

**Executive Instructions on Counting and Announcement of Results
of Local Electoral Districts of 2024/ Issued under Parliamentary
Election Law No. (4) Of 2022 – Article No. (72) And The
Independent Election Commission Law No. (11) For the year 2012 –
Article No. (12)**

Article No. (1)

Present Instructions are to be titled: “Executive Instructions on Counting and Announcement of Results of Local Electoral Districts of 2024.”, which Instructions to come into effect as of the publication date thereof in 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 held in local electoral districts are to include the following:

- A-** The overall number of voters voted in each local electoral district.
- B-** Minimum number of voters that equals the Decisive Rate (Threshold) in local electoral districts, which to be obtained by each local list in order to compete for winning one or more seats in that district.
- C-** Names of local 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 local lists and number of votes which did not exceed the Decisive Rate (Threshold) stated in Paragraph (B) herein.
- E-** Number of seats won by winning local lists to aggregate number of seats allocated to free competition track in each local electoral district.

- F-** Names of winning and non-winning local lists of lists exceeded Decisive Rate (Threshold) in each local electoral district.
- G-** Names of winning and non-winning candidates and number of votes obtained by each free competition track voter in each local electoral district.
- H-** Names of winning and non-winning candidates and numbers of votes obtained by each quota track's candidate in each local electoral district.
- I-** Names of candidates who won both seats allocated for woman, Christians, Circassians and Chechens and the highest votes in lists standing for elections, in cases that no quota candidates are included in lists that exceeded Decisive Rate (Threshold).

Article No. (4)

- A-** Commission shall, once counting processes in all polling and counting stations have finished, announce initial results of all local lists in all stations, through publication of results reports on the Website thereof.
- B-** Commission is to provide on its website and on other websites it deems appropriate, an electronic display screen to enable voters to continuously follow up the procedures of results counting.
- C-** The following categories are permitted to be present, subject to approval by the Commission, at sites of results counting that are inside local electoral districts, 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 each electoral district shall, for the Purposes of counting votes of each local electoral district and in reliance on electronic reports of counting results at the level of polling and counting stations, be responsible for the following:
- 1- Counting numbers of voters of each local electoral district.
 - 2- Counting numbers of votes obtained by local lists at the level of local electoral districts.
 - 3- Counting numbers of votes obtained by each candidate of local lists' candidates at the level of each local electoral district.
 - 4- Collecting invalid voting ballot papers and blank papers of each local electoral district.
- B-** Electoral committee of each local electoral district shall, for Purposes of counting results of that local electoral district, be responsible for the following:
1. Counting number of voters of local electoral district which equals the Decisive Rate (Threshold) that is (7%) of the number of voters in the local electoral district, according to the following Equation:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Number of voters that} \\ \text{equals Decisive Rate} \\ \text{(Threshold) of the local} \\ \text{electoral district} \end{array} = \frac{\text{Aggregate number of} \\ \text{voters of the local} \\ \text{electoral district}}{\text{electoral district}} \times \%7$$

2. Identifying local lists that obtained minimum of the aggregate number of voters counted in the precedent Item No. (1) for Purposes of competing for seats allocated to the local electoral district.

3. A- Counting number of seats obtained by each local list that exceeded Decisive Rate (Threshold) as counted in Item No. (1) herein, according to the following Equation:

B- Converting the fraction number resulted from the

$$\text{Number of seats won by the local list} = \frac{\text{Number of votes obtained by the local list}}{\text{Aggregate number of votes obtained by local lists that exceeded Decisive Rate (Threshold)}} \times \text{Number of seats allocated to the free competition track in the local electoral district.}$$

Equation applied in the precedent Paragraph (A) into an integer, for such integer to count as the initial number of seats won by each local list.

C- Subject to Provisions of the precedent Paragraph (B), the highest remainder method shall, in case that these seats were not fully occupied under the Integer, be applied to fill such seats. Accordingly, one seat is to be added to the local list of the highest remainder, and then another one is to be added to the next local list of the highest remainder and so on, until seats allocated to the free competition track in the local electoral district have been filled.

C-The Board shall, in case that Decisive Rate (Threshold) is not achieved by at least two local lists in each district to which two seats of free competition track are allocated and at least three local lists in each district to which three seats of free competition track are allocated, decrease the Decisive Rate (Threshold) by 1% respectively, until the number of local lists has achieved the minimum required under Provisions hereof.

Article No. (6)

- A- Winners of Seats referred to in Article No. (5), Paragraph No. (B), Item No. (3) mentioned above are to be determined on basis of highest votes obtained by local list's candidates for seats allocated to free competition track.
- B- Quota candidates who won seats allocated to women, Christians, Circassians and Chechens, are to be determined on basis of highest votes obtained by each candidate who belongs to lists that obtained the minimum votes that equals Decisive Rate (Threshold).
- C- Notwithstanding Provisions of Paragraph (A) herein, in case that none of local lists that exceeded the minimum of votes of local electoral district which votes equal Decisive Rate (Threshold) included any of the mentioned therein, the winner shall, then, be the one who obtained the highest votes.

D- 1- The absolute number of votes shall, in case that equal percent of votes is obtained by two or more local lists, prevail, and the Director of electoral committee is to cast a lot between lists that obtained equal number or percent of votes if these votes were equal, where a report of the result of said lot is to be prepared and signed by the Director of electoral committee and delegates of local lists or the representatives of said delegates.

2- Director of electoral committee shall, in case that votes obtained by two or more candidates on the same list were equal, cast a lot between candidates of equal votes, where a report of the result of said lot is to be prepared and signed by the Director of electoral committee, delegate of local lists and the list candidates or the representatives thereof.

Article No. (7)

- A-** Five copies of soft and hard copy of a report regarding results and aggregate counts are to be prepared by each electoral committee.
- B-** Papers related to both electoral process and results of elections of local electoral district, soft & hard copies of results prepared by and resolutions made by electoral committee of each local electoral district, are to be submitted by each electoral committee of each local electoral district, to the collection committee formed in the Commission.
- C-** Procedures of delivery and collection of soft & hard copies of reports and results referred to in precedent Paragraph (B), are to be adopted under duly signed special reports.

Article No. (8)

One or more committee is to be formed in the Commission, to be responsible for the following:

- A- Verification of soft & hard copies of counting reports related to results of local lists at the level of each local electoral district.
- B- Verification and review of initial results of local electoral districts.
- C- Submitting a report of results of works done by it, to the Board.

Article No. (9)

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

Article No. (10)

Final results of elections held at the level of local electoral districts are to be proclaimed by the Board and published in the Official Gazette and on the Commission's Website.

Article No. (11)

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

Article No. (12)

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

Article No. (13)

Executive Instruction on Proclamation Results and Regulating Related Objections No. (10) Of 2016, are canceled.

Board of Commissioners of the Independent Election Commission

