



## **I N S T R U C T I O N**

**on the procedure and manner of registering voters for voting in person or in absentia for the basic constituency of Srebrenica and running for office in the 2008 Local Election**

Pursuant to Article 2.9 Paragraph (1), Point 2, and in accordance with Article 20.9, Paragraph (3) of the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina («Official Gazette of 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, 22/08 and 37/08), the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in its 22nd session held on 21 May 2008, issued

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

### **concerning the procedure and way of registering voters for voting in person or in absentia for the basic constituency of Srebrenica and running for office in the 2008 Local Election**

#### **Article 1 (Application)**

(1) These Instructions shall lay down the procedure and way of registering eligible voters who had permanent residence in the Municipality of Srebrenica according to the latest census conducted in Bosnia and Herzegovina and who vote in person or in absentia for the basic constituency of Srebrenica in the 2008 Local Election, regardless of the fact whether these persons have a refugee or displaced persons status and regardless of the fact whether they have established residence outside of the Municipality of Srebrenica, and the way of running for office in the basic constituency of Srebrenica in the 2008 Local Election.

(2) The person who is eligible to vote and whose residence was in the Municipality of Srebrenica in 1991, and who has decided to vote in person or in absentia for the Municipality of Srebrenica by means of filling the PBO-3 form, which is a constituent part of these Instructions, shall be registered in the Central Voter Register for voting in person or in absentia for the basic constituency of Srebrenica in the 2008 Local Election.

#### **Article 2 (Running for Office)**

(1) The person referred to in Article 1, Paragraph (2) of these Instructions may run for office in the basic constituency of Srebrenica in the 2008 Local Election.

(2) The person referred to in Article 1, Paragraph (2) of these Instructions may run for office as an independent candidate or a candidate of a political party, coalition or a list of independent candidates or as a candidate for guaranteed mandates allocated to members of ethnic minorities, following the procedure, methods and within deadlines as laid down by the provisions of the Rule Book on registration and verification of political parties, independent candidates, coalitions and lists of independent candidates for participation in direct elections and procedure of verifying candidates for guaranteed mandates for members of ethnic minorities («Official Gazette of BiH», 37/08).

(3) The candidates referred to in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article may obtain support signatures from the persons referred to in Article 1, Paragraph (2) of these Instructions, regardless of the fact whether they have a refugee or displaced person status and regardless of the fact whether they have established permanent residence outside of the Srebrenica Municipality.

#### **Article 3 (Additional staff)**

(1) To implement the procedure of registering voters referred to in Article 1, Paragraph (2) of these Instructions, the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: Central Election Commission of BiH) may hire additional staff, on which it shall issue a special decision.

(2) The additionally hired staff referred to in Paragraph (1) of this Article shall be tasked, according to the procedures laid down in these Instructions, with distribution of forms and information material, information of voters referred to in Paragraph (1) of this Article and organization of meetings in the municipalities in which these voters live, collection of forms, drawing up records about the forms they have collected, delivery of the forms to the Voter Register Center, listing, filling in, receipt and verification of the receipt of these forms, reporting on implemented activities and performing other tasks to implement the activities of voter registration who vote in person or in absentia for the basic constituency of Srebrenica in the 2008 Local Election, as assigned by the head of the Sector for Elections and Information Technologies, or heads of sections within this Sector.

(3) The form of the Record on Filling, Receipt and Verification of PBO-3 Forms, which is a constituent part of these Instructions, shall be designed by the Central Election Commission of BiH.

#### **Article 4 (Deadline for Implementation of Voter Registration)**

The deadline for registration of voters referred to in Article 1, Paragraph (2) of these Instructions shall be July 22, 2008, at the latest.

#### **Article 5 (Delivery of Records)**

(1) The Central Election Commission of BiH shall deliver to all Voter Register Centers an electronic version of the 1991 Census for the basic constituency of Srebrenica, which was used in the period of active registration and the PBO-3 Form.

(2) The PBO-3 Form for voting in person or in absentia, which is a constituent part of these Instructions, shall contain the following data:

- a) Memorandum of the Central Election Commission of BiH,
- b) Personal data of the applicant: name and surname, maiden/former surname, date of birth, name and surname of one parent, personal identification number and gender of the person,
- c) Residence details (municipality, place, street and number) which is registered in accordance with law,
- d) Data on the municipality and address of residence according to the 1991 Census,
- e) Data on the method of voting (in person or in absentia),
- f) Signature of the applicant, number of personal identification, which is given for verification and date of submitting the form, and
- g) Data on the application processor and date of application processing.

(3) The Central Election Commission of BiH, for the purpose of conducting an easier search and specifying the data from the 1991 Census, shall deliver to municipal election commissions, city election commissions and Brčko District Election Commission (hereinafter: election commission) a list of voters who were registered to vote in absentia from their basic constituency for the basic constituency of Srebrenica in the 2004 Local Election. The list of voters shall contain: name and surname, personal identification number, address of residence, if it can be found in the Central Voter Register.

**Article 6**  
**(Procedure of Filling the PBO-3 Form)**

(1) For voters who intend to submit a request to vote in person or in absentia by filling the PBO-3 Form for the basic constituency of Srebrenica, the Voter Register Center shall determine, on the basis of the delivered electronic version referred to in Article 5, Paragraph (1) of these Instructions, whether the respective voters had permanent residence in 1991 in the basic constituency of Srebrenica.

(2) The Voter Register Center, if it determines that the voter's residence was in the basic constituency of Srebrenica at the time of the 1991 Census, shall issue to the voter the PBO-3 Form to fill and certify it with a signature which must be identical to the signature on the identity card issued by the CIPS.

(3) The Voter Register Center shall keep the original certified PBO-3 Form and issue to the voter a copy of the same form. The Voter Register Center, once it receives a filled PBO-3 Form, shall make a record in an electronic version (Excel Table) with the following data: name and surname of the voter who filled the form, personal identification number and way of voting, in person or in absentia.

**Article 7**  
**(Delivery of PBO-3 Form)**

Election commissions shall have an obligation to deliver in person the filled and certified PBO-3 Forms and their records in an electronic version (Excel table) to the Central Election Commission of BiH, at the latest by 23 July 2008.

**Article 8**  
**(Updating the Central Voter Register)**

On the basis of the data referred to in Article 7 of these Instructions, the Central Election Commission of BiH shall change the data concerning the constituency for which the voter votes into the basic constituency of Srebrenica and voter option «regular» into in person or in absentia, depending on the declaration made by the voter in the PBO-3 Form, for all voters who filled and certified with their signatures the PBO-3 Form in the Central Voter Register.

**Article 9**  
**(Informing the Voters)**

(1) The Election Commission shall increase the level of advertising (local written and electronic media) informing all voters in their basic constituency, who had residence in 1991 in the basic constituency of Srebrenica, that they can submit a request through the Voter Register Center, for registration in the Central Voter Register for voting in person or in absentia for the basic constituency of Srebrenica.

(2) The Election Commission, which receives the voter list referred to in Article 5, Paragraph (3) of these Instructions, shall, apart from the activities referred to in Paragraph (1) of this Article, establish contact on the basis of the address supplied in the delivered list or by means of local communities or in another appropriate way, with these voters and provide conditions for them to fill the PBO-3 Form.

(3) The Central Election Commission in BiH shall organize, in basic constituencies with a large number of voters referred to in Paragraph (2) of this Article, teams consisting of additionally hired staff referred to in Article 3, Paragraph (1) of these Instructions and employees of the Secretariat of the Central Election Commission of BiH, who shall work on the filling, receiving and certifying PBO-3 Forms of those voters who wish to vote in person or in absentia for the basic constituency of Srebrenica in the 2008 Local Election. Dates and locations of work of these teams shall be notified on time to the basic constituencies by the Central Election Commission.

### **Article 10 (Informing the Voters)**

After the completion of the procedure of registration in the Central Voter Register referred to in Article 8 of these Instructions, the Central Election Commission of BiH shall inform, through election commission or by mail, the persons referred to in Article 1, Paragraph (2) of these Instructions of the polling stations at which they can exercise their voting rights.

### **Article 11 (Application and Cessation of Application)**

- (1) Provisions of these Instructions shall apply to the implementation of the 2008 Local Election.
- (2) After determining the results of the 2008 Local Election, the Central Election Commission of BiH shall repeal all changes made to the Central Voter Register on the basis of operation of these Instructions, at which time the validity of these Instructions shall also cease.

### **Article 12 (Entering into Force and Publication in Official Gazettes)**

These Instructions shall enter into force on the day of issuance and shall be published in the «Official Gazette of BiH», «Official Gazette of the F BiH», «Official Gazette of RS», «Official Gazette of the Brčko District of BiH» and on the Central Election Commission of BiH web page.

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