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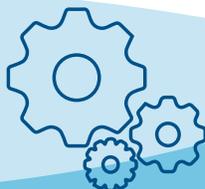
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Closing date for presentation of shortlists for the polling station boards (PSB)

Thursday the 7th of October of 2021 is the final day for political parties and their alliances to propose shortlists for the conformation of Polling Station Boards (PSB).

To this end, the respective Electoral Councils will furnish the Supreme Electoral Council with the lists of citizens proposed by the participant political organizations for the integration of the 13,459 PSBs which will function in the 3,106 polling stations countrywide.

In this way, 245,796 people will be proposed by the political parties to assume the responsibility of president and first and second members of PSBs throughout the country.

During the period from the 10th to the 14th of October, the electoral councils will officially appoint the members of the PSBs. In total, 80,754 men and women will be appointed, together with their respective alternates, thus complying with the obligatory rule of gender alternation and equality mandated by the Electoral Roll.

The personas appointed as members of the PSB will assume office on the 31st of October 2021, in compliance with the Electoral Calendar.

Deadline reached for accreditation of prosecutors

In accordance with the Electoral Law, Friday the 8th of October 2021 is the closing date for political parties to request the accreditation of their prosecutor members of the PSB, as reflected in activity N°19 of the Electoral Calendar.

This activity concludes the agreement with Article 30 of Electoral Law 331, part of whose content establishes: “The Polling Station Boards can request the incorporation of the prosecutors up to 30 days prior to polling day...”.



To facilitate the political parties' accreditation of their respective prosecutors - in particular for each PSB - a digital platform is made available for them to request the accreditation of their respective prosecutors. This platform makes available the IT tools necessary for the simple, quick and orderly register of the prosecutors, while guaranteeing compliance with the principals of gender, equality and rotation.



On the 25th of August the SEC, through the offices of the General Direction of Information Technology and the General Direction for Support to Political Parties, has provided training in the use of this technology to the legal and technical representatives of the political parties and alliances of political parties. These have since received ongoing accompaniment in the correct use of this IT tool for the online presentation of their prosecutors.

It is foreseen that this state body will execute the imminent award of credentials to the prosecutors of the political parties and alliance of political parties in strict accordance with that mandated by electoral law.

Function of prosecutors of Political Parties

The Nicaraguan electoral process is guaranteed by a fully transparent and democratic political system. The political parties and alliances of political parties have the right to appoint prosecutors and their respective alternates, accountable to the SEC, the departmental/regional electoral councils as well as the municipal electoral councils, the PSB and the computing centers.

The function of the prosecutors is to accompany and scrutinize the electoral process.

On requesting the accreditation of their prosecutors with the respective municipal electoral councils and the SEC, the political parties and their alliances must ensure that the lists presented include 50% women and 50% men, thus guarantying gender alternation among the principals and their respective alternates.

Activity N°19 of the Electoral Calendar establishes that the closing date for the presentation of these requests is the 8th of October 2021.

According with article 33 of Electoral Law 331, the prosecutors appointed by the respective political parties will each have the following terms of reference:

- In the PSBs, they can be present in the precinct and scrutinize the functioning of each board during polling day, up to the surrender of tally sheets and related materials to the respective municipal electoral councils.

- In the PSBs; they can ask the president of the PSB for legible copies of the opening minutes, of its constitution, of the closing vote and of the scrutiny of the votes.

- In the PSBs they can accompany the members of the PSB in the transfer of the tally sheets and the delivery of these and related documents to the respective municipal electoral council. They will receive copies of the acts thus furnished.

- Departmental or Regional; they can be present in the departmental and regional center of computation and supervised and reception and processing of the voting results.

- Departmental or Regional; they can be present in the departmental and regional electoral councils to supervise the reception and processing of the information provided by the municipal electoral councils. Also, in the PSBs for the verification of the scrutiny carried out following the presentation of complaints or appeals against one or other election, and in any of the PSBs once duly authorized in accordance with the Electoral Law.

- Departmental or Regional; they are able to request of the presidents of the electoral councils, copies of the opening minutes and the closing summation, containing the results of the votes cast in the PSB.

- Municipal and Departmental; they are able to accompany the corresponding electoral council for the transport of the tally sheets and the related documents to whomever the law requires.

- Nationals; they can be present in the national computing center of the SEC to supervise, reception and processing of the reports of the PSB, and of the municipal and departmental or regional electoral councils.

- In the municipal and departmental PSBs; they can make comments on the proceedings as they esteem appropriate, these requiring their signature. A refusal to sign their comment does not invalidate their inputs. In such cases the members of the electoral organism will report, in their observation of the proceedings, the presence of the prosecutors and if any of these refuses to sign said proceedings.

- In all such cases they can interpose measures consigned in this law, signing the corresponding acts to give due process to the act.

And any others that the laws and the resolution of the SEC indicates.

APPROVAL OF MANUAL FOR VOTING PROCEDURES

This state body has approved a manual for the voting procedure. Along with the manual, training is provided to all the technicians engaged in the electoral process on the 7th of November.

The political parties and alliances of political parties have received physical copies of the manuals so as to facilitate the ongoing internal process of training for their personal and for the accredited prosecutors who are to participate on polling day.

The Voting Process Manual covers all activities from the day before voting, such as the reception of documents and electoral material and the attention to the citizens for the casting of the vote, up to the scrutiny and transfer of results to the computing centers.

The SEC publishes the voting process manual for the 2021 General Election

In compliance with Article 10, subsection 2 of the electoral law 331, and, as part of its commitment to strengthen the electoral process, the SEC makes the Voting Process Manual available to the members of the PTBs, appointed personal in the polling stations and the Nicaraguan families in general, for the voting process in the General Election of 2021.



This Manual for the Voting Process has the objective of provided all those involved in the electoral process, both in the polling stations and the PSBs, with a detailed guide for the exercise of their functions and the technical procedures involved in the electoral process on general election day 2021.



The Manual for the Voting Process is available on digital form on the SEC website www.cse.gob.ni, thus complying with that decreed in the final part of Article 39 of the Electoral Law.

The SEC reaffirms its commitment to strengthen democracy, peace and tranquility, working constantly to guarantee a free, just and transparent electoral process for all Nicaraguans.

Training of Electoral Police

Together with the SEC, the Ministry of Government, through the National Police, have taking steps to guarantee the training of more than 30,000 electoral police. In each polling station these will undertake voluntary duties of service to, and commitment with our people, thus contributing to order, peace and tranquility in the electoral process.





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