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Rules

for the approval of candidate nomination and checking the accuracy of the information submitted for registration in the Presidential elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Rules for the approval of candidate nomination and checking the accuracy of the information included in the signature sheets and other documents submitted to the Central Election Commission (hereafter referred to as CEC) for registration in the Presidential elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be regulated by Articles 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 180, 181, 182 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereafter referred to as-Election Code) and these Rules.

1. General provisions

1.1. The Central Election Commission can apply to the relevant organs in order to check the accuracy of the information and facts submitted pursuant to the Election Code. These organs shall inform the Central Election Commission on results of checking in time defined by the Central Election Commission, if there are less than 40 days prior to the voting day, then at latest within one day. The Central Election Commission can establish Working Group consisting of experts to check the accuracy of signatures in signature sheets and relevant information with its own decision. These Working Groups shall be headed by the election commissioner. Experts, experts from the relevant bodies, as well as experts from specified organs and organizations can be involved in such checking. Voters lists and citizens registration system can be used to define the accuracy of the information in signature sheets.

1.2. The Central Election Commission shall ensure the participation of authorized representatives of candidates, political parties and bloc of political parties by informing them pursuant to Article 59.3 of the Election Code.

1.3. Checking of signatures shall be stopped only when the number of proper signatures provides the candidate registration with the basis or the number of the remaining signatures is not enough for the candidate

registration. Accuracy or non-accuracy of voters signatures shall be approved according to the results of checking (Article 59.4 of the Election Code).

1.4. Crossed out signatures in the signature sheets of the persons who have nominated a candidate shall not be checked and registered if persons who collect signatures made relevant notes on it before they submit the signature sheets to the relevant election commission (Article 59.5 of the Election Code).

1.5. If a signature of one person appears several times while checking them, only one signature shall be considered valid, others are considered incorrect (Article 59.6 of the Election Code).

1.6. Along with provisions of Article 59.6 of the Election Code, the following signatures shall also be considered incorrect (Article 59.7 of the Election Code)

1.6.1. the signatures of voters who do not have the right to vote or noted incorrect information based on the notification of the relevant executive body (local body of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan), as well as on opinion of invited specialists to the work of election commission according to Article 59.2 of the Election Code or based on the reference given by relevant executive authority (Article 59.7.1 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan).

1.6.2. signatures of voters included in signature sheets before the notification on nomination of the candidate is sent to the Central Election Commission (Article 59.7.2 of the Election Code)

1.6.3. signatures considered invalid in accordance with violation of requirements of Article 57.1 of the Election Code (Article 59.7.3 of the Election Code)

1.6.4. signatures put by one person on behalf of several persons or by several persons on behalf of one person (Article 59.7.4 of the Election Code)

1.6.5. signatures which are not recorded in hand or by pencil (Article 59.7.5 of the Election Code)

1.7. If dates of signatures have been changed in the signature sheets, these signatures shall be considered correct if the person who approves signature sheets certifies them also (Article 59.8 of the Election Code)

1.8. All of the signatures in the signature sheets shall be considered invalid if signature sheets are not certified with the signature of the person who collected them, also by the authorized representative of the candidate, political party, a block of political parties or if the signature of authorized representative is not correct (Article 59.9 of the Election Code)

1.9. According to Articles 59.6-59.10 of the Election Code, if signatures are not defined incorrect during examining accuracy of signatures and determining the number of signatures, then changes and notes made by determined way in the signature list should not be the reason for considering the signature invalid (Article 59.11 of the Election Code).

1.10. According to Articles 59.6-59.10 and Article 181 of the Election Code, the candidate shall not be registered if the number of signatures is less than required number for registration after invalid signatures have been removed (Article 59.12 of the Election Code).

1.11. The head of a working group and a member of the Central Election Commission who has decisive right to vote shall prepare a protocol on results of checking signature sheets of each candidate, then sign it and give to the Central Election Commission for a relevant decision. The protocol shall indicate the number of checked signatures of voters and number of invalid signatures with a note of reason (Appendix # 2 made to Rules). The protocol shall be attached to the relevant decision of the election commission.

1.12. A copy of the protocol shall be submitted to a candidate, authorized representative of political party, a block of political parties at least 24 hours prior to the meeting of election commission which deals with candidate registration. A candidate, a political party, a block of political parties shall have the right to get the copy of the protocol approved by the head of working group, by showing the reasons for considering signatures invalid including number of a relevant folder and number of line in relevant signature sheet and copy of the table on results of examination if signatures are less than the required quantity of voter signatures during examination of signatures (Article 59.13 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan)

1.13. Checking the accuracy of the information included in the documents submitted for the approval and registration of the candidacy shall be realized on the table attached to this document (Appendix 1 made to the Rules).