



RULEBOOK

**on changes to the Rulebook on procedure of verifying signatures of support
and forms for certification of political subjects to participate in direct elections
in Bosnia and Herzegovina
(consolidated version)**

Pursuant to Article 2.9, paragraph (1), item 2, and having regard to Chapter 4 of the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette BiH", no. 23/01, 7/02, 9/02, 20/02, 25/02, 4/04, 20/04, 25/05, 52/05, 65/05, 77/05, 11/06, 24/06, 32/07, 33/08, 37/08, 32/10, 18/13, 07/14 and 31/16) the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at its 22nd session held on May 5, 2016, adopted the following

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Article 1
(Application)

This Rulebook shall define: the procedure on verifying signatures of support, the order and number of candidates on candidates' list; and design and contents of the form for application, verification and nomination to participate in the direct elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 2
(Procedure for verification of signatures of support)

(1) Verification of the signatures of support referred to in Articles 4.4, paragraph (5) of the BiH Election Law shall be conducted by the method of statistical sampling. The size of the sample shall be 10% of signatures of support out of the total number of submitted signatures.

(2) A political party or an independent candidate that submitted a number of signatures of support that is smaller than the number set forth in Articles 4.4, paragraph (5) of the BiH Election Law shall not meet the certification conditions, i.e. the verification of the signatures of support shall be done only for the bodies for which sufficient number of signatures of support is submitted.

(3) A certain sample of signatures of support, to be verified, shall be designated for the political parties and independent candidates that meet the conditions set forth in paragraph (2) of this Article, taking into account sample's equal distribution amongst the signature of support. The data base for verification shall be subsequently established and it shall contain: name of the political parties or independent candidate, name and surname of the signatory and the National Identification Number of the signatory.

(4) The first step shall be to determine whether a voter gave his/her signature for two or more political parties or independent candidates. If such cases are found, the signature shall be found void for all political parties or independent candidates that received the signature.

(5) The signatures of support shall be verified against the Central Voters Register in order to determine whether the signatory is registered in the Central Voters Register. The verification shall be done by the National Identification Number. If determined that the signature of support was not given by a person registered in the Central Voters Register as a voter or that the signature of support is not in accordance with provision of Article 5.13, paragraph (2) of the BiH Election Law, the signature shall be considered void.

(6) Following verification producing percentage of valid signatures on the statistical sample, the signatures shall be used on the total number of submitted signatures of support.

(7) If the number of accepted original signatures equals or is higher than the number of original signatures of support required under provisions of Article 4.4, paragraph (5) of the BiH Election Law, the BiH Central Election Commission shall accept the signatures of support of a political party or an independent candidate.

(8) If, based on the entered statistical sample, the number of accepted original signatures of support is smaller than the number of signatures of support required under provisions of Article 4.4, paragraph (5) of the BiH Election Law, the BiH Central Election Commission shall enter all submitted signatures of support in the data base and shall conduct verification of all submitted signatures of support.

(9) If, after the procedure set forth in paragraph (8) of this Article, it is found that a political party or an independent candidate do not have sufficient number of signatures of support defined in Article 4.4, paragraph (5) of the BiH Election Law, the political party or the independent candidate shall be obligated to remove all irregularities within two days following receipt of the notice from the BiH Central Election Commission.

(10) If a political party or an independent candidate fails to supplement the number of missing signatures of support within the delaine defined in paragraph (9) of this Article or if the supplemented number of signatures of support after verification is lower than the number set forth in Article 4.4, paragraph (5) of the BiH Election Law, the political party or the independent candidate shall not be certified to participate in the election, namely they can be certified for a body of government for which sufficient number of valid signatures of support is submitted.

Article 3 (Attachments)

(1) The integral part of this Rulebook shall be:

- a) the application form for certification of political subjects;
- b) the application form for collecting signatures of support;
- c) the form of candidates' lists and
- d) the gender representation table – instruction on distribution of candidates of under-represented gender on the candidates' lists.

(2) The application forms for certification and for collecting signatures of support referred to in Article (1), items a), b) and c) of this Article shall be available at the BiH Central Election Commission from the day the BiH Central Election Commission announces holding elections until the day defined as the final deadline by which the political subjects can submit application form for certification to the BiH Central Election Commission.

(3) The application forms referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be printed in languages and on alphabets official used in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The political subjects shall submit a request containing the information on languages and alphabet on which they wish to receive the forms referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, as well as the information on the quantity of the forms.

(4) The record of all issued forms referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be kept at the BiH Central Election Commission.

(5) The minutes shall be made upon submission of the application form by a political subject, and it shall be deemed that the political subject is acquainted with possible shortcomings in the application.

Article 4
(Regulations covered by this Rulebook)

This Rulebook shall cover the Rulebook on procedure of verifying signatures of support and forms for certification of political subjects to participate in the direct elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (“Official Gazette of BiH”, no. 37/14) and Rulebook on changes to the Rulebook on procedure of verifying signatures of support and forms for certification of political subjects to participate in the direct elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina number: 05-1-02-2-520-1/16 from May 5, 2016.

Article 5
(Publication in Official Gazettes)

This Rulebook shall be published in the “Official Gazette of BiH”, “Official Gazette of Federation BiH”, “Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, “Official Gazette of District Brčko” and the web page of the BiH Central Election Commission www.izbori.ba.

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