

**Executive Instructions on Counting Results of General Electoral District and Proclamation Thereof of 2024/ Issued Under Parliamentary Election Law of 2022 No. (4) – Article No. (72) and The Independent Election Commission Law No. (11) Of 2012 – Article No. (12)**

**Article No. (1)**

Present Instructions are to be titled: “Executive Instructions on Counting Results of General Electoral District and Proclamation Thereof of 2024.”, which Instructions to come into effect as of publication date thereof in the Official Gazette.

**Article No. (2)**

Definitions mentioned in both Parliamentary Election Law and The Independent Election Commission Law shall, unless otherwise indicated, apply herein.

**Article No. (3)**

Comprehensive results of elections at the level of general electoral district are to include the following:

- A-** The overall number of voters at the level of general electoral district.
- B-** Minimum number of votes that equals the Decisive Rate (Threshold) in general electoral district, which to be obtained by each party’s list in order to compete for winning one or more seats in that district.
- C-** Names of parties’ lists and number of votes which exceeded the Decisive Rate (Threshold) stated in precedent Paragraph (B), that were obtained by each list.
- D-** Names of parties’ lists and number of votes obtained by each of said lists which did not exceed the Decisive Rate (Threshold) stated in Paragraph (B) herein.
- E-** Number of seats won by parties’ lists to the aggregate number of seats allocated to general electoral district.

- F-** Names of winning and non-winning parties' lists of lists exceeded Decisive Rate (Threshold) in general electoral district.
- G-** Names of candidates of general electoral district who won.
- H-** Names of candidates who won seats allocated to woman, Christians, Circassians and Chechens in general electoral district.

**Article No. (4)**

- A-** Initial results of all parties' lists stood for elections that were achieved in each polling and counting center, are to be published by the Commission in a form of results report on Commission's Website, once the counting process in all centers have completed.
- B-** Electronic display screen is to be provided by the Commission on the Website thereof and on other websites it deems appropriate, to continuously enable the follow up of counting results.
- C-** The following categories are permitted to be present, subject to approval by the Commission, at the site of results counting that is inside local electoral district, provided names thereof and names of entities to which they belong are to be registered in a register to be specifically prepared for that purpose:
  - 1. Accredited local and international observers,
  - 2. Accredited Media professionals.

**Article No. (5)**

- A-** Electoral committee of the local electoral district shall, for purposes of counting votes of general electoral district and in reliance on electronic reports related to counting results at the level of polling and counting stations, be responsible for the following:
  - 1. Counting numbers of voters who voted in local electoral district.

2. Counting votes obtained by each party's list at the level of local electoral district.
3. Counting numbers of invalid ballots and blank papers related to general electoral district at the level of local electoral district.
4. Preparing five soft & hard copies of the aggregate counts report.

**B-** Soft & hard reports related to elections of general electoral district are to be submitted by electoral committees of local electoral districts to the electoral committee of general electoral district in the Commission.

**C-** Procedures of delivery and collection of reports referred to in the precedent Paragraph (B) are to be adopted under duly signed special reports.

#### **Article No. (6)**

**A-** Electoral committee of the general electoral district shall, for purposes of counting results of general electoral district, shall be responsible for the following:

1. Counting numbers of voters in all local electoral districts,
2. Counting numbers of votes in general electoral district that equals the Decisive Rate (Threshold) that is (2.5%) of voters' number in general electoral district, according to the following equations:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Number of voters} \\ \text{that equals Decisive} \\ \text{Rate (Threshold) in} \\ \text{the general electoral} \\ \text{district} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Aggregate number} \\ \text{of voters in} \\ \text{general electoral} \\ \text{district} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{l} 2.5 \\ \% \end{array}$$

3. Counting votes obtained by parties' lists in all local electoral districts,
  4. Counting invalid ballots and blank papers related to general electoral district in all local electoral districts,
  5. Identifying parties' lists that obtained the minimum aggregate votes counted as shown in Item No. (2) Herein for purposes of competing on seats allocated to general electoral district.
- 6. A-** Counting number of seats won by each party's list that exceeded Decisive Rate (Threshold) as counted in Item No. (2) herein, according to the following equation:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \text{Number of votes} & & \\
 & & \text{obtained by the} & & \\
 & & \text{party's list} & & \\
 & & \hline
 & & \text{Aggregate votes} & & \\
 & & \text{obtained by parties'} & & \\
 & & \text{lists that exceeded} & & \\
 & & \text{Decisive Rate} & & \\
 & & \text{(Threshold)} & & \\
 (38) \text{ seats} & \times & & = & \text{number of} \\
 \text{in general} & & & & \text{seats won} \\
 \text{electoral} & & & & \text{by party's} \\
 \text{district} & & & & \text{list}
 \end{array}$$

- b-** Converting the fraction number resulted from the Equation applied in the precedent Paragraph (A) into an integer, for such integer to count as the initial number of seats won by each party's list.

- c- Subject to Provisions of the precedent Paragraph (B), the highest remainder method shall, in case that the first (38) seats of seats allocated in general electoral district were not fully occupied under the Integer, be applied to fill such seats. Accordingly, one seat is to be added to the party's list of the highest remainder, and then another one is to be added to the next party's list of the highest remainder and so on, until said seats have been filled.
- B- The Board shall, in case that Decisive Rate (Threshold) is not achieved by at least three parties' lists, decrease Decisive Rate (Threshold) by 0.5% respectively until three parties' lists at least have won.

**Article No. (7)**

- A- Winners of Seats referred to in Article No. (6), Paragraph (A), Item No. (6), Paragraphs (B) & (C) herein, are to be determined under the order of candidates mentioned in the party's list.
- B- Seats allocated for woman, Christians, Circassians and Chechens shall, having identified the names of winning candidates that the number of which is not to exceed (38) winners, be filled as follows:
  - 1. Verifying winning candidates of Parties' lists, as no Christians, Circassians and Chechens shall not, if were found to be included therein, be considered winners of seats allocated in general electoral district,
  - 2. Seats allocated to Christians, Circassians and Chechens in general electoral district are to be filled by the highest order candidates of parties' lists that exceeded Decisive Rate (Threshold).

- C-** The absolute number of the party's list votes shall, in case of equal order of candidates for Christian, Circassian and Chechen seat in more than one party's list, prevail; and the Director of Board shall, in case that the number of votes was equal, cast a lot between those of equal votes, then a report regarding doing so is to be prepared and signed by Chairman of Board, candidates and delegates of parties' lists or representatives thereof.
- D-** Absolute number of votes shall, in case that percent of votes for two or more parties' lists was found equal, prevail; and Chairman of Board shall, in case that the number was found equal, cast a lot between those having equal number or percent of votes, then a report of the result of that is to be prepared and signed by Chairman of Board and delegates of parties' lists or representatives thereof.

**Article No. (8)**

- A-** A report of initial results of general electoral district shall, using the Form approved by the Board for that purpose, be prepared by the electoral committee of general electoral district and submitted to the Director of the Board.
- B-** All materials related to counting results of general electoral district are to be packed in a special file by the electoral committee of general electoral district, which File to be kept with the operation directorate of the Commission.

**Article No. (9)**

One or more committees are to be formed in the Commission to be responsible for the following:

- A- Verification of soft and hard copies of counting reports related to the aggregate counts obtained by parties' lists at the level of each local electoral district.
- B- Verification of and reviewing the initial results of the general electoral district' elections.
- C- Submitting a report of works' results thereof to the Board.

**Article No. (10)**

- A- Initial results of elections held in general electoral district shall, once have been approved by the Board, be final for such district.
- B- Initial results of elections in general electoral districts related to Christians, Circassians and Chechens shall, once have been approved by the Board, be final for the seats thereof in such district.

**Article No. (11)**

Final results of Elections in general electoral district are to be proclaimed by the Board, published in Official Gazette and displayed on the Commissions Website.

**Article No. (12)**

A certificate for each winner of elections at the level of general electoral districts is to be prepared by the Commission and signed by Chairman of the Board.

**Article No. (13)**

Forms required for execution of present Instructions are to be approved by the Board.

**Board of Commissioners of the Independent Election Commission**