureau, and shall be solved by the court of law within two days at most of the registration. The judgement shall be final and irrevocable.

(12) The contestations on the rejection, by the Permanent Electoral Authority, of the request for the issue of the certificates provided for in paragraphs (7) and (8) shall be submitted with the Bucharest Court of Appeal within two days at most of the communication of the reply, and shall be settled by the Court within two days of the registration. The judgement shall be final and irrevocable.

CHAPTER III

Ascertaining the election result

Art. 20. – (1) After the closing of the voting room, the president, in the presence of the members of the electoral bureau, shall perform the operations of ballot paper counting and recording of the voting result, as follows:

a) he/she shall check the state of the seals on the ballot boxes, shall seal the slit of the ballot boxes, and shall introduce the stamps marked “VOTED” into an envelope which shall be sealed by affixing the control stamp of the polling station. The disappearance of one or several stamps

shall be recorded at point i) of the statement of the vote provided for in Art. 21 (1);

b) he/she shall reject the unused ballot papers, by writing down “REJECTED” across the first page and by affixing the control stamp of the polling station; in the event there are intact packages with ballot papers, the mark “REJECTED” shall be written down only once on the respective package, and the control seal shall be affixed once;

c) he/she shall establish the number of voters included on the copy of the permanent electoral roll; it shall be forbidden, under the sanction of the law that the rolls contain erasures, alterations or completions; the counting result shall be written down at point a) of the statement of the vote provided for in Art. 21 (1);

d) he/she shall establish the number of voters present in the voting by counting the signatures entered on the copies of the electoral rolls at the polling station, and on the tables drawn up according to Art. 7, respectively. The results shall be registered in the statement of the vote at point b), and points b1, b2, and b3, respectively, of the statement of the vote provided for in Art. 21 (1);

e) he/she shall unseal the ballot boxes one by one, shall count the ballot papers, and shall open the ballot boxes one by one; when opening each ballot paper, the president shall read aloud the full name of the voted candidate, and shall show the ballot paper to the people present; the opened ballot papers shall be arranged per candidates, shall be counted and tied separately; the rejected votes and the validly cast votes for each candidate shall be recorded in a separate table each, by one member each of the electoral bureau of the polling station appointed by the president.

(2) There shall be considered rejected the ballot papers on which the control stamp of the polling station has not been affixed, the ballot papers with a different model than the legally approved one, the ballot papers on which the stamp marked “VOTED” has not been affixed, the ballot papers on which the stamp marked “VOTED” has been affixed on several quadrilaterals or outside them; the vote shall be validly cast when, although the affixed stamp marked “VOTED exceeds the limits of the quadrilateral, the voter’s choice is obvious, when the ink has penetrated the other side of the sheet on which the stamp marked “VOTED” has been affixed, as well as when the stamp has been affixed several times on the same quadrilateral or both inside and outside any other quadrilateral; erasures and writing on the already existing lines of the ballot papers shall not incur the rejection thereof; the rejected ballot papers shall not be counted as the validly cast votes.*

* Amended by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

Art. 21 – (1)) After the opening of the ballot boxes and the vote counting, the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall draw up a statement of the vote in 3 copies including:

a) the total number of voters provided for in the copy of the permanent electoral roll at the polling station [point a) \geq point b1];

b) the total number of voters who reported to the polls [point b) = point b1 + point b2 + point b3], of which:

b1 – the total number of voters who reported to the polls, entered on the copy of the permanent electoral roll;

b2 – the total number of voters who reported to the polls and who are not included on the copy of the permanent electoral roll, entered on the table provided for in Art. 7 (1);

b3 – the total number of voters who voted using the special ballot box, entered on the table provided for in Art. 7 (2);

c) the total number of validly cast votes [point c) \leq point b) – point d)], [point c) = sum of validly cast votes under point g)];

d) the number of rejected votes;

e) the number of ballot papers received [point e) \geq point c) + point d) + point f)];

f) the number of unused and rejected ballot papers;

g) the number of validly cast votes obtained by each candidate;

h) a short account of the objections drawn up and the solution thereof, as well as of the contestations submitted to the county electoral bureau, the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality or to the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, as the case may be;

i) the number of stamps marked “VOTED” at the beginning of the voting; the disappearance of one or several seals shall be mentioned, if need be, as well as the state of the seals on the ballot boxes at the end of voting;

j) other situations; there shall be recorded if the number of ballot papers found in the ballot box is different from the number of voters who have voted, a number resulted following the counting of the signatures in the permanent rolls and tables provided for in Art. 7; there shall be recorded if the number of ballot papers found in the ballot box added to that of the unused and rejected ballot papers is different from the total number of the ballot papers received, as well as any other incidents.

(2) The statement of the vote shall be signed by the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station, as well as by the other members thereof, and shall bear the control stamp of the electoral bureau. The

absence of signatures of some of the members of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall not incur the validity of the statement of the vote. The president shall record the reasons which have prevented the signing.

(3) A copy of the statement of the vote shall be posted in a visible place at the premises of the electoral bureau of the polling station.

(4) The members of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall be issued, on request, a copy of the statement of the vote, certified by all those who signed the original.

(5) Two copies of the statement of the vote provided for in paragraph (1), all the contestations on the electoral operations of the electoral bureau of the polling station, the rejected and contested ballot papers shall constitute a stamped and sealed file that must be accompanied by the control stamp. The copy of the permanent electoral roll together with the tables used in the polling station, as well as the statements on one's own account provided for in Art. 19⁵ (4), as the case may be, shall constitute a separate file. Within 24 hours at most of the closing of voting, both files shall be submitted to the county electoral bureau or, as the case may be, to the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality under military guard, accompanied, on request, by other members of the respective electoral bureau.

(6) The statements of the vote, drawn up by the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad, together with all the objections and contestations on the electoral operations of the electoral bureau of the polling station shall be transmitted electronically to the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, thanks to the diplomatic representation offices, within 24 hours at most of the receipt thereof. The accuracy of the data in these statements of the vote shall be confirmed by telephone by the president or deputy of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, who shall countersign and stamp the received documents. The countersigned statements of the vote shall be used in centralizing the vote results.

(7) In case dissimilarities are found among the data in the statement of the vote received from the electoral bureau of a polling station, the county electoral bureau or that of the district of Bucharest Municipality must request the president of the respective electoral bureau of the polling station to make the necessary corrections. These shall be deemed valid provided they are certified by signing and affixing the control stamp of the polling station.

(8) In case dissimilarities are found among the data in the statements of the vote received from the electoral bureaux abroad, the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad must request the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station to make the necessary corrections. These shall be deemed valid provided they are certified by signing and

affixing the control stamp of the polling station. The provisions of paragraph (6) shall apply accordingly.

(9) Within 24 hours of the receipt of the file provided for in paragraph (5), the county electoral bureau or, as the case may be, the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality shall submit one copy of each statement of the vote drawn up by the electoral bureaux of the polling stations with the court of law within the territorial jurisdiction of which they operate; the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall submit with the Bucharest Court of Law one copy, countersigned and stamped, of each statement of the vote drawn up by the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad.

(10) The candidates may obtain copies of the samples of the statements of the vote provided for in paragraph (9).*

Art. 22. – (1) After the receipt of the statements of the vote from all the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, and after the settlement of the contestations received from the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, the county electoral bureau, the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality or the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad shall draw up a statement of the vote that shall include:

a) the total number of voters provided for in the copies of the permanent electoral rolls [point a) \geq point b1];

b) the total number of voters who reported to the polls [point b) = point b1 + point b2 + point b3], of which:

b1 – the total number of voters who reported to the polls, entered on the copies of the permanent electoral rolls;

b2 – the total number of voters who voted in another polling station than the one they belonged to by distribution according to their domicile, entered on the table provided for in Art. 7 (1);

b3 – the total number of voters who voted by using the special ballot box, entered on the table provided for in Art. 7 (2);

c) the total number of the validly cast votes [point c) \leq point b) – point d)], [point c) = sum of validly cast votes under point g)];

d) the total number of rejected votes;

e) number of ballot papers received [point e) \geq point c) + point d) + point f)];

f) the number of unused and rejected ballot papers;

g) the total number of validly cast votes obtained by each candidate;

h) a short account of the objections and contestations drawn up and of the decisions pronounced.

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(2) The provisions of Art. 21 (2) – (4) shall apply accordingly.

(3) The statement of the vote provided for in paragraph (1), together with the statements of the vote received from the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, as well as all the contestations and objections falling within the competence of the Central Electoral Bureau, all of which constitute a file sealed, stamped and signed by the members of the county electoral bureau, of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality or of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, as well as the files including the copies of the permanent electoral rolls and the tables used in the polling stations, as well as the statements on one's own account provided for in Art. 19⁵ (4), as the case may be, accompanied by the stamp of the respective electoral bureau shall be submitted under military guard to the Central Electoral Bureau within 48 hours at most of the receipt of the last statement of the vote from the electoral bureaux of the polling stations.

(4) In case dissimilarities are found among the data in a statement of the vote received from a county electoral bureau, an electoral bureau of a district of Bucharest Municipality or from the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, the Central Electoral Bureau must request the president of the respective electoral bureau to make the necessary corrections. These shall be deemed valid provided they are certified by signing and affixing the control stamp of the polling station.*

Art. 23. – (1) The Central Electoral Bureau shall settle the contestations received from the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality and the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, and afterwards it shall draw up a statement of the vote that shall include:

a) the total number of voters entered on the permanent electoral rolls [point a) \geq point b1];

b) the total number of voters who reported to the polls [point b) = point b1 + point b2 + point b3], of which:

b1 – the total number of voters who reported to the polls, entered on the copies of the permanent electoral rolls;

b2 – the total number of voters who voted in another polling station than the one they belonged to by distribution according to their domicile, entered on the table provided for in Art. 7 (1);

b3 – the total number of voters who voted by using the special ballot box, entered on the table provided for in Art. 7 (2);

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c) the total number of validly cast votes [point c) \leq point b) – point d)], [point c) = sum of validly cast votes under point h)];

d) the total number of rejected votes;

e) number of ballot papers received [point e) \geq point c) + point d) + point f)];

f) the number of unused and rejected ballot papers;

g) the number of votes necessary to be elected President of Romania, according to Art. 1¹ (1) point b) [point a)/2 + 1];

h) the total number of validly cast votes obtained by each candidate;

i) the full name of the candidate that met the conditions of Art. 81 of the Constitution of Romania, republished;

j) the full names of the candidates who will participate in the second round, in case of need.

(2) The provisions of Art. 21 (2) – (4) shall apply accordingly.

(3) The statement of the vote for each round, together with the statements of the vote which record and centralize the voting results, drawn up by the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, and the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, received according to Art. 22 (3), shall be submitted under military guard with the Constitutional Court, within 24 hours of the registration of the last file.

(4) In the second round, the provisions of paragraph (1) shall apply accordingly; next, the full name of the candidate whose election has been established shall be entered on the statement according to the provisions of Art. 81 of the Constitution of Romania, republished.

(5) The Central Electoral Bureau shall submit to the Permanent Electoral Authority the files containing the copies of the permanent electoral rolls and the tables used in the polling stations in both rounds, as well as the statements on one's own account provided for in Art. 19⁵ (4). Upon the complaint of the political parties, organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities, political alliances, electoral alliances, and of the independent candidates participating in the elections, lodged within 15 days at most of the validation of each round and accompanied by the related evidence, the Permanent Electoral Authority shall check the copies of the permanent electoral rolls and the tables used in the polling stations the complaint refers to, in order to discover the cases in which a person has voted without being entitled to, or has voted several times in the same round. The time limit set for the check of the electoral rolls used in the polling stations shall be of 6 months since the receipt thereof. In case the Permanent Electoral Authority finds out evidence about the perpetration of the offences provided for in Art. 26⁵ (1) points a) and b), it shall refer the case to the competent authorities.

(6) At the expiry of the time limit provided for in paragraph (5) for the check of the copies of the permanent electoral rolls and of the tables used in the polling stations, the Permanent Electoral Authority shall ensure the electronic filing thereof, as well as of the statements on one's own account provided for in Art. 19⁵ (4) and (5), by a provider of electronic filing services in compliance with Law no. 135/2007 on the electronic filing of documents.*

Art. 24. – (1) The Constitutional Court shall cancel the elections if the voting and the ascertaining of the results took place fraudulently in such a way as to modify the allotment of the mandate or, as the case may be, the order of the candidates participating in the second round. Under these circumstances, the Court shall order the round to be repeated on the second Sunday since the cancellation of the elections.

(2) The petition for the cancellation of the elections may be filed by the parties and candidates who participated in the elections within 3 days at most of the closing of voting; the petition must be motivated and accompanied by the evidence it is grounded on.

(3) Repealed.**

(4) The Constitutional Court shall solve the petition by the date set by law for making public the election result.

Art. 25. – (1) The Constitutional Court shall validate the result of each round, shall ensure the publication of the election result in the media and in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, for each round, and shall validate the election result for the President elect.*

(2) The validation document shall be drawn up in 3 copies, of which one shall stay with the Constitutional Court, one shall be sent to the Parliament for the oath to be taken as provided for in Art. 82 (2) of the Constitution of Romania, republished, and the third one shall be handed over to the elected candidate.

Art. 26. – (1) The second round shall take place under the conditions provided for in Art. 81 (3) of the Constitution of Romania, republished, two weeks after the first round, in the same polling stations and constituencies, the electoral operations being carried out by the same electoral bureaux and based on the same electoral rolls as in the first round.

(2) In the second round shall participate only the first 2 candidates who obtained the highest number of votes validly cast for the entire country, in the first round. The Constitutional Court shall confirm that number within 24 hours of the receipt of the statements of the vote provided for in Art. 23 (3),

* Amended by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

** Repealed by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

by making public the full names of the two candidates who shall participate in the second round, and the voting day set according to paragraph (1).

(3) The electoral campaign for the second round shall start on the date the voting day has been made public.

(4) Within two days of the opening of the electoral campaign there shall be set the timetable for the conduct thereof at the public radio and television services, and the air time distribution according to Art. 16 that shall apply accordingly.

(5) The persons accredited to attend the carrying out of the electoral operations in the first round shall be rightfully accredited to attend these operations in the second round as well.

CHAPTER III^{1*}

Minor offenses and infractions

Art. 26¹. – (1) There shall be considered minor offenses the following facts:

a) the deliberate entering of an elector on more permanent electoral rolls, the entering on the electoral rolls or tables of fictitious persons or of persons who are not entitled to vote;

b) the keeping of the permanent electoral rolls under inappropriate conditions;

c) the failure to make the communications stipulated by law in due time and to operate them on the permanent electoral rolls;

d) the operations made by unauthorized persons on the permanent electoral rolls;

e) the failure to notify the courts of law of the alterations operated on the sample of the permanent electoral roll existing at the town hall;

f) the infringement of the provisions of Art. 3 (2) and Art. 9 (3);

g) the infringement of the provisions regarding the posting of candidacy proposals provided for in Art. 11²(3);

h) the use by a candidate of the electoral sign registered at the Central Electoral Bureau by another candidate;

i) the organizers' failure to take the necessary measures for a normal conduct of the electoral meetings, as well as the distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages during such meetings;

j) the destruction, deterioration, staining, covering by writing or by any other method of the permanent electoral rolls, the copies thereof or of the electoral tables;

k) the non-observance of the provisions of Art. 17 (1), (3), (4), and of Art. 19 (4);

¹Introduced by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

l) the posting of the permanent electoral rolls, the copies thereof or of the electoral tables; the destruction, deterioration, staining, covering by writing or by any other method of the posted electoral platforms or of any other printed electoral propaganda posters or advertisement;

m) the non-observance of the decisions and resolutions of the electoral bureaux; the non-observance of the resolutions and instructions of the Permanent Electoral Authority; the non-observance of the resolutions of the Constitutional Court;

n) the refusal to permit the voter who produces the proof that he/she is entitled to vote to exercise his/her right to vote at the polling station he goes to;

o) the refusal to permit the access of the accredited persons to the premises of the polling station, except for the cases when the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station restricts the access of the accredited persons to the premises of the polling station due to the size thereof;

p) the refusal to receive and register a written objection, contestation or any other petition;

q) the refusal to comply with the orders of the president of the electoral bureau of the polling station regarding the maintenance of order at the premises and in the vicinity of the polling station;

r) the refusal to hand over the ballot paper and the stamp marked "VOTED" to the voter who has signed on the electoral roll; the handing over of the ballot paper to a voter who does not produce the identity document or who refuses to sign for the receipt thereof on the electoral roll or table on which he is entered; the non-observance of the provisions of Art. 19⁵(8) regarding the presence of other persons in the voting booth;

s) the failure to affix the stamp marked "VOTED" or the self-adhesive stamp, as the case may be, as well as the holding of the identity document, without good reasons, by the members of the electoral bureau of the polling station;

s) the non-observance of the provisions of Art. 20 (1) point e) regarding the reading aloud of the option expressed on the ballot paper; the drawing up, by the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, of the statements of the vote with the infringement of the provisions of this law;

t) the continuation of the electoral propaganda after it is over, as well as the counselling of the voters on voting day, at the premises of the polling stations, to vote or not to vote a certain candidate;

t) the wearing of name tags, badges or other signs of electoral propaganda, during the voting, by the members of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, the persons in charge with the guard, the accredited persons or the poll operators from the polling organizations;

u) the infringement by the members of the electoral bureaux of the duty to take part in the activity of the bureaux;

v) the refusal of the president of the electoral bureau or of his/her deputy to issue a certified copy of the statement of the vote to the persons entitled in compliance with the provisions of this law;

w) the infringement of the accreditation conditions by the persons accredited according to Art. 19⁸ and by the poll operators from the polling organizations, trade companies or from the non-governmental organizations that have been accredited by the Central Electoral Bureau by decision;

x) the non-observance of the provisions of Art. 7¹ – 7³ regarding the delimitation, numbering and establishing of polling stations;

y) the non-observance of the provisions of Art. 19 (1) – (3) and (5);

z) the non-observance of the provisions of Art. 19² regarding electoral posting;

aa) the non-observance of the provisions of Art. 19⁴ (12) regarding the selling and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Art. 26². – (1) The minor offenses provided for in Art. 26¹ points b), c), d), e), g), j), k), l), m), o), p), §), t), u), v), and z) shall be punished by fine from 1,000 lei to 2,500 lei, those in points f), h), q), t), w), x), and aa) by fine from 1,500 lei to 4,500 lei, and the ones in points a), i), n), r), s), and y) by fine from 4,500 lei to 10,000 lei.

(2) The ascertainment of the minor offenses provided for in Art. 26¹ and the enforcement of the punishments provided for in paragraph (1) shall be carried out by:

a) the officers, agents, and non-commissioned officers in the Romanian Police, the Romanian Border Police, and the Romanian Gendarmerie, as well as the community policemen, for the facts stipulated in Art. 26 points i), k), l), n), o), q), r), t), w), z), and aa);

b) the president of the county electoral bureau, of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality or of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, for the facts stipulated in Art. 26 points j), p), and §);

c) the president of the Central Electoral Bureau, for the facts stipulated in Art. 26 points f), g), and h);

d) the president of the electoral bureau in case the members thereof have committed the minor offenses, or the president of the hierarchically superior electoral bureau in case the presidents of the hierarchically inferior electoral bureaux or the deputies thereof have committed the minor offenses, for the facts stipulated in Art. 26 points n), s), t), u), and v);

e) the representatives of the president of the Permanent Electoral Authority, for the facts stipulated in Art. 26¹ points a), b), c), d), e), and x);

f) the representatives of the president of the Permanent Electoral Authority in case the fact stipulated in Art. 26¹ point m) has been committed

by authorities of the central or local public administration, and in case the fact stipulated in Art. 26¹ point y) has been committed by other persons than the radio broadcasters; the president of the electoral bureau in case the fact stipulated in Art. 26¹ point m) has been committed by the members of the electoral bureau, or the president of the hierarchically superior electoral bureau in case the fact stipulated in Art. 26¹ point m) has been committed by the presidents of the hierarchically inferior electoral bureaux; policemen, in case the fact stipulated in Art. 21¹ point m) has been committed by other natural or legal persons;

g) The National Audiovisual Council, that shall take up the case or the case may be submitted to it by the interested persons, for the facts stipulated in Art. 26¹ point y) in case they have been committed by the radio broadcasters.

(3) The offender may pay, on the spot or within 48 hours at most of the date of the drawing up of the written report or, as the case may be, of the date of the communication thereof, half the minimum of the fine stipulated in paragraph (1), while the agent shall record this option in the said written report.

(4) To the minor offenses provided for in Art. 26¹ shall be applicable the provisions of the Government Ordinance no. 2/2001 on the legal regime of minor offenses, approved with amendments and completions by Law no. 180/2002 with the subsequent amendments and completions.

(5) The members of the electoral bureaux who committed the minor offenses provided for in Art. 26¹ shall be replaced by other persons, at the request of the president of the hierarchically superior electoral bureau, or of the president of the Central Electoral Bureau, as the case may be.

Art. 26^{3*}. – (1) The prevention by any means of the free exercise of the right to elect or to be elected shall be punished with imprisonment from 6 months to 3 years, and the interdiction of some rights.

(2) The attack by any means on the premises of the polling station shall be punished with imprisonment from 2 to 7 years, and the interdiction of some rights.

Art. 26^{4*}. – (1) Offering or giving money, goods or other benefits with the aim of determining the voter to vote or not to vote a certain candidate shall be punished with imprisonment from 6 months to 5 years, and the interdiction of some rights.

(2) The goods with a symbolic value, inscribed with the signs of a political formation shall not be included in the category of goods provided for in paragraph (1).

* Art. 26³ – 26⁴ shall be repealed on the date of coming into force of Law no. 286/2009 on the Criminal Code, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 510 of 24 July 2009.

Art. 26^{5*}. – (1) The fact of a person who votes:

a) without being entitled to;

b) twice or several times;

c) by introducing into the ballot box more ballot papers than a voter is entitled to

shall be punished with imprisonment from 6 months to 3 years or with a fine, and the interdiction of some rights.

(2) The use of a null or forged voter's card or identity document, or of a forged ballot paper shall be punished in the same way.

Art. 26^{6*}. – (1) The violation by any means of the secrecy of voting shall be punished with a fine.

(2) If the fact has been committed by a member of the electoral bureau of the polling station, the punishment shall be imprisonment from 6 months to 3 years or a fine, and the interdiction of some rights.

Art. 26^{7*}. – (1) The opening of ballot boxes before the hour set for the close of voting shall be punished with imprisonment from 1 to 3 years or a fine, and the interdiction of some rights.

(2) Entrusting the special ballot box to other persons than the members of the electoral bureau of the polling station or the transport thereof by other persons or in other conditions than those provided by the law shall be punished with imprisonment from 3 months to 2 years or with a fine, and the interdiction of some rights.

Art. 26^{8*}. – (1) The forgery by any means of documents in the electoral bureaux shall be punished with imprisonment from 1 to 5 years, and the interdiction of some rights.

(2) The registration in the copy of the permanent electoral roll of certain persons who do not appear in this roll shall be punished in the same way.

(3) The introduction and use of a computer program with flaws which alter the recording or summing up of the results obtained in the polling stations, or lead to the allotment of the mandate outside the provisions of the law shall be punished with imprisonment from 2 to 7 years, and the interdiction of some rights.

(4) The introduction of data, information or routines that lead to the alteration of the national information system necessary for establishing the election results shall be punished in the same way.

Art. 26^{9*}. – Any attempted action to the infractions provided for in Art. 26³ and Art. 26⁵ – 26⁸ shall be punished.

* Art. 26⁵ – 26⁹ shall be repealed on the date of coming into force of Law no. 286/2009 on the Criminal Code, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 510 of 24 July 2009.

Art. 26¹⁰ – The goods meant and used to commit the minor offenses provided for in Art. 26¹ or the infractions provided for in Art. 26³ – 26⁸, or those resulting from the perpetration of both of them shall be confiscated.

CHAPTER IV

Transitional and final provisions

Art. 27. – (1) Within 5 days at the latest of the coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date, the Government shall establish by decision, on the proposal of the Permanent Electoral Authority and of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, the calendar for carrying out the necessary actions for the election of the President of Romania, the budget and the necessary expenses for the preparation, organization and conduct of the voting, the model of the copy of the permanent electoral roll, the models of the tables provided for in Art. 7, the model of the stamp of the Central Electoral Bureau, of the county electoral bureau, of the electoral bureau of the district of Bucharest Municipality, of the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, the model of the control stamp of the polling station marked “VOTED”, the model of the ballot paper, the model of the self-adhesive stamp, the conditions for the printing, management, and use thereof, the measures to be taken by the central and local public authorities for the proper organization and conduct of the elections.

(2) Within 15 days at most of the coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date, the Permanent Electoral Authority shall establish by decision, that shall be published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, the model of the application for candidacy registration, the model of the application for candidacy renouncement, and the model of the statement of candidacy acceptance.

(3) Within 15 days at most of the coming into force of the Government Decision on setting the election date, the Government shall establish by decision, on the proposal of the National Institute of Statistics and the Permanent Electoral Authority, the models of the statements of the vote for the registration and centralization of the voting results.*

Art. 28. – (1) The expenditure for carrying out the electoral operations shall be borne by the state budget.

(2) The premises of the Central Electoral Bureau shall be provided by the Government, that of the electoral bureau for the polling stations

*Amended by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

abroad by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the premises of the county electoral bureaux by the prefects and the presidents of county councils, the premises of the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, as well as of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations by the mayors, together with the prefects, and the premises of the electoral bureaux of the polling stations abroad by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(3) The expenditure for the equipment of the premises of electoral bureaux provided for in paragraph (2) shall be borne by the state budget.

(4) The documents drawn up in the exercise of the electoral rights shall be exempt from the stamp duty.

(5) The Permanent Electoral Authority shall provide the purchase of the computer programs that shall be used by the Central Electoral Bureau for the centralization of the voting results.

(6) The Government shall provide the Permanent Electoral Authority with the necessary sums for the purchase of the computer programs that shall be used by the Central Electoral Bureau for the centralization of the voting results, the necessary sums for covering the expenses incurred by the check of the copies of the permanent electoral rolls and of the tables used in the polling stations, as well as by the electronic filing thereof and of the documents received from the Central Electoral Bureau.

(7) The Government shall provide the Permanent Electoral Authority with the necessary space for the storage of the copies of the permanent electoral rolls and of the tables used in the polling stations, as well as of the other materials resulting from the electoral process, and that are going to be kept in the archive of the Authority.*

Art. 28¹ – Repealed.**

Art. 29. – (1) In order to support the activity of the Central Electoral Bureau, of the county electoral bureaux, and of the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, the Ministry of Administration and Interior, together with the Permanent Electoral Authority, the National Institute of Statistics, and any other appointed public authority shall provide the necessary auxiliary technical personnel. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with the Permanent Electoral Authority, the National Institute of Statistics, and any other appointed public authority shall provide the auxiliary technical personnel necessary for the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad.

* Amended by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

** Introduced by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 77/2004 and repealed by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

(2) As long as the electoral bureaux shall function, the members thereof, the statisticians, and the auxiliary technical personnel shall be considered temporarily assigned and shall receive a daily allowance set by Government Decision.

(3) For the allowance provided for in paragraph (2) only the income tax shall be due, deducted, and paid in accordance with the law.

(4) The institutions that have hired the employees provided for in paragraph (2) shall grant them the salaries they are entitled to, according to the law, throughout the period they shall exercise their duties regarding the organization and conduct of the election for the President of Romania.*

Art. 30. – (1) The courts of law shall try the petitions provided for in this law according to the rules set by law for the president's ordinance with the binding participation of the prosecutor.

(2) According to this law, there is no remedy against the final and irrevocable decisions pronounced by the courts of law.

(3) The final and irrevocable judgements of the courts of law pronounced as a result of the petitions provided for in this law shall be communicated immediately to the interested electoral bureaux.*

Art. 30¹. – (1) The daily terms stipulated by this law include the day when they start and stop at 24:00 hours of the day they come to an end, even though such days are not weekdays.

(2) Throughout the electoral period, the electoral bureaux shall function in accordance with the calendar set by the Central Electoral Bureau in compliance with the organization and functioning rules and regulations of the electoral bureaux and of the working apparatus thereof. The courts of law shall operate a basic service so that the citizens may exercise their electoral rights.**

Art. 30². – (1) The used or unused ballot papers, the null ones, the statements of the vote, and the stamps necessary to the voting process, received by the courts of law from the county electoral bureaux, the electoral bureaux of the districts of Bucharest Municipality, the electoral bureau for the polling stations abroad, as the case may be, or from the electoral bureaux of the polling stations, the documents received by the Constitutional Court from the Central Electoral Bureau, as well as the lists of supporters found at the Constitutional Court, and those received by the Permanent Electoral Authority from the Central Electoral Bureau shall be kept in the archive, separately from the other documents, for 3 months since the publication of the election results in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

* Amended by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

** Introduced by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

(2) After the expiry of the time limit referred to in paragraph (1), the courts of law, supported by the prefect's institutions, the Constitutional Court and the Permanent Electoral Authority respectively, shall hand over, on the basis of a written report, to the specialized economic agents, for melting, the used or unused ballot papers, the null ones, the statements of the vote and the stamps necessary to the voting process, the other materials used in the electoral process, as well as the lists of supporters.

(3) The Permanent Electoral Authority shall ensure the electronic filing of the documents received from the Central Electoral Bureau by an electronic filing service provider, according to Law no. 135/2007, then it shall hand over, for melting, to the specialized economic agents, the materials and documents received from the Central Electoral Bureau.

(4) The lists of supporters from the previous election for the President of Romania shall be handed over by the High Court of Cassation and Justice to the specialized economic agents, for melting.

(5) Upon receipt of the permanent electoral rolls by the town halls and courts of law, according to Art. 5 (5), any other copies of the permanent electoral rolls found at the town halls and courts of law shall be handed over to the specialized economic agents, for melting.*

Art. 30³. – (1) The Autonomous Régie “Monitorul Oficial” shall print the ballot papers, the models of the tables provided for in Art. 7, and the other prints and materials necessary for the conduct of the electoral process by 10 days at the latest before the election date.

(2) The Autonomous Régie “Monitorul Oficial” shall provide the publication and printing of brochures including consolidated versions of the legal regulations on the presidential election, in world wide spoken languages, as well as other information materials made by the Permanent Electoral Authority.*

Art. 30⁴. – Within 45 days at most of the publication of the election results in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, the public authorities involved in the organization and conduct of the election of the President of Romania are obliged to inform the Permanent Electoral Authority on the way in which the duties in the electoral field have been carried out, as well as on the deviations and shortcomings, even of a legislative nature, found in the organization and conduct of the voting.*

Art. 31. – On the date of coming into force of this law, Law no. 69/1992 on the election of the President of Romania, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 164 of 16 July 1992, with the subsequent amendments and completions, shall be repealed.

* Introduced by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

The name of the political party or political alliance (or the mention “independent candidate”, as the case may be)
 The electoral sign of the political party or the political alliance

THE SUPPORTERS' LIST for the election of the President of Romania

Candidate (date of elections)
 – (name and surname)

| Crt no. | Name | Surname | Date of birth | Address | ID | | | Signature* |
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STATEMENT

The undersigned.... (*name and surname*), residing on...., born on...., in the commune/city/Municipality of....., in.....county, holder of the I.C. (I.D.) series...., number...., I hereby declare on my own account that all data and signatures contained in this list, which has.... entries, correspond to reality.

Date,

Locality,

Signature,

* This list is a public document and falls under Art. 292 of the Penal Code. Signing of several lists is forbidden.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We reproduce below the provisions of Art. III of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009:

“Art. III. – The provisions of Art. 24 of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 34/2009 concerning the 2009 budget revision and the regulation of some financial-monetary measures approved by Law no. 227/2009, as subsequently amended and completed, shall not apply to expenditures related to the carrying out of the electoral operations necessary for the election of the President of Romania in 2009.”

* Repealed by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 95/2009.

DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA no. 1044

of September 23, 2009

on approving the schedule of necessary actions with a view to electing the President of Romania in 2009

Published in the Official Journal no. 637 of September 28, 2009

Single article. – The schedule of necessary actions with a view to electing the President of Romania in 2009, provided in the Annex that is part of this Decision, is hereby approved.

ANNEX

SCHEDULE of necessary actions with a view to electing the President of Romania in 2009

| Crt. no. | Deadline for action as stipulated in Law no. 370/2004 on election of the President of Romania, as subsequently amended and supplemented | Description of action | Authority or person performing action | Achievement modality |
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| 1. | September 28, 2009 Art. 2 of Government Decision no. 985/2009 on establishing the date of elections for the President of Romania in 2009, published in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I, no. 609 of September 4, 2009 | Coming into force of Government Decision on establishing the date of elections | | |
| 2. | Two days before drawing of the 5 judges of the High Court of Cassation and Justice who will be members of the Central Election Bureau: at the latest September 28, 2009 Art. 7 ⁷ (2) | Publicizing the date when the drawing takes place for the 5 judges of the High Court of Cassation and Justice who will be members of the Central Election Bureau | President of the High Court of Cassation and Justice | Through the media |

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| 3. | Before designation of judges in the Central Election Bureau: at the latest September 29, 2009 Art. 28 (2) | Providing the venue for the Central Election Bureau | General Secretariat of the Government | |
| 4. | Within 3 days of the date of entry into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest September 30, 2009 Art. 7 ⁷ (2) | Designating the 5 judges of the High Court of Cassation and Justice in the Central Election Bureau | President of the High Court of Cassation and Justice | Drawing lots among the acting judges of the High Court of Cassation and Justice |
| 5. | Within 24 hours of appointment of the judges in the Central Election Bureau: at the latest October 1, 2009 Art. 7 ⁷ (4) | Electing the president of the Central Election Bureau and his/her deputy | Judges designated in the Central Election Bureau | By secret vote |
| 6. | Within 24 hours of election of the president of the Central Election Bureau: at the latest October 2, 2009 Art. 7 ⁷ (4) | Rounding off the Central Election Bureau with the president and vice-presidents of the Permanent Electoral Authority and with one representative of each parliamentary political party | President of the Central Election Bureau | Reports |
| 7. | Within at the most 5 days of the date of coming into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest October 2, 2009 Art. 27 (1) | Approving the schedule of necessary actions with a view to electing the President of Romania, the budget and expenditures required for preparing, organizing and holding the polls, the model of the copy of the permanent voter roll, the model of the tables provided under Art. 7, the model of the stamp of the Central Election Bureau, the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, of the election bureau for polling stations abroad, the model of the control stamp of the polling station, the model of the stamp inscribed "VOTED", the model of the ballot paper, the model of the sticker, the terms for the printing, management and utilization thereof, and the measures to be taken by central and local public authorities for proper organization and holding of the elections | The Government, on the proposal of the Ministry of Administration and Interior and the Permanent Electoral Authority | By Decisions published in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I |
| 8. | Within at the most 5 days of the date of entry into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest | Setting up of the special polling stations | The Government | By Decision published in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I |

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| | October 2, 2009 Art. 7 ² (2) | | | |
| 9. | Within at the most 5 days of the date of entry into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest October 2, 2009 Art. 7 ² (1) | Delimitating the polling stations | Mayors, with support from territorial structures of the National Centre for the Management of Population Register Databases | By order |
| 10. | Within 24 hours of the date of completion of the Central Election Bureau with representatives of the Permanent Electoral Authority and of parliamentary political parties: at the latest October 3, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (2) | Depositing at the Central Election Bureau the protocol on constitution of an electoral alliance | Political parties making up the alliance | In writing |
| 11. | Within at the most two days of the expiry of the deadline for setting up the Central Election Bureau: at the latest October 4, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (1) | Filing appeals against the organization and composition of the Central Election Bureau | Political formations taking part in elections and the candidates | In writing |
| 12. | Within 24 hours of registration of the protocol: at the latest October 4, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (3) | Accepting or rejecting the protocol on constitution of an electoral alliance | Central Election Bureau | By decision to be posted |
| 13. | Within 3 days of setting up of the Central Election Bureau organized as stipulated in Art. 7 ⁷ (4): at the latest October 4, 2009 Art. 7 ⁷ (8) | Adopting the organization and functioning regulation that is mandatory for all election bureaux and their technical apparatus | Central Election Bureau | By decision published in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I |
| 14. | Within 24 hours of posting of the decision to accept the protocol on constitution of an electoral alliance: at the latest October 5, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (4) | Filing appeals against the Central Election Bureau's decision to accept the protocol on constitution of an electoral alliance | Any interested natural person or legal entity | In writing, at the High Court of Cassation and Justice |
| 15. | Within 24 hours of posting of the decision to reject the protocol on constitution of an electoral alliance: at the latest October 5, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (5) | Filing appeals against the Central Election Bureau's decision to reject the protocol on constitution of an electoral alliance | Signatories of the protocol | In writing |
| 16. | Within at the most two days of registration of the appeal: at the latest October 6, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (2) | Settling appeals filed against the organization and composition of the Central Election Bureau | High Court of Cassation and Justice | By definitive judgment |
| 17. | Within 24 hours of filing of the appeals: at the latest October 6, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (6) | Settling appeals filed against the Central Election Bureau's decisions to accept or reject the protocol on constitution of an electoral alliance | High Court of Cassation and Justice | By definitive and irrevocable judgment |

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| 18. | Within at the most 5 days of delimitation of polling stations and setting up of special voting sections: at the latest October 6, 2009 Art. 7 ² (3) | Numbering the polling stations within the territory of a county or of the Municipality of Bucharest | Prefects | By order |
| 19. | At least 24 hours before drawing lots: at the latest October 6, 2009 Art. 7 ⁹ (2) | Announcing the date for the drawing of the 3 judges that will be members of the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest and the election bureau for polling stations abroad | President of the Court | Through the media |
| 20. | Before designation of judges for the county election bureau, the district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest and the election bureau for polling stations abroad: at the latest October 6, 2009 Art. 28 (2) | Providing venues for county election bureaux, district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest and the election bureau for polling stations abroad | Prefects and chairmen of county councils, or mayors, respectively, together with prefects Ministry of Foreign Affairs | |
| 21. | Within 10 days of the date of entry into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest October 7, 2009 Art. 12 (2) | Notifying to the Central Election Bureau the number of voters recorded in permanent voter rolls, the estimated number of necessary ballot papers for polling stations abroad, and the estimated number of necessary ballot papers for special polling stations | National Centre for the Management of Population Register Databases, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and prefect's institutions | In writing |
| 22. | Within at the most 10 days of entry into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest October 7, 2009 Art. 7 ⁹ (2) | Designating judges in the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest and the election bureau for polling stations abroad | President of the Court | In a public sitting, by drawing lots, directly by positions |
| 23. | Within 10 days of entry into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest October 7, 2009 Art. 19 ¹ (4) | Establishing the rules, through the agency of audio-visual broadcasting services, for the holding of the election campaign for electing the President of Romania | National Audiovisual Council | By decision |
| 24. | Within 24 hours of the setting up of county election bureaux, district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest and the election bureau for polling stations abroad: at the latest October 8, 2009 Art. 7 ⁹ (1) and (2) | Designating the representatives of the Permanent Electoral Authority to round off the county election bureaux, the district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest and the election bureau for polling stations abroad | Permanent Electoral Authority | By decision published in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I |
| 25. | Within at the most two days of expiry of the deadline for setting up county election bureaux, district election bureaux in the | Filing appeals regarding the organization and composition of the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the | Political formations taking part in elections and the candidates | In writing |

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| | Municipality of Bucharest and the election bureau for polling stations abroad: at the latest October 9, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (1) | Municipality of Bucharest and the election bureau for polling stations abroad | | |
| 26. | Within at the most 5 days of expiry of the deadline for numbering the polling stations in the country: at the latest October 10, 2009 Art. 7 ² (4) | Notifying to the Permanent Electoral Authority the delimitation and establishment, respectively, and the numbering of each polling station, as well as other relevant data regarding the building where the voting is to take place, in the format decided by the Permanent Electoral Authority | Prefects | In writing and in digital format |
| 27. | Within at the most 48 hours Art. 7 ² (4) | Notifying to the Permanent Electoral Authority any changes related to the delimitation and numbering of polling stations, as well as the venues where the voting is to take place | Prefects | In writing |
| 28. | Within at the most 5 days of expiry of the deadline for numbering the polling stations in the country: at the latest October 10, 2009 Art. 7 ³ (3) | Organizing and numbering the polling stations abroad Publicizing the numbering of each polling station abroad, and the venues where the voting is to take place | Minister of Foreign Affairs | By order By posting on the Ministry's webpage and on the webpages of diplomatic representations |
| 29. | Within at the most two days of registering of the appeal: at the latest October 11, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (2) | Settling appeals related to the organization and composition of the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad | Central Election Bureau | By definitive decision |
| 30. | Within at the most 15 days of the date of entry into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest October 12, 2009 Art. 27 (2) | Establishing the model of the application for candidacy registration, the model of the application for candidacy renunciation and the model for the statement of acceptance of the candidacy | Permanent Electoral Authority | By decision published in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I |
| 31. | Within at the most 15 days of the date of entry into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest October 12, 2009 Art. 27 (3) | Establishing the models for the reports recording and centralizing the vote count | The Government, on the proposal of the National Statistics Institute and the Permanent Electoral Authority | By Decision published in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I |
| 32. | Within at the most 15 days of the date of entry into force of the Government Decision on establishing the date of elections: at the latest October 12, 2009 Art. 5 (5) | Placing two copies of the permanent voter rolls at the disposal of mayors | National Centre for the Management of Population Register Databases, through its territorial structures | |

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| 33. | At least 4 days before expiry of the deadline for submitting candidacies: at the latest October 19, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (7) | Depositing at the Central Election Bureau the agreement on canceling the protocol on constituting an electoral alliance | Political parties making up the alliance | In writing |
| 34. | Within 24 hours of registration of the agreement: at the latest October 20, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (3) and (8) | Accepting or rejecting the agreement on canceling the protocol on constituting an electoral alliance | Central Election Bureau | By decision to be posted |
| 35. | Within 24 hours of posting of the decision on accepting the agreement on canceling the protocol on constituting an electoral alliance: at the latest October 21, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (4) and (8) | Filing appeals against the Central Election Bureau's decision to accept the agreement on canceling the protocol on constituting an electoral alliance | Any interested natural person or legal entity | In writing, at the High Court of Cassation and Justice |
| 36. | Within 24 hours of posting of the decision to reject the agreement on canceling the protocol on constituting an electoral alliance: at the latest October 21, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (5) and (8) | Filing appeals against the Central Election Bureau's decision to reject the agreement on canceling the protocol on constituting an electoral alliance | Signatories of the protocol | In writing, at the High Court of Cassation and Justice |
| 37. | Within 24 hours of filing of the appeals: at the latest October 22, 2009 Art. 4 ¹ (6) and (8) | Settling the appeals filed against the Central Election Bureau's decisions to accept or reject the agreement on canceling the protocol on constituting an electoral alliance | High Court of Cassation and Justice | Definitive and irrevocable judgment |
| 38. | By the beginning of the election campaign, at the latest October 22, 2009 Art. 19 ¹ (1) | Request concerning the granting of airtime | Candidates | Written request to the management of public radio and television services |
| 39. | 30 days before election date October 23, 2009 Art. 15 (1) | BEGINNING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN | | |
| 40. | At the latest 30 days before election date: October 23, 2009, 24:00 hrs Art. 9 (1) and (7) | SUBMISSION OF CANDIDACIES | Political parties, political alliances, electoral alliances, organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities and independent candidates | In writing, at the Central Election Bureau |
| 41. | At the same time with submission of candidacy: at the latest October 23, 2009, 24:00 hrs Art. 11 ¹ (1) Art. 9 (1) and (7) | Notifying the electoral signs to the Central Election Bureau | Political parties, political alliances, electoral alliances, organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities and independent candidates | In writing and in digital format |
| 42. | After the end of the interval for submission of candidacies October 24, 2009 Art. 16 (2) | Establishing the election campaign schedule and distributing airtime for candidates' access to public | The reunited standing bureaux of the two Chambers of Parliament, together | |

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| | | radio and television services | with representatives of public radio and television services and with the participation of the candidates | |
| 43. | Within 24 hours of registration of the candidacy: at the latest October 24, 2009 Art. 9 (5) | Forwarding to the National Council for the Study of <i>Securitate</i> Archives of the candidates' statutory declarations to the effect of having or not having had the status of <i>Securitate</i> workers or collaborators | Central Election Bureau | In writing |
| 44. | Within at the most 48 hours of submission of the candidacy: at the latest October 25, 2009 Art. 11 (2) Art. 11 ¹ (6) | Registering or rejecting the registration of candidacies or electoral signs, as the case may be | Central Election Bureau | By decision |
| 45. | Within at the most 24 hours of expiry of the deadline set in Art. 11 (2) and Art. 11 ¹ (6), respectively: at the latest October 26, 2009 Art. 11 ² (1) | Filing appeals regarding registration or rejection of registration of candidacies or electoral signs, as the case may be | Candidates, political parties, organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities, political alliances, electoral alliances, and voters | In writing, at the Constitutional Court |
| 46. | Within 48 hours of registration of the candidacies: at the latest October 27, 2009 Art. 9 (6) | Publicizing the candidates' declaration of assets and declaration of interests | Central Election Bureau | By posting on its own webpage |
| 47. | Within at the most two days of registration of the appeal: at the latest October 27, 2009 Art. 11 ² (2) | Settling appeals related to registration or rejection of candidacies or electoral signs, as the case may be | Constitutional Court | By definitive judgments, notified immediately to the Central Election Bureau and published in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I |
| 48. | At least 25 days before election date: at the latest October 28, 2009 Art. 7 ² (5) | Publicizing the delimitation and numbering of each polling station | Prefects | Through publications indicating also the venue of the voting |
| 49. | At least 25 days before election date: at the latest October 28, 2009 Art. 7 ¹² (3) – (5) | Compiling the lists of jurists and other persons of good reputation in the locality from among whom the president of the polling station election bureau and his/her deputy will be drawn | President of the court together with the prefect | |
| 50. | By the date when candidacies are declared definitive: at the latest October 28, 2009 Art. 11 (4) | Renunciation of candidacy | Candidates | Statutory declaration to be filed at the Central Election Bureau |
| 51. | After expiry of the deadline for submission of candidacies, but | Establishing the special places for electoral advertising posters | Mayors | By provision, made public by |

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| | before candidacies are declared definitive: at the latest October 29, 2009 Art. 19 ² (1) | | | posting at the city/town hall |
| 52. | Within at the most 24 hours of expiry of the deadline for settling appeals, provided under Art. 11 ² (2): at the latest October 29, 2009 Art. 11 ² (3) | Candidacies and electoral signs are declared definitive Notifying the definitive candidacies and electoral signs, in the order of their submission, to the county election bureaux, the district election bureaux of the Municipality of Bucharest and the election bureau for polling stations abroad | Central Election Bureau | Report Definitive candidacies and electoral signs are made public by posting on the Central Election Bureau's webpage, at the headquarters of constituted election bureaux and in the media, in the order of their submission. |
| 53. | Within at the most two days of compiling the lists of persons proposed as president of the polling station election bureau and their deputy: at the latest October 29, 2009 Art. 7 ¹² (7) | Submitting the lists of persons proposed as president and deputy of the president of polling station election bureau to the Permanent Electoral Authority for endorsement | Prefects | In writing |
| 54. | Within 48 hours of the candidacies being declared definitive: at the latest October 31, 2009 Art. 7 ⁸ (1) (c) | Establishing the order for entering the candidates and their electoral signs in the ballot paper Notifying the order for entering the candidates and their electoral signs in the ballot paper to the Official Journal R.A. and the Constitutional Court Publicizing the order for entering the candidates and their electoral signs in the ballot paper | Central Election Bureau | Drawing lots In writing Through the public radio and television services and by posting on the Internet |
| 55. | Within at the most 48 hours of the candidacies being declared definitive: at the latest October 31, 2009 Art. 7 ⁷ (6) | Notifying to the Central Election Bureau the surname and name of representatives of non-parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | Non-parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | In writing |
| 56. | Within at the most 48 hours of the candidacies being declared definitive: at the latest October 31, 2009 Art. 7 ⁹ (3) | Notifying to the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad the surname and name of representatives of political formations having proposed candidates | Political formations having proposed candidates | In writing |
| 57. | Within 24 hours of expiry of the deadline for notifications: at the | Rounding off the Central Election Bureau with | Chairman of Central Election Bureau | Drawing lots |

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| | latest November 1, 2009 Art. 7 ⁷ (6) | representatives of non-parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | | |
| 58. | Within 24 hours of expiry of the deadline for notifications: at the latest November 1, 2009 Art. 7 ⁹ (3) | Rounding off the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | President of the county election bureau, of the district election bureau in Bucharest Municipality, and of the election bureau for polling stations abroad | Drawing lots |
| 59. | Within 24 hours of rounding off the county election bureaux, the district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates: at the latest November 2, 2009 Art. 7 ⁹ (3) | Rounding off the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of non-parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | President of the county election bureau, of the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, and of the election bureau for polling stations abroad | Drawing lots |
| 60. | Within at the most two days of expiry of the deadline for rounding off the Central Election Bureau: at the latest November 3, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (1) | Filing appeals relating to the Central Election Bureau's rounding off with representatives of non-parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | Political formations taking part in the elections and candidates | In writing, at the High Court of Cassation and Justice |
| 61. | Within at the most two days of expiry of the deadline for rounding off county election bureaux, district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates: at the latest November 3, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (1) | Filing appeals relating to the rounding off of the county election bureau, the district election bureau in Bucharest Municipality, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | Political formations taking part in the elections and candidates | In writing, at the Central Election Bureau |
| 62. | Within at the most two days of expiry of the deadline for rounding off county election bureaux, district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of non-parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates: at the latest November 4, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (1) | Filing appeals relating to the rounding off of the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of non-parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | Political formations taking part in the elections and candidates | In writing, at the Central Election Bureau |

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| 64. | Within at the most two days of registration of the appeal: at the latest November 4, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (2) | Settling the appeals filed against the rounding off of the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | Central Election Bureau | By definitive decision |
| 65. | Within at the most two days of registration of the appeal: at the latest November 5, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (2) | Settling the appeals filed against the rounding off of the county election bureau, the district election bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of non-parliamentary political formations having proposed candidates | Central Election Bureau | By definitive decision |
| 66. | At least 15 days before election date: at the latest November 7, 2009 Art. 12 (3) | Presenting the ballot paper dummy to the members of the Central Election Bureau | The Official Journal R.A. | Report |
| 67. | At least 5 days before designation of presidents of polling station election bureaux and their deputies: at the latest November 7, 2009 Art. 7 ¹² (7) | Notifying the endorsement of the lists of proposed persons stipulated under Art. 7 ¹² (3) and (5) to prefects and presidents of the courts | Permanent Electoral Authority | In writing |
| 68. | 48 hours before designation of the presidents of polling station election bureaux and their deputies November 10, 2009 Art. 7 ¹² (2) | Publicizing the date of the sitting when the presidents of polling station election bureaux and their deputies are to be drawn | President of the court | By any means of communication |
| 69. | At the latest by November 11, 2009 Art. 28 (2) | Providing venues for the election bureaux of polling stations | Mayors, together with prefects | |
| 70. | At least 10 days before election date: at the latest November 12, 2009 Art. 13 (1) | Manufacturing the stamps of county election bureaux, district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, the control stamps of polling station election bureaux, the stamp of the election bureau for polling stations abroad and the stamps of the election bureaux for polling stations abroad | The prefect and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, respectively | |
| 71. | At the most 10 days before election date November 12, 2009 Art. 7 ¹² (2) | Designating the presidents of polling station election bureaux and their deputies | President of the court | Drawing lots, by positions |

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| | | election bureaux, the stamp of the election bureau for polling stations abroad and the stamps of the election bureaux of polling stations abroad | | |
| 71. | At the most 10 days before election date November 12, 2009 Art. 7 ¹² (2) | Designating the presidents of polling station election bureaux and their deputies | President of the court | Drawing lots, by positions |
| 72. | At least 10 days before election date November 12, 2009 Art. 65 (1) (u) of Law no. 35/2008 on electing the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate and amending Law no. 67/2004 on electing the authorities of the local public administration, Law on local public administration no. 215/2001 and Law no. 393/2004 on the status of elected local officials, as subsequently amended and supplemented | Certifying for proof on non-alteration the software to be used by the Central Election Bureau in centralizing the results of the polling and placing it at the disposal of political formations having entered the election race, at their request | Permanent Electoral Authority | |
| 73. | Within at the most 48 hours of drawing lots: at the latest November 13, 2009 Art. 7 ¹² (9) | Submitting the list of persons designated as presidents of polling station election bureaux and their deputies, as well as their stand-ins to the county election bureau or district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, as the case may be | President of the court | In writing |
| 74. | Within at the most two days of expiry of the deadline for submitting the list of persons designated as presidents of polling station election bureaux and their deputies, as well as their stand-ins: at the latest November 15, 2009 Art. 7 ¹³ (1) | Notifying to the county election bureau and the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest the list of representatives of political parties, organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities, and political or electoral alliances that have proposed candidates for polling station election bureaux | Political formations having proposed candidates | In writing, as a table |
| 75. | At least 5 days before election date: at the latest November 17, 2009 Art. 6 (1) | Printing and placing at the disposal of mayors, in 3 copies, the duplicates of the updated permanent voter rolls, comprising the voters in each polling station | National Centre for the Management of Population Register Databases, through its territorial structures | |
| 76. | Within 48 hours of expiry of the deadline for notifying the representatives: at the latest November 17, 2009 Art. 7 ¹³ (2) | Rounding off polling station election bureaux with representatives of the political formations having proposed candidates | President of the county election bureau, president of the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, in the presence of | Report |

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| | | | representatives of political formations having proposed candidates | |
| 77. | Within at the most two days of expiry of the deadline for setting up polling station election bureaux: at the latest November 19, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (1) | Filing appeals relating to the organization and composition of polling station election bureaux | Political formations taking part in the elections and candidates | In writing |
| 78. | No later than two days before election date November 20, 2009 Art. 14 (1) | Distributing to the presidents of polling station election bureaux the ballot papers, the control stamps and the stamps inscribed "VOTED", the forms for reports, the tables stipulated under Art. 7 and the other necessary materials for the election process | Prefect, together with the president of the county election bureau or of the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, through the mayors | On a report basis |
| 79. | Two days before election day November 20, 2009 Art. 6 (3) and Art. 14 (1) | Handing over to the presidents of polling section election bureaux two copies of the duplicates of permanent voter rolls | Mayors | Based on the report concluded between mayors and presidents of polling station election bureaux |
| 80. | The day before election day November 21, 2009, 7:00 hrs Art. 15 (1) | END OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN | | |
| 81. | Within at the most two days of registration of the appeal: at the latest November 21, 2009 Art. 7 ¹⁶ (2) | Settling appeals filed against the organization and composition of polling station election bureaux | County election bureau, district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad | By definitive decision |
| 82. | The day before election day November 21, 2009 Art. 14 (3) | Posting, at the venue of each polling station, of a ballot paper countersigned and cancelled, as the case may be, by the president of the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest or the election bureau for polling stations abroad | President of the polling station election bureau | Report |
| 83. | The day before voting day November 21, 2009, 18:00 hrs Art. 19 ⁷ (3) | The president and the members of the polling station election bureau present themselves at the polling station and order the necessary measures to ensure orderliness and correctness of the voting operations; orders to remove electoral propaganda materials of any type from the inside and outside of the polling station venue and to establish the security guard posts | President of the polling station election bureau, together with its members | Report is drawn up |

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| 84. | The day before voting day November 21, 2009, 18:00-20:00 hrs Art. 19 ⁴ (3) and Art. 19 ⁶ (1) | Receiving requests for voting by special ballot box | President of the polling station election bureau | |
| 85. | On voting day November 22, 2009, 6:00-hrs Art. 19 ⁴ (5) | Checking the ballot boxes, the voter rolls, the ballot papers and stamps; recording in the report stipulated under Art. 21 (1) the number of received ballot papers, missing ballot papers, and received stamps inscribed "VOTED"; as the sealed packs are opened, applying the control stamp on the last page of each ballot paper in the packs; closing and sealing the ballot boxes by applying the control stamp | President of the polling station election bureau, in the presence of the other members and, as the case may be, of accredited persons | Report is drawn up concerning operations conducted and observations made |
| 86. | On election day November 22, 2009, 7:00-hrs Art. 19 ⁵ (1) | OPENING OF VOTING | | |
| 87. | On election day November 22, 2009, 21:00-hrs Art. 19 ⁵ (1) and Art. 19 ⁷ | CLOSING OF VOTING | | Voters who at 21:00 hrs are in the voting room may exercise their right to vote |
| 88. | Within at the most 24 hours of closing of voting November 23, 2009 Art. 21 (5) | Counting votes and compiling result reports Transmitting to the county election bureau or, as the case may be, to the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest the file containing the result reports, all appeals concerning the electoral operations of the polling station election bureau, the null ballot papers and the challenged ones, accompanied by the control stamp, as well as the file containing the copy of the permanent voter roll, the tables used at the section and the statutory declarations of the voters having voted at special polling stations | President of the polling station election bureau, accompanied, on request, by other members of the respective election bureau | Sealed and stamped files, transmitted under armed protection |
| 89. | Within at the most 24 hours of reception of the reports compiled by the election bureaux of polling stations abroad Art. 21 (6) | Transmitting to the election bureau for polling stations abroad the reports compiled by the election bureaux of polling stations abroad, accompanied by all complaints and appeals concerning the electoral operations conducted by the polling station election bureau | Diplomatic missions and consulates | By electronic means |
| 90. | Within 24 hours of reception of the files: at the latest | Transmitting a copy of each report compiled by the election | County election bureau or district | Under armed protection |

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| | November 24, 2009 Art. 21 (9) | bureaux of polling stations to the court within the purview of which the stations lie Transmitting a copy, countersigned and stamped, of each report compiled by the election bureaux of polling stations abroad to the Bucharest Court | election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest Election bureau for polling stations abroad | |
| 91. | Within at the most 3 days of the closing of voting: at the latest November 25, 2009, 21:00 hrs Art. 24 (2) | Filing requests to annul the elections for reasons of electoral fraud | The parties and candidates having taken part in the elections | Thoroughly argued request accompanied by the proofs underlying it, addressed to the Constitutional Court |
| 92. | Within 48 hours of reception of the last report from polling station election bureaux November 25, 2009 Art. 23 (3) | Transmitting to the Central Election Bureau the report, together with the reports received from polling station election bureaux, as well as all appeals and complaints received that fall within the competence of the Central Election Bureau, making up a file sealed, stamped and signed by the members of the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest or the election bureau for polling stations abroad, as also the files containing copies of the permanent voter rolls and the tables used at polling stations, as well as the statutory declarations of voters having voted at special polling stations, as the case may be, accompanied by the stamp of the respective election bureau | County election bureau, district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest or, as appropriate, the election bureau for polling stations abroad | Sealed and stamped file, transmitted under armed protection |
| 93. | Within 24 hours of registration of the last file: November 26, 2009 Art. 23 (3) | Transmitting to the Constitutional Court the report, together with the statement of facts records and the cumulative reports on the voting results drawn up by county election bureaux, district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, the election bureau for polling stations abroad and the polling station election bureaux | Central Election Bureau | Sealed and stamped file, transmitted under armed protection |
| 94. | After reception of the file from the Central Election Bureau and settlement of requests for annulment of elections for reasons | Validating the elections and publishing the election returns in the media and in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I | Constitutional Court | |

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| | of electoral fraud Art. 25 (1) | | | |
| IN CASE A RUNOFF IS ORGANIZED | | | | |
| 95. | At the latest by November 27, 2009 Art. 26 (2) | Publicizing the name and surname of the 2 candidates who will participate in the runoff, and of the voting day | Constitutional Court | |
| 96. | November 27, 2009 Art. 26 (3) | Start of election campaign for the runoff | | |
| 97. | At the latest by November 28, 2009 Art. 26 (4) and Art. 16 (2) | Establishing the election campaign schedule and distributing airtime for candidates' access to public radio and television services | The reunited standing bureaux of the two Chambers of Parliament, together with representatives of public radio and television services and with the participation of the candidates | |
| 98. | At the latest by November 29, 2009 Art. 7 ⁸ (1) (c) | Notifying the order for entering the candidates and their electoral signs in the ballot paper to the Official Journal R.A. and the Constitutional Court Publicizing the order for entering the candidates and their electoral signs in the ballot paper | Central Election Bureau | In the order of the validly cast votes in the first round In writing Through the public radio and television services and by posting on the Internet |
| 99. | At the latest by November 30, 2009 Art. 12 (3) | Presenting the ballot paper dummy | The Official Journal R.A. | |
| 100. | At least 5 days before the runoff: at the latest December 1, 2009 Art. 6 (1) | Printing and placing at the disposal of mayors, in one copy, the duplicates of the updated permanent voter rolls, comprising the voters in each polling station | National Centre for the Management of Population Register Databases, through its territorial structures | |
| 101. | At the latest two days before the runoff December 4, 2009 Art. 14 (1) | Distributing to presidents of polling station election bureaux the ballot papers, the control stamps and the stamps inscribed "VOTED", the forms for reports, the tables stipulated under Art. 7 and the other necessary materials for the election process | Prefect, together with the president of the county election bureaux or of the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest, through the mayors | On a report basis |
| 102. | Two days before the runoff December 4, 2009 Art. 6 (3) and Art. 14 (1) | Handing over to presidents of polling section election bureaux two copies of the duplicates of permanent voter rolls | Mayors | Based on the report concluded between mayors and presidents of polling station election bureaux |
| 103. | The day before the runoff December 5, 2009, 7:00 hrs Art. 15 (1) | END OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN | | |
| 104. | The day before the runoff | Posting, at the venue of each | President of the | Report |

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| | December 5, 2009 | polling station, of a ballot paper, countersigned and cancelled, as the case may be, by the president of the county election bureau, the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest or the election bureau for polling stations abroad | polling station election bureau | |
| 105. | The day before voting day December 5, 2009, 18:00 hrs Art. 19 ^a (3) | The president and the members of the polling station election bureau present themselves at the polling station and order the necessary measures to ensure orderliness and correctness of the voting operations; orders to remove electoral propaganda materials of any type from the inside and outside of the polling station venue and to establish the security guard posts | President of the polling station election bureau, together with its members | Report is drawn up |
| 106. | The day before voting day December 5, 2009, 18:00-20:00 hrs Art. 19 ^a (3) and 19 ^b (1) | Receiving requests for voting by special ballot box | President of the polling station election bureau | |
| 107. | On voting day December 6, 2009, 6:00 hrs Art. 19 ^c (5) | Checking the ballot boxes, the voter rolls, the ballot papers and stamps; recording in the report stipulated under Art. 21 (1) the number of received ballot papers, missing ballot papers, and received stamps inscribed "VOTED"; as the sealed packs are opened, applying the control stamp on the last page of each ballot paper in the packs; closing and sealing the ballot boxes by applying the control stamp | President of the polling station election bureau, in the presence of the other members and, as the case may be, of accredited persons | Report is drawn up concerning operations conducted and observations made |
| 108. | On voting day December 6, 2009, 7:00 hrs Art. 19 ^c (1) | OPENING OF VOTING | | |
| 109. | On voting day December 6, 2009, 21:00 hrs Art. 19 ^c (1) and Art. 19 ^d | CLOSING OF VOTING | | Voters who at 21:00 hrs are in the voting room may exercise their right to vote |
| 110. | Within at the most 24 hours of closing of voting December 7, 2009 Art. 21 (5) | Counting votes and compiling result reports Transmitting to the county election bureau or, as the case may be, to the district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest the file containing the result reports, all appeals concerning the electoral operations of the polling station election bureau, the null ballot papers and the challenged ones, | President of the polling station election bureau, accompanied, on request, by other members of the respective election bureau | Sealed and stamped files, transmitted under armed protection |

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| | | accompanied by the control stamp, as well as the file containing the copy of the permanent voter roll, the tables used at the section and the statutory declarations of the voters having voted at special polling stations | | |
| 111. | Within at the most 24 hours of reception of the reports compiled by the election bureaux of polling stations abroad Art. 21 (6) | Transmitting to the election bureau for polling stations abroad the reports compiled by the election bureaux of polling stations abroad, accompanied by all complaints and appeals concerning the electoral operations conducted by the polling station election bureau | Diplomatic missions and consulates | By electronic means |
| 112. | Within 24 hours of reception of the files: at the latest December 8, 2009 Art. 21 (9) | Transmitting a copy of each report compiled by polling station election bureaux to the court within the purview of which the stations lie Transmitting a copy, countersigned and stamped, of each report compiled by the election bureaux of polling stations abroad to the Bucharest Court | County election bureau or district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest Election bureau for polling stations abroad | Under armed protection |
| 113. | Within at the most 3 days of the close of voting: at the latest December 8, 2009, 21:00 hrs Art. 24 (2) | Filing requests to annul the elections for reasons of electoral fraud | The parties and candidates having taken part in the elections | Thoroughly argued request accompanied by the proofs underlying it, addressed to the Constitutional Court |
| 114. | Within 48 hours of reception of the last report from polling station election bureaux December 9, 2009 Art. 23 (3) | Transmitting to the Central Election Bureau the report, together with the reports received from polling station election bureaux, as well as all appeals and complaints received that fall within the competence of the Central Election Bureau, making up a file sealed, stamped and signed by the members of the county election bureau, district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest or the election bureau for polling stations abroad, as also the files containing the copies of the permanent voter rolls and the tables used at polling stations, as well as the statutory declarations of voters having voted at special | County election bureau, district election bureau in the Municipality of Bucharest or, as appropriate, the election bureau for polling stations abroad | Sealed and stamped file, transmitted under armed protection |

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| | | polling stations, as the case may be, accompanied by the stamp of the respective election bureau | | |
| 115. | Within 24 hours of registration of the last file: December 10, 2009 Art. 23 (3) | Transmitting to the Constitutional Court the report, together with the statement of facts records and the cumulative reports on the voting results drawn up by county election bureaux, district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, the election bureau for polling stations abroad and the polling station election bureaux | Central Election Bureau | Sealed and stamped file, transmitted under armed protection |
| 116. | Before publication of the election returns in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I Art. 28 (7) | Providing the Permanent Electoral Authority with premises for depositing the copies of the permanent voter rolls and the tables used at polling stations, as well as the other materials having resulted from the election process, which are to be preserved in its archives | General Secretariat of the Government | |
| 117. | After reception of the file from the Central Election Bureau and settlement of requests for annulment of elections for reasons of electoral fraud Art. 25 (1) | Validating the elections and publishing the election returns in the media and in the <i>Official Journal of Romania</i> , Part I | Constitutional Court | |

DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA no. 1045

of September 23, 2009

on measures to be taken for the organization and running of the 2009 elections for the President of Romania

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Art. 1. – (1) To the end of coordinating and pursuing the accomplishment of duties stipulated in the legislation in force with regard to the election of the President of Romania incumbent on ministries and the other specialty bodies of the central public administration, as well as on the institutions of the Prefect, the Central Technical Commission shall be set up composed as per Annex no. 1.

(2) The meetings of the Central Technical Commission may be attended by representatives of parliamentary political parties, of the Romanian Press Group, of other institutions of the concerned central public administration and of NGOs as guests.

Art. 2. – (1) Until the latest 25 days before elections, prefects and presidents of tribunals shall draw up the lists with the persons that qualify to be appointed, under the law, as presidents of the election bureaux of the polling stations, and their deputies.

(2) Within at the most two days since their drawing up, prefects shall centralize the lists under par. (1) and shall e-mail them for endorsement to the Permanent Electoral Authority in the format required by the latter.

(3) The endorsement of the Permanent Electoral Authority shall be made known to prefects and tribunal presidents until the latest 5 days before the appointment of presidents of the election bureaux of the polling stations, and of their deputies.

Art. 3. – (1) The Ministry of Administration and Interior and the authorities of the local public administration shall establish measures for maintaining and ensuring public order in all localities of the country over the entire electoral period, in particular on the election day, as well as during the days foregoing this day.

(2) The Ministry of Administration and Interior and the authorities of the local public administration shall ensure the security of the polling stations and of the files drawn up by the election bureaux during their transportation to election bureaux, to the Central Election Bureau respectively, and shall ensure security during the printing, transportation and storing of the ballot papers and of the other materials required by the election process.

Art. 4. – (1) The Ministry of Administration and Interior, through the agency of the National Center for the Management of Population Register Databases shall ensure the printing of permanent voter rolls, in two copies, and of the duplicates of the permanent voter rolls, in 3 copies. Should a runoff be organized, the National Center for the Management of Population Register Databases shall ensure the printing of the copies of the permanent voter rolls that shall be identical with the ones used on the first round, in one copy.

(2) The supplies needed for the printing of the permanent voter rolls and of the duplicates of the permanent voter rolls shall be provided by the institutions of the prefect.

Art. 5. – (1) The National Institute of Statistics shall provide the necessary number of statisticians, computer data processing specialists, and technical support staff, the necessary equipment as well as the computer system used in monitoring and carrying on of technical operations for establishing the results of the elections.

(2) The National Institute of Statistics shall ensure the training of the personnel involved in performing technical operations for establishing the results of the elections.

Art. 6. – The Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation, the Ministry of Culture, Religious Affairs and National Heritage, the Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Protection, the Ministry of Transports and Infrastructure, and the Ministry of National Defense shall establish the measures necessary for placing at the disposal of the authorities of the local public administration proper places in the units under their jurisdiction for organizing polling stations, as well as for supplying personnel to perform technical operations in the polling stations.

Art. 7. – The Ministry of Health shall take measures for ensuring medical assistance at the polling stations.

Art. 8. – (1) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall make proposals to the Permanent Electoral Authority as to the accreditation of foreign observers as well as of the foreign media delegates.

(2) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall take the necessary measures for the organization and equipping of polling stations abroad, as well as for the operation of the election bureau for the polling stations abroad.

(3) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall spare no efforts, within boundaries of its competences, including resort to the relevant local authorities, in order to ensure the security of the polling stations abroad and of the documents and the materials of the ballot, while observing the specific conditions of the state of residence.

(4) The supplies for printing of the voter rolls used in the polling stations abroad shall be ensured by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Art. 9. – (1) Within 3 days since this Decision takes effect, the county technical commissions and the Technical Commission of the Municipality of Bucharest shall be set up, composed as per Annex no. 2, in charge of coordinating and pursuing the accomplishment of duties incumbent on the local public administration authorities and on the deconcentrated public services of ministries and of the other specialty bodies of the central public administration as stipulated by the legislation in force as to the election of the President of Romania.

(2) The meetings of the county technical commissions and of the Technical Commission of the Municipality of Bucharest may be attended by representatives of parliamentary political parties, of the Romanian Press Group, of other institutions of the concerned central public administration and of NGOs, as guests.

(3) To the end of pursuing and promptly solving current issues in the counties, in the Municipality of Bucharest respectively, a technical group shall be set up attached to the technical commission, headed by a sub-prefect, formed of specialists appointed by the heads of the deconcentrated public services of ministries and of the other specialty bodies of the central public administration, organized at the level of the county, of the Municipality of Bucharest, respectively. The technical group shall also include 2-3 specialists of the specialty apparatus of the county councils, of the General Council of the Municipality of Bucharest, respectively.

(4) Over the period they carry on activities within the working technical group, its members shall be exempt from job duties.

(5) The material conditions necessary for the operation of the working technical group shall be ensured through the care of the prefect. Salaries and

the other monies dues to which is entitled the personnel working as part of the technical group shall be paid by their employers.

Art. 10. – (1) The Ministry of Administration and Interior, with the assistance of the Permanent Electoral Authority shall organize, within 5 days since this Decision takes effect, the training of prefects and sub-prefects with regard to the organization and running of the 2009 elections for the President of Romania.

(2) Prefects, with the assistance of the branches of the Permanent Electoral Authority, shall soonest organize the training of the mayors and secretaries of communes, towns and municipalities with regard to the proper organization and running of the elections for the President of Romania.

(3) Prefects shall establish a schedule for the distribution of the ballot papers received from the Ministry of Administration and Interior, as well as of the other materials necessary in the voting process, in keeping with the ensured conditions for their safe storage, with the observance of legal provisions.

(4) Prefects, with the assistance of mayors, shall have web cameras mounted at the entrance to the special polling stations that will be connected to computers with storage capacity for 14 hours that will video record the citizens entering the polling stations to exercise their right to vote. The operating of computers shall be ensured by one of the members of the polling station election bureau. The file with the video recording shall be saved on optical support, CD or DVD, and shall be forwarded to the county election bureau, to the district election bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest, respectively, in a sealed envelope bearing the control stamp of the polling station and the signature of the member of the polling station election bureau who operated the computer, along with the file containing the voting lists that were used and the voters' statutory declarations. The county election bureaux, the district election bureaux of the Municipality of Bucharest respectively shall send the sealed envelopes containing the video recordings along with the files from the polling stations containing the voting lists and tables that were used, as well as the voters' statutory declarations to the Central Election Bureau which in its turn shall forward them to the Permanent Electoral Authority to be stored in one single place provided by the General Secretariat of the Government.

(5) Should the prefect find himself in the impossibility of exercising his duties, or should this office be vacant, one of the sub-prefects shall make sure the duties incumbent on the prefect are accomplished according to the law with regard to the proper organization and running of the election of the President of Romania.

(6) During the election period, the Ministry of Administration and Interior and the Permanent Electoral Authority shall provide specialty assistance to prefects and mayors in accomplishing in due time and in proper conditions the duties incumbent on them in organizing and running the 2009 elections for the President of Romania.

Art. 11. – (1) The headquarters of the Central Election Bureau shall be provided by the General Secretariat of the Government through the agency of the Ministry of Culture, Religious Affairs and National Heritage; the headquarters of the election bureau for polling stations abroad shall be ensured by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the headquarters of the county election bureaux shall be provided by the prefects and of the chairmen of the county councils; the headquarters of the district election bureaux and of the polling station election bureaux shall be ensured by mayors and prefects.

(2) The technical equipment and material supplies for the Central Election Bureau shall be provided by the Ministry of Administration and Interior; the technical and material equipment of the election bureau for polling stations abroad shall be ensured by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the technical and material equipment of the county election bureaux shall be provided by prefects and chairmen of the county councils. The technical and material equipment of the district election bureaux of the Municipality of Bucharest shall be ensured by the prefect of the Municipality of Bucharest and the mayors of the districts of the Municipality of Bucharest.

(3) The Permanent Electoral Authority, together with the Ministry of Administration and Interior shall ensure the technical support apparatus necessary for operating the Central Election Bureau. The technical support apparatus necessary for operating the polling stations abroad shall be ensured by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with the Permanent Electoral Authority.

(4) The Special Telecommunications Services shall provide the special communication services and equipment, the renting from public operators of infrastructure elements for communication services, for creating specific applications and for operating the data gathering system regarding participation at the polls needed by the Central Election Bureau, the county election bureaux, the district election bureaux of the Municipality of Bucharest, and by the election bureau for polling stations abroad.

(5) Prefects, chairmen of the county councils and mayors shall ensure proper conditions for the functioning of the county election bureaux and of the district election bureaux of the Municipality of Bucharest.

Art. 12. – (1) The Permanent Electoral Authority shall provide assistance in training and informing the members of the election bureaux and of the other participants in the election process.

(2) The Permanent Electoral Authority shall draw up materials for the training and information of the members of the election bureaux and of the other participants in the election process.

(3) The Permanent Electoral Authority shall establish the NGOs and the mass media institutions that meet legal terms for being appointed as domestic observers, respectively as domestic representatives of the mass media at the elections for the President of Romania. At the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Electoral Authority shall accredit foreign observers and mass media representatives.

(4) Within 5 days since this Decision takes effect, the Permanent Electoral Authority shall establish the procedure for issuing certificates attesting the meeting of terms stipulated under Art. 19⁸ (7) and (8) of Law no. 370/2004 on the election of the President of Romania, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and the procedure for the accreditation of foreign observers and foreign mass media representatives.

(5) The Permanent Electoral Authority shall appoint its representatives in the election bureaux, and shall assist their activity with technical support staff, in keeping with the law and the available personnel.

(6) Within 6 months from receipt, the Permanent Electoral Authority shall verify the copies of the permanent voter rolls and the tables the election bureaux used in the election for the President of Romania to the end of detecting persons who voted without having the right to or voted several times in the same ballot. Should the Permanent Electoral Authority identify clues with regard to offences stipulated under Art. 26⁵ (1) (a) and (b) of Law no. 370/2004, as subsequently amended and supplemented, this institution shall notify the relevant prosecuting bodies.

(7) Upon expiration of deadline stipulated under paragraph (6) for the verification of the copies of the permanent voter rolls and of the tables used in the polling stations, the Permanent Electoral Authority shall secure their electronic archiving, along with the statutory declarations stipulated under Art. 19⁵ (4) and (5) of Law no. 370/2004, as subsequently amended and supplemented, by a supplier of electronic archiving services, according to Law no. 135/2007 on archiving documents in an electronic form.

Art. 13. – (1) The Official Journal R.A. shall print the ballot papers, the types of tables stipulated under Art. 7 of Law no. 370/2004, as subsequently amended

and supplemented, as well as the other printed materials necessary in the election process, until at the latest 10 days before the election day.

(2) The Official Journal R.A. shall ensure the editing and printing of brochures containing actualized variants of the legal regulations regarding presidential elections, their translation into English, French and Hungarian, as well as the editing and printing of other information materials drawn up by the Permanent Electoral Authority.

(3) The State Mint R.A. shall ensure the manufacturing of the stamps with the inscription "VOTED".

Art. 14. – (1) Prefects shall provide assistance, under the law, to the law courts, the Constitutional Court respectively, in melting the used and unused ballot papers, the null ballot papers, the reports and the stamps, the other materials used in the election process, as well as the lists of supporters.

(2) Prefects may place at the disposal of courts of law, of the Constitutional Court respectively, places for storage of the materials stipulated under par. (1) until they are melt.

(3) The General Secretariat of the Government shall place at the disposal of the Permanent Electoral Authority a place for storage of the copies of the permanent voter rolls and of the tables used in the polling stations, and of the other materials resulted from the election process that shall be kept in its archives.

(4) The Permanent Electoral Authority shall ensure the placing in electronic archives of the documents received from the Central Election Bureau by a supplier of electronic archiving services, according to Law no. 135/2007, then shall hand over for melting the materials and documents received from the Central Election Bureau to the specialized economic agents.

Art. 15. – (1) The county technical commissions and those of the Municipality of Bucharest shall weekly inform the Central Technical Commission as to the stage of the preparation and organization of the 2009 elections for the President of Romania.

(2) The Central Technical Commission shall weekly inform the Government as to the stage of actions fulfilled regarding the preparation and organization of the 2009 elections for the President of Romania.

Art. 16. – At the request of the Permanent Electoral Authority, the public authorities involved in the organization and running of the elections for the President of Romania shall inform the former as to the way of fulfilling duties in the election field, as well as to the breaches and shortcomings, including those of a legislative nature, detected in the organization of the ballot.

Art. 17. – Annexes no. 1 and 2 are integrant part of this Decision.

**COMPOSITION
of the Central Technical Commission**

Chairman:

Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of the Administration and Interior

Members:

– secretary of state for relations with the prefect's institutions within the Ministry of the Administration and Interior;

– chief secretary of state of the Department for Public Order and Security of the Ministry of the Administration and Interior;

– secretary of state for local communities in the Ministry of the Administration and Interior;

a) Representatives, at the level of secretary of state or general secretary, of the:

– Ministry of Public Finance;

– General Secretariat of the Government;

– Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Protection;

– Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

– Ministry of National Defense;

– Ministry of Justice and Civil Liberties;

– Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation;

– Ministry of Culture, Religious Affairs and National Heritage;

– Ministry of Health;

– Ministry of Transports and Infrastructure;

– Permanent Electoral Authority;

– National Institute of Statistics

– National Administration of State Reserves;

b) Representatives of the:

– Special Telecommunications Services;

– National Press Agency AGERPRES;

– “Electrica” – S.A. Commercial Company;

– Romanian Television Company;

– Romanian Radio Company.

NOTES:

The works of technical secretariat of the Central Technical Commission shall be ensured by the Ministry of the Administration and Interior.

The nominal composition of the Central Technical Commission shall be established by order of the Vice-Prime Minister, the Minister of the Administration and Interior, on the basis of the proposals forwarded by the heads of ministries and of the other institutions/companies mentioned.

COMPOSITION
of the county technical commission or of the technical commission of
the Municipality of Bucharest

- the prefect of the county, of the Municipality of Bucharest respectively
- one sub-prefect
- the secretary of the county, the general secretary of the Municipality of Bucharest respectively
- the director of the regional/county department of statistics
- the coordinating director of the general division of public finance, of the Municipality of Bucharest respectively
- the chief-inspector of the county police inspectorate, the general director of the General Police Division of the Municipality of Bucharest respectively
- the head of the county office or of the office of the Municipality of Bucharest in charge with the administration of data bases regarding citizens registration
- the head of the county community public service for citizens registration
- the chief-inspector of the county gendarmes inspectorate, the general director of the General Gendarmes Division of the Municipality of Bucharest respectively
- the general inspector of the county school inspectorate, of the school inspectorate of the Municipality of Bucharest respectively
- the director of the county public health authority, of the Public Health Division of the Municipality of Bucharest respectively
- the territorial representative of the Permanent Electoral Authority
- the territorial representative of the “Electrica” – S.A. Commercial Company
- the territorial correspondent of the National Press Agency AGERPRES

NOTES:

The works of technical secretariat of the county technical commission shall be ensured by the personnel of the prefect's institution.

The nominal composition of the county technical commission or of the Municipality of Bucharest technical commission shall be established by order of the prefect.

DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA no. 1046

of September 23, 2009

**on approving the budget and necessary
expenditures for preparing,
organizing and holding the 2009 elections
for the President of Romania**

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Art. 1. – (1) The budget needed for preparing, organizing and holding the 2009 elections for the President of Romania is approved, in the amount stipulated in the Annex that is part of this Decision.

(2) With a view to the necessary expenditures to prepare, organize and hold the 2009 elections for the President of Romania in good conditions, the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, the Permanent Electoral Authority, the Special Telecommunications Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and of the General Secretariat of the Government for the National Institute of Statistics shall be supplemented from the Budget Reserve Fund at the Government's disposal, stipulated in the 2009 State budget, with the sums listed in the Annex.

(3) The Ministry of Administration and Interior shall distribute to the prefect's institutions the amounts needed for their activities in preparing, organizing and holding the 2009 elections for the President of Romania.

Art. 2. – (1) The amounts needed to cover the expenditures with equipping and running the Central Election Bureau shall be provided from the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

(2) The amounts needed for communication services and equipment supplementing those existing at the Special Telecommunications Service so as to ensure the communication services required by the Central Election Bureau

and county election bureaux, as well as by district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, shall be provided from the budget of the Special Telecommunications Service.

(3) The amounts needed to cover expenditures with training and briefing the members of election bureaux and the other participants in the election process, as well as with other specific activities the Permanent Electoral Authority and its branches carry out during the election period shall be provided from the budget of the Permanent Electoral Authority.

(4) The amounts needed to cover expenditures generated by the specific activities the Ministry of Administration and Interior conducts in support of a good organization and holding of the 2009 elections for the President of Romania shall be provided from the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

(5) The amounts needed to cover expenditures for organizing and equipping polling stations abroad and for other materials needed in the electoral process at those polling stations shall be provided from the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(6) The amounts needed to cover expenditures for equipping and running the election bureau for polling stations abroad shall be provided from the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Art. 3. – (1) The Ministry of Administration and Interior, through the National Administration of State Reserves, shall provide the printing paper for ballot papers to be used in the 2009 elections for the President of Romania.

(2) The amount of paper in intact original packaging that is not used shall be returned to the unit of the National Administration of State Reserves wherefrom it was taken, within at the most 10 days of publication of the election returns, on a delivery-receipt report basis.

(3) The paper actually used, after the return stipulated under par. (2), invoiced at the price recorded in the books, shall be paid to the Ministry of Administration and Interior within 30 days of publication of the election returns.

(4) The amounts needed to cover expenditures for the printing of ballot papers and electoral tables by The Official Journal R.A. shall be provided from the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, within the limits of the budget earmarked for this operation, in keeping with the Annex.

Art. 4. – The amounts needed to cover expenditures for publishing and printing the election returns statement of facts records and for equipment, computers, consumables and services required for the organization and running of processing stations, as well as those for training the staff involved in technical operations of establishing the election returns, at the processing stations set up at the level of the Central Election Bureau, county election

bureaux, district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, and the election bureau for polling stations abroad shall be provided from the budget of the General Secretariat of the Government for the National Institute of Statistics.

Art. 5. – (1) The Permanent Electoral Authority shall acquire, by negotiation without prior publication of a participation announcement, the package of software applications and IT services used in centralizing and establishing the election returns.

(2) The amounts needed to cover expenditures for acquiring the package of software applications and IT services used in centralizing and establishing the election returns shall be provided from the budget of the Permanent Electoral Authority, supplemented under Art. 1.

(3) The amounts needed to cover expenditures for checking the duplicates of the permanent voter rolls and the tables used at polling stations and for electronically archiving them and the documents the Permanent Electoral Authority receives from the Central Election Bureau shall be provided from the former's budget, supplemented under Art. 1.

(4) The amounts needed to cover expenditures for publishing and printing brochures containing updated variants of legal regulations on presidential elections, their translation into English, French and Hungarian, as well as the publishing and printing of other informative materials produced by the Permanent Electoral Authority shall be provided from the Permanent Electoral Authority's budget, supplemented under Art. 1.

(5) The amounts needed to cover expenditures generated by issuing certificates attesting compliance with the conditions stipulated under Art. 19⁸ (7) and (8) of Law no. 370/2004 on electing the President of Romania, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and by accrediting foreign observers and foreign representatives of the media shall be provided from the budget of the Permanent Electoral Authority, supplemented under Art. 1.

Art. 6. – The amounts needed to hire, from public operators, the telephone lines and local data communication connections for the special telephony and data communication services required by the Central Election Bureau, county election bureaux and district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest shall be provided from the budget of the Special Telecommunications Service, which shall also comprise:

a) the amounts for ensuring telephone and communications services between polling station election bureaux and the county election bureaux or district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest within the purview of which the former are operating, in areas where local authorities cannot provide communication means from their own sources;

b) the amounts needed to organize a computer system that on election day should supply data on the turnout, on the basis of the data from the polling station election bureaux included in a county and nationwide representative sample.

Art. 7. – (1) The prefect's institutions shall ensure the manufacturing of stamps for county election bureaux and district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest and of control stamps for polling stations set up in the country.

(2) Manufacturing of the stamp for the election bureau for polling stations abroad and of the control stamps of polling stations abroad shall be ensured by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(3) The prefect's institutions shall ensure acquisition of the ink, ink pads and other materials necessary for the voting.

Art. 8. – (1) Within the approved budget, the expenditures for organizing and holding the 2009 elections for the President of Romania shall be authorized by the budget managers, the Transparency Commission being notified periodically.

(2) The commission stipulated under par. (1) shall comprise one representative of each parliamentary political party, 2 representatives of non-governmental organizations and 2 representatives of the Romanian Press Club.

(3) The nominal composition of the commission stipulated under par. (1) shall be established by the president of the Central Technical Commission on the basis of proposals from parliamentary political parties, non-governmental organizations and the Romanian Press Club.

(4) The commission stipulated under par. (1) shall designate its president from among the members nominated under par. (3).

Art. 9. – To reduce the expenditures required to run the election process, mayors shall use the material goods recovered from previous elections that are in good condition. Where the material goods needed for adequate material endowment of polling stations cannot be recovered, new ones shall be acquired by the prefect's institutions, based on centralized needs and within the limits of the funds earmarked.

Art. 10. – (1) Throughout the exercise of powers in organizing and holding the 2009 elections for the President of Romania, the institutions that are employers of the members of election bureaux, of the statisticians, IT specialists and technical support staff shall pay them their due salary, under the law.

(2) As of the date of the report on their appointment, the members of the Central Election Bureau shall be granted an allowance of 66 Lei per working day, provided from the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

(3) The statisticians, IT specialists and technical support staff involved in operations generated by the activity of the Central Election Bureau shall be granted an allowance of 50 Lei per working day, provided from the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

(4) Members of county election bureaux, district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, and of the election bureau for polling stations abroad shall be granted an allowance of 66 Lei per working day. The statisticians, IT specialists and technical support staff involved in operations generated by the activity of these election bureaux shall be granted an allowance of 50 lei per working day.

(5) The presidents of polling station election bureaux and their deputies shall be granted an allowance of 66 Lei per working day, for no more than 5 days in the first round and 4 days in the runoff. The other members of polling station election bureaux shall be granted an allowance of 66 Lei per working day, for no more than 3 days in the first round and two days in the runoff.

(6) The members of the Central Election Bureau, its statisticians, IT specialists and technical support staff involved in operations related to the 2009 elections for the President of Romania, as well as the Ministry of Administration and Interior personnel on guard mission at this bureau, shall be granted 8 Lei per person and per working day for refreshments. These expenses shall be borne from the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

(7) Members of county election bureaux, of the district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, and of the election bureau for polling stations abroad, as well as the statisticians, IT specialists and technical support staff of these bureaux who are involved in operations related to the 2009 elections for the President of Romania, as well as the Ministry of Administration and Interior personnel on guard mission at these bureaux, shall be granted 8 Lei per person and per working day for refreshments.

(8) The members of polling station election bureaux and the Ministry of Administration and Interior personnel on guard mission at these bureaux shall be granted 8 Lei per person on voting day for refreshments.

(9) Payment of the allowances stipulated under par. (4) and (5) shall be made on the basis of attendance lists endorsed by the presidents of election bureaux.

(10) Income from the allowances stipulated under par. (2)–(5) shall be taxed according to legal provisions in force.

(11) *Working day* shall mean the work done on a calendar day, irrespective of the number of hours of work, but no less than 6 hours a day.

(12) Besides the rights stipulated under par. (4) and (5), the members of election bureaux having their domicile in other localities shall benefit by a delegation allowance, as well as defrayment of transportation and accommodation

expenses, according to regulations in force establishing such rights for the employees of public institutions.

(13) Payment of the allowances stipulated under par. (4), (5) and (12) and of the representation expenses stipulated under par. (7) and (8) shall be made from the budgets of prefect's institutions, and in the case of the election bureau for polling stations abroad and of polling stations abroad the allowances and representation expenses shall be paid from the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Art. 11. – (1) Expenditures for materials used to print the permanent voter rolls, the duplicates therefore, the posters publicizing polling station locations, and the other standard forms shall be covered by the prefect's institutions, and by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the case of posters and standard forms used at polling stations abroad.

(2) The expenditures for selecting and processing data on eligible voters, as well as the expenditures for the IT and other equipment needed in the conduct of these activities shall be covered from the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

Art. 12. – (1) The expenditures for transportation and distribution of materials, including informative materials, documents and standard forms stipulated by the law for the election process shall be covered by the prefect's institutions, and, in the case of transporting and distributing the materials, including informative materials, documents and standard forms assigned to polling stations abroad, from the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(2) For organizing and running the election process, fuel consumption and expenditures for telephone calls made by public administration authorities involved in organizing the elections shall be supplemented by 50% over October-December 2009, compared to expense limits in force.

Art. 13. – (1) The amounts required to cover the expenditures for manufacturing the stamps inscribed "VOTED" by the State Mint R.A. shall be borne from the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, within the limits of the budget earmarked for this operation, according to the Annex.

(2) Manufacturing of the stickers to be applied on the identification cards of voters shall be ensured by the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

(3) The Ministry of Administration and Interior shall distribute the stamps inscribed "VOTED", the ballot papers, electoral tables and stickers to prefects and presidents of county election bureaux, and to the president of the election bureau for polling stations abroad, who, together with the mayors and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, respectively, shall distribute them to the polling station election bureaux.

Art. 14. – (1) The amounts made available to the Ministry of Administration and Interior, the Permanent Electoral Authority, except those stipulated under par. (3), the Special Telecommunications Service, the General Secretariat of the Government for the National Institute of Statistics and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that are not used shall be returned to replenish the Budget Reserve Fund at the Government's disposal, by the end of the year, while the amounts not returned by the end of the year shall be annulled automatically when the budgetary year is closed. The sums made available to the Permanent Electoral Authority, stipulated under par. (3), shall be carried forward to 2010.

(2) Budget managers shall be responsible for the adequate utilization of the amounts made available for the election process.

(3) Within 60 days of expiry of the deadline for checking the duplicates of the permanent voter rolls and of the tables used at polling stations in the 2009 elections for the President of Romania, the amounts made available for this purpose to the Permanent Electoral Authority and not used shall be returned to replenish the Budget Reserve Fund at the Government's disposal.

Art. 15. – (1) The amounts assigned to the Ministry of Administration and Interior, for the prefect's institutions, from the Budget Reserve Fund at the Government's disposal, for running the election process, shall be transferred with this destination to the budget of each institution of the prefect, and defrayment of the respective expenditures will be done in compliance with legal provisions.

(2) Within at the most 10 days of expiry of the deadline stipulated under Art. 14 (1), the central public administration authorities and the prefect's institutions to which funds were earmarked according to the Annex shall notify to the Permanent Electoral Authority the situation of amounts earmarked and the expenditures incurred, separately by staff expenditures, material expenditures and capital expenditures.

Art. 16. – The Ministry of Public Finance shall introduce the changes derived from application of the provisions in this decision into the structure of the 2009 State Budget, into the volume and structure of the budget of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, the Permanent Electoral Authority, the Special Telecommunications Service, the General Secretariat of the Government for the National Institute of Statistics, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Art. 17. – Public acquisitions from the funds earmarked according to this decision shall be exempt from the provisions of Art. 66¹ of Government Decision no. 1660/2006 on approving the Implementation Rules concerning assignment of public procurement contracts by electronic means contained in Government Emergency Ordinance no. 34/2006 on assigning public procurement contracts, concession agreements for public works and concession agreements for services, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

ANNEX

B U D G E T
of expenditures related to 2009 presidential elections

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| INSTITUTION | Chapter | Expenditures | | | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | | Staff | Goods and services | Non-financial assets | |
| 1. Ministry of Administration and Interior | | 87,533 | 44,516 | 705 | 132,754 |
| 1. Its own apparatus and prefect's institutions | 51.01 | 86,600 | 28,979 | 705 | 116,284 |
| 2. Central Election Bureau | 51.01 | 400 | 600 | | 1,000 |
| 3. The Official Journal – printing ballot papers and electoral tables | 51.01 | | 1,521 | | 1,521 |
| 4. The State Mint – manufacturing stamps of “VOTED” type | 51.01 | | 700 | | 700 |
| TOTAL CHAPTER 51.01 | 51.01 | 87,000 | 31,800 | 705 | 119,505 |

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|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police | 61.01 | 364 | 4,850 | | 5,214 |
| 2. General Inspectorate of the Romanian Gendarmerie | 61.01 | 70 | 5,645 | | 5,715 |
| 3. National Centre for the Management of Population Register Databases | 61.01 | | 19 | | 19 |
| 4. General Inspectorate of the Border Police | 61.01 | 50 | 725 | | 775 |
| 5. Economic-administrative Directorate | 61.01 | | 355 | | 355 |
| 6. General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations | 61.01 | 49 | 1,122 | | 1,171 |
| TOTAL CHAPTER 61.01 | 61.01 | 533 | 12,716 | 0 | 13,249 |
| 2. General Secretariat of the Government | 51.01 | 12 | 3,138 | 0 | 3,150 |
| National Institute of Statistics | 51.01 | 12 | 3,138 | | 3,150 |
| 3. Permanent Electoral Authority | 51.01 | 8 | 320 | 9,500 | 9,828 |
| 4. Special Telecommunications Service | 61.01 | | 2,023 | 427 | 2,450 |
| 5. Ministry of Foreign Affairs | 51.01 | 500 | 3,150 | 100 | 3,750 |
| GENERAL TOTAL: | | 88,053 | 53,147 | 10,732 | 151,932 |

DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA no. 1047

of September 23, 2009

**on approving the model, dimensions
and printing conditions of the ballot paper
to be used in the 2009 elections
for the President of Romania**

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Art. 1. – The model, dimensions and printing conditions shall be approved of the ballot paper to be used in the first round of the 2009 elections for the President of Romania, stipulated under Annex no. 1 that is integrant part of this Decision.

Art. 2. - The model, dimensions and printing conditions shall be approved of the ballot paper to be used in the runoff of the 2009 elections for the President of Romania, stipulated under Annex no. 2 that is an integral part of this Decision.

MODEL¹

of the dimensions and conditions of printing the ballot paper for the first round of the elections for the President of Romania

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| <p>ROMANIA</p> <p>BULETIN DE VOT</p> <p>PENTRU ALEGEREA PREȘEDINTELUI ROMÂNIEI</p> <p>- 2009 -*)</p> | <table><tr><td>(1)</td><td>(2)</td></tr><tr><td>a) b)</td><td>a) b)</td></tr><tr><td>c)</td><td>c)</td></tr><tr><td>(3)</td><td>(4)</td></tr><tr><td>a) b)</td><td>a) b)</td></tr><tr><td>c)</td><td>c)</td></tr><tr><td>(5)</td><td>(6)</td></tr><tr><td>a) b)</td><td>a) b)</td></tr><tr><td>c)</td><td>c)</td></tr><tr><td>(7)</td><td>(8)</td></tr><tr><td>a) b)</td><td>a) b)</td></tr><tr><td>c)</td><td>c)</td></tr></table> <p style="text-align: right;">-3-</p> | (1) | (2) | a) b) | a) b) | c) | c) | (3) | (4) | a) b) | a) b) | c) | c) | (5) | (6) | a) b) | a) b) | c) | c) | (7) | (8) | a) b) | a) b) | c) | c) |
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| a) b) | a) b) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c) | c) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) | (4) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) b) | a) b) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c) | c) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (5) | (6) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) b) | a) b) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c) | c) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (7) | (8) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) b) | a) b) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c) | c) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

NOTES:

a) The full name of the political party, of the organization of citizens belonging to ethnic minorities, of the political alliance or election alliance, or the mention “Independent candidate” shall be written here.

b) The electoral sign shall be inserted here; a space of at least 3 letters shall be kept between the full name of the political party, of the organization of citizens belonging to ethnic minorities, of the political alliance or election alliance, or the mention “Independent candidate”. The electoral sign shall be printed within a graphic space of 2.5 cm x 2.5 cm.

c) The surname and name of the candidate shall be written here.

– The paper for ballot papers printing shall be ensured from state reserves.

– Quadrilaterals shall be printed in parallel, 8 on each page, the space between them being larger than the diameter of the stamp inscribed “VOTED”.

¹ Model is reproduced in facsimile.

*The day, month and year of the first round shall be written here.

- Page two of the ballot paper (the back of the first cover) shall be blank, bearing only the number of the page at the bottom.

- On page three of the ballot paper the first 8 quadrilaterals featuring candidacies shall be printed.

- Page four of the ballot paper (the back of page 3 on which the quadrilaterals featuring candidacies are printed) shall remain blank, bearing only the number of the page at the bottom.

- On page five of the ballot paper the following 8 (or as many as the case may be) quadrilaterals featuring candidacies shall be printed.

- Page six of the ballot paper (the back of page 5 on which the quadrilaterals featuring candidacies are printed) shall remain blank, bearing only the number of the page at the bottom.

- Should there be more than 16 definitive candidacies, they shall be printed further on the ballot paper on odd-numbered pages, and the even-numbered pages shall remain blank, bearing only the number of the page at the bottom.

- The page of the ballot paper shall be in A4 format.

- The last but one page of the ballot paper (the back of the last cover) shall remain blank, bearing only the number of the page at the bottom.

- The last page of the ballot paper (last cover) shall remain blank; the control stamp shall be applied here.

- The full name of the political party, of the organization of citizens belonging to ethnic minorities, of the political alliance or election alliance shall be printed in 14-size regular font capital letters.

- The surname and name, as well as the words printed inside the quadrilateral shall be printed in 14-size regular font capital letters.

- The pages of the ballot paper, less the first and last cover, shall be numbered.

- Quadrilaterals shall also be numbered and shall be printed in the order resulted from the drawing of lots according to provisions of Art. 7⁸ (1) (c) of Law no. 370/2004 on the election of the President of Romania, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

- Ballot papers shall be glued together or stapled.

- In keeping with the typographic pace and the number of definitive candidacies, should pages of the ballot paper remain unprinted, the pages at the end of the ballot paper shall remain blank, yet numbered.

MODEL¹

of the dimensions and conditions of printing the ballot paper for the runoff at the elections for the President of Romania

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| <p>ROMANIA</p> <p>BULETIN DE VOT</p> <p>PENTRU ALEGEREA PRESEDINTELUI ROMÂNIEI</p> <p>- 2009 -*)</p> | <p>1)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; position: relative;">a)b)c)</div> <p>2)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; position: relative;">a)b)c)</div> <p>-2-</p> |
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NOTES:

a) The full name of the political party, of the organization of citizens belonging to ethnic minorities, of the political alliance or election alliance, or the mention “Independent candidate” shall be written here.

b) The electoral sign shall be inserted here; a space of at least 3 letters shall be kept between the full name of the political party, of the organization of citizens belonging to ethnic minorities, of the political alliance or election alliance, or the mention “Independent candidate”. The electoral sign shall be printed within a graphic space of 2.5 cm x 2.5 cm.

c) The surname and name of the candidate shall be written here.

For each independent candidate, only the electoral sign, the surname and name shall be printed.

– The paper for ballot paper printing shall be ensured from state reserves.

¹ Model is reproduced in facsimile.

*The day, month and year of the first round shall be written here.

- Quadrilaterals shall be printed in parallel, one below the other, the space between them being larger than the diameter of the stamp inscribed “VOTED”.
- On page two of the ballot paper (the back of the first cover) the quadrilaterals featuring candidacies shall be printed.
- The third page of the ballot paper (the back of the last cover) shall remain blank, bearing only the number of the page at the bottom.
- The page of the ballot paper shall be in A5 format.
- The last page of the ballot paper (last cover) shall remain blank; the control stamp shall be applied here.
- The full name of the political party, of the organization of citizens belonging to ethnic minorities, of the political alliance or election alliance shall be printed in 16-size regular font capital letters.
- The surname and name, as well as the words printed inside the quadrilateral shall be printed in 16-size regular font capital letters.
- The pages of the ballot paper, less the first and last cover, shall be numbered.
- Quadrilaterals shall also be numbered and shall be printed in the order of the number of votes validly expressed in the first round. The first quadrilateral shall feature the surname and name of the candidate that scored the largest number of votes validly expressed in the first round.

DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA no. 1048

of September 23, 2009

**on approving the models of stamps for election
bureaux, of the control stamp for polling stations,
and of the stamp inscribed “VOTED” to be used in
the 2009 elections for the President of Romania**

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Art. 1. – The models shall be approved for the stamp of the Central Election Bureau, of the county election bureau, of the district election bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest, of the election bureau for polling stations abroad, of the control stamp of polling stations across the country, as well as the model for the control stamp of the polling station abroad to be used in the 2009 elections for the President of Romania, as shown in Annexes no. 1–6.

Art. 2. – The model of the stamp inscribed “VOTED” shall be approved, to be used in the 2009 elections for the President of Romania, as shown in Annex no. 7.

Art. 3. – Annexes no. 1–7 are integral part of this Decision.

ANNEX no. 1

MODEL¹

of the stamp of the Central Election Bureau



NOTES:

The stamp shall be manufactured by the Ministry of Administration and Interior, which also establishes its size.

The stamp ink shall be blue.

¹⁾ The model of the stamp is reproduced in facsimile.

ANNEX no. 2

MODEL¹

of the stamp of the county election bureau



NOTES:

The prefect shall be in charge with manufacturing the stamp.

The size of the stamp shall be established by the prefect so that all data inscribed on it be legible.

The stamp ink shall be blue.

¹ The model of the stamp is reproduced in facsimile.

* The county name shall be written here.

MODEL ¹

**of the stamp of the district election bureau of the Municipality
of Bucharest**



NOTES:

The Prefect of the Municipality of Bucharest shall be in charge with manufacturing the stamps.

The size of the stamp shall be established by the Prefect of the Municipality of Bucharest so that all data inscribed on it be legible.

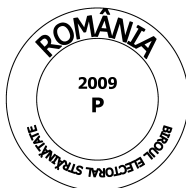
The stamp ink shall be blue.

¹ The model of the stamp is reproduced in facsimile.

* The number of the district shall be written here.

MODEL ¹

of the stamp of the election bureau for polling stations abroad



NOTES:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be in charge with manufacturing the stamp.

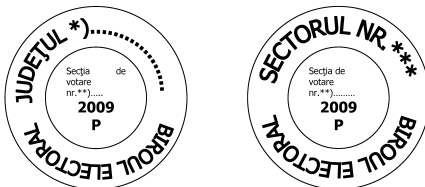
The size of the stamp shall be established by the Minister of Foreign Affairs so that all data inscribed on it be legible.

The stamp ink shall be blue.

¹ The model of the stamp is reproduced in facsimile.

MODEL¹

of the control stamp of the polling station in the country



NOTES:

The prefect shall be in charge with manufacturing the stamps.

The size of the stamp shall be established by the prefect so that all data inscribed on it be legible.

The stamp ink shall be blue.

¹ The model of the stamp is reproduced in facsimile.

* The county name shall be written here.

** The number of the polling station shall be inscribed here, according to the numbering established by order of the prefect.

*** The number of the district shall be written here.

MODEL¹

of the control stamp of the polling station abroad



NOTES:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be in charge with manufacturing the stamps.

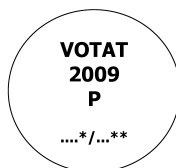
The size of the stamp shall be established by the Minister of Foreign Affairs so that all data inscribed on it be legible.

The stamp ink shall be blue.

¹ The model of the stamp is reproduced in facsimile.

* The number of the polling station shall be inscribed here, according to the numbering established by order of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

MODEL ¹
of the stamp inscribed “VOTED”



NOTES:

The stamp shall be manufactured by the State Mint R.A. and the Ministry of Administration and Interior shall be in charge of its distribution throughout the counties, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be in charge of its distribution abroad.

The diameter of the stamp shall be 18 mm.

¹ The model of the stamp is reproduced in facsimile.

* The number of the polling station shall be inscribed here.

** There shall be inscribed: AB for Alba; AR for Arad; AG for Argeş; BC for Bacău; BH for Bihor; BN for Bistriţa-Năsăud; BT for Botoşani; BV for Braşov; BZ for Buzău; CS for Caraş-Severin; CL for Călăraşi; CJ for Cluj; CT for Constanţa; CV for Covasna; DB for Damboviţa; DJ for Dolj; GL for Galaţi; GR for Giurgiu; GJ for Gorj; HR for Harghita; HD for Hunedoara; IL for Ialomiţa; IS for Iaşi; IF for Ilfov; MM for Maramureş; MH for Mehedinţi; MS for Mureş; NT for Neamţ; OT for Olt; PH for Prahova; SM for Satu Mare; SJ for Sălaj; SB for Sibiu; SV for Suceava; TR for Teleorman; TM for Timiş; TL for Tulcea; VS for Vaslui; VL for Vâlcea; VN for Vrancea; S1 for District 1; S2 for District 2; S3 for District 3; S4 for District 4; S5 for District 5; S6 for District 6, and ST for polling stations abroad.

DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA no. 1049

of September 23, 2009

**on approving the model of the copy of the
permanent voter roll, of the models of election
tables and of the model of the statutory declaration
to be used in the 2009 elections for the President of
Romania**

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Art. 1. – There shall be approved the model of the copy of the permanent voter roll, the model of the election table to be filled in with the data of voters exercising their right to vote at other polling stations than the ones they belong to according to their domicile, or of voters omitted from the permanent voter roll, the model of the election table to be filled in with the data of voters exercising their right to vote by special ballot box, as well as the model of the statutory declaration to be filled in by the citizen exercising his right to vote at a polling station other than the one he belongs to according to his domicile, stipulated in Annexes no. 1–5.

Art. 2. – Annexes no. 1–5 are integral part of this Decision.

**Model of the copy of the permanent voter roll for municipalities,
towns and communes**

ROMANIA

Municipality, town

Commune

Village

Street

Page

COUNTY

Polling station no.

**PERMANENT VOTER ROLL (COPY)
for the 2009 election of the President of Romania**

| Crt. no. | Voter's signature | Voter's surname and name | Personal numerical code | Domicile (building no., apartment) | Type, series and number of ID card |
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Mayor,

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Secretary,

.....

*Head of the county office for the management of population register
databases*

.....

Head of the county community public service for population register

.....

**Model of the copy of the permanent voter roll for the Municipality
of Bucharest**

ROMANIA

Page

District

THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUCHAREST

Street

Polling station no.

**PERMANENT VOTER ROLL (COPY)
for the 2009 election of the President of Romania**

| Crt. no. | Voter's signature | Voter's surname and name | Personal numerical code | Domicile (building no., apartment) | Type, series and number of ID card |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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Mayor,

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Secretary,

.....

*Head of the Bucharest office for the management of population register
databases*

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*Head of the district no. ... community public service for population register
of the Municipality of Bucharest*

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**Model of election table to be filled in with the data of voters
exercising their right to vote at other polling stations than the ones they
belong to according to their domicile, or of voters omitted from the
permanent voter roll**

ROMANIA

Page.....

COUNTY*.....

Polling station no. ***.....

Municipality, town, commune**

T A B L E

**with voters exercising their right to vote at polling stations
other than the one they belong to according to their domicile
or voters omitted from the permanent voter roll at the 2009 elections
for the President of Romania**

| Crt. no. | Voter's signature | Voter's surname and name | Personal numerical code | Domicile (building no., apartment) | Type, series and number of ID card |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
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President of the election bureau of the polling station,

.....

(surname and name, signature)

NOTE: These tables may be filled in with the following categories of voters:
– voters reporting to the polls and proving with their ID card that they have
their domicile within the range of the respective polling station but they have
been omitted from the copy of the permanent voter roll held by the election
bureau of the polling station;

* For the Municipality of Bucharest, the mention “the Municipality of Bucharest” shall
be written.

For the polling stations abroad, the mention “Abroad” shall be written.

** For the Municipality of Bucharest, “district no.” shall be written, and for polling
stations abroad, the name of the country where the polling station is organized shall be written.

*** For polling stations abroad, after the section number, the mention “organized in the
locality of...” shall be written.

- members of the election bureau of the polling station, persons in charge with maintaining public order whose names are not entered in the copy of the permanent voter roll of that polling station;
- voters who, on the day of the ballot, are in other commune, town or municipality than the one of residence, as well as voters casting their vote in the polling stations abroad.

ANNEX no. 4

**Model of the election table to be filled in with the data of voters
exercising their right to vote by special ballot box**

ROMANIA Page.....
COUNTY* Polling station no.
 Municipality, town, commune... **

T A B L E
**with voters exercising their right to vote by special ballot box at the
 2009 elections for the President of Romania**

| Crt. no. | Voter's signature | Voter's surname and name | Personal numerical code | Domicile (building no., apartment) | Type, series and number of ID card |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
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President of the election bureau of the polling station,

| | |
|--|---|
| Surname and name Signature | Surname and name *** Signature Surname and name *** Signature |
|--|---|

* For the Municipality of Bucharest, the mention “the Municipality of Bucharest” shall be written.

** For the Municipality of Bucharest, the mention “district no.” shall be written.

*** The members of the polling station election bureau accompanying the special ballot box.

Model of statutory declaration to be filled in by the voter exercising his right to vote at a polling station other than the one he belongs to by domicile

D E C L A R A T I O N

The undersigned (*surname and name*), holder of (*the type of the ID card*) series no., Personal Numerical Code, residing in¹(*locality*), Street no., County/District,

having full knowledge of the provisions of Art. 26⁵ (1) (b) of Law no. 370/2004, as subsequently amended and supplemented, according to which voting twice or several times is an offence that is punished with a prison sentence from 6 months to 3 years or with fine and stripping of certain rights,

I hereby declare on my own account, under the sanction of Art. 292 of the Criminal Law, that today I have not voted and that I will not vote in another polling station for the election of the President of Romania.

Date

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Signature

.....

¹ For Romanian citizens residing abroad, the full address shall be written together with the mention "residing abroad".

DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA no. 1050

of September 23, 2009

**on establishing the model of the sticker and the
terms for printing, managing and using it in the
2009 elections for the President of Romania**

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Art. 1. – (1) In the 2009 elections for the President of Romania, the eligible voters that hold identity cards issued under Government Emergency ordinance no. 97/2005 on the register, domicile, residence and identity documents of Romanian citizens, approved with amendments by Law no. 290/2005, as subsequently amended and supplemented, shall exercise their right to vote on an identity card basis. After voting, a sticker reading “Voted” shall be applied on the back of the identity card and the date of the ballot shall be written down on it.

(2) The form and content of the sticker shall be stipulated in the Annex that is part of this Decision.

(3) The sticker shall perfectly adhere to the identity card, so that it should not be possible to detach it without damaging the card.

Art. 2. – (1) Procurement of the stickers shall be ensured by the Ministry of Administration and Interior within 35 days of the date of entry into force of Government Decision no. 985/2009 on establishing the date of the 2009 elections for the President of Romania. The procurement shall observe legal provisions in force.

(2) The stickers shall be handed over to prefects and presidents of county election bureaux and district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest by the Ministry of Administration and Interior, on a delivery-receipt report basis, at least 10 days before the date of elections for the President of Romania.

(3) The presidents of county election bureaux and of district election bureaux in the Municipality of Bucharest, with the help of prefects, shall

hand over the stickers to the mayors, on a delivery-receipt report basis, no later than 5 days before the date of elections for the President of Romania.

(4) The mayors shall hand over the stickers to the presidents of polling station election bureaux, on a delivery-receipt report basis, no later than two days before the date of elections for the President of Romania.

(5) The stickers for polling stations abroad shall be handed over by the Ministry of Administration and Interior to the president of the election bureau for polling stations abroad, on a delivery-receipt report basis, no later than 10 days before the date of elections for the President of Romania.

(6) The president of the election bureau for polling stations abroad shall hand over the stickers, through the agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the election bureaux of polling stations abroad, on a delivery-receipt report basis, no later than two days before the date of elections for the President of Romania.

(7) After the close of the voting, the presidents of the election bureaux of polling stations in the country shall hand over the unused stickers to the mayors. The presidents of the election bureaux of polling stations abroad shall hand over the unused stickers to the diplomatic representations.

(8) After publication of the returns of the elections for the President of Romania in the *Official Journal of Romania*, Part I, the mayors shall turn over the unused stickers to specialized economic operators for liquefying.

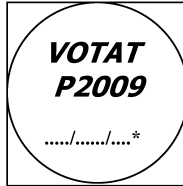
Art. 3. – The stickers shall have the same format for the entire constituency, shall be printed with letters of the same size, in the same characters and with the same ink, in a number that is 10% larger than the number of voters holding identity cards plus an amount equal to the number of ballot papers printed for special polling stations and for polling stations abroad.

Art. 4. – With a view to distributing the stickers, the territorial structures of the National Centre for the Management of Population Register Databases belonging to the Ministry of Administration and Interior shall notify to the prefects, no later than 15 days before election day, the number of voters holding identity cards who are listed in the duplicates of the permanent voter rolls, for each polling station.

Art. 5. – The Ministry of Administration and Interior shall supply the data stipulated under Art. 4 free of charge, in the conditions stipulated under Art. 10 (6) (f) of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 97/2005, approved with amendments by Law no. 290/2005, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

ANNEX

**MODEL¹
of the sticker**



NOTE:

The quadrilateral framing the circle with the inscription "Voted P2009" and carrying the mention of the election date shall have an 18 mm side.

¹ Model is reproduced in facsimile.

* The day, month and year of the elections shall be written here.