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LAW  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

ON GUARANTEES OF CITIZENS' VOTING RIGHTS

Article 1. Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan have the right to participate in governing society and the state both directly and through their representatives. This right is exercised through their participation in referendums, as well as election of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and representative bodies of authority.

Article 2. The voting rights of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, secured by the Constitution, the present Law and other legislative acts, are protected by the state.

Article 3. All citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regardless of origin, social and property status, race, nationality, sex, education, language, religion and occupation, have equal voting rights.

Article 4. All citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan have the right to elect and be elected.

Citizens who have achieved the age of 18 are eligible for vote. Each voter has one vote.

Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan who have achieved the age of 35 are eligible for election to the post of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Citizens who have reached the age of 25 by election day are eligible for election to the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan who have reached the age of 21 by election day are eligible for election to local representative bodies of authority.

Article 5. Any direct or indirect restriction of citizens' voting right is impermissible, with the exception of cases specified by election laws.

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Article 6. All voters, regardless of the place of their stay, are guaranteed the right to take direct part in referendums, as well election of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and representative bodies of authority.

Article 7. All voters enjoy freedom of will and secrecy of ballot. By arranging the poll in specially equipped premises, ward electoral committees give citizens a possibility of a free and secret vote.

Any control over the will of voters is impermissible.

Article 8. All citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, who have reached the age of 18 by election day and reside either permanently or temporarily on the territory of the respective constituency, have the right to be included in electoral registers.

Each voter may be included only into one electoral register.

Article 9. Voters shall be given a possibility to familiarize themselves in advance with electoral registers at the polling station.

Article 10. A voter has the right to inform the ward committee of an error in electoral registers. Within 24 hours, the ward committee must verify his statement, and either correct the error or issue a reference to the applicant on a justified decline of his statement.

Article 11. A voter who has not been included into electoral registers for some reason, shall be included into a register by the ward committee on the basis of a document identifying his personality.

Article 12. A voter has the right to canvass in favour or against the decisions submitted for a referendum, as well as candidates standing for the presidency and for election to representative bodies of authority.

Voters have the right to engage in public activity through meetings, conferences and demonstration held in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 13. Bodies of state authority are obliged to provide voters with equipped premises as well as the necessary reference materials and information for holding election meetings. Voters shall be informed in advance about the time and place of meetings and conferences.

Article 14. Election campaigns shall be given broad publicity. A voter has the right, in the course of the election campaign, to seek, obtain and disseminate information related to the delimitation of constituencies and wards, composition of electoral committees, location and time of work of these committees, results of registration of candidates, the poll and the election.

Resolutions of respective electoral committees on delimitation of constituencies and wards, composition of electoral committees, as well as the results of registration of candidates, the poll and the election, shall be published in the press.

Article 15. Voters have the right to familiarize themselves with programmes of the future activities of political parties and independent candidates taking part in the election.

Article 16. Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, who have the voting right and are not members of a political party, candidates standing for election or their proxies, may be members of electoral committees.

Article 17. On election day, a voter is entitled to a new ballot paper instead of the spoiled one. The new ballot paper is issued by the respective ward electoral committee.

Article 18. Voters who have no possibility to remain in the place of their residence on election day may vote in advance.

Upon a voter's request, the respective ward committee shall issue him a voting list of the specified form containing the relevant data on the candidates for election. A voter may leave the filled-in voting list in a sealed envelope with any member of the ward committee.

Article 19. Voters who have no possibility to arrive at the polling station due to bad health or for some other reason have the right to request the ward committee to arrange the poll in their place of residence.

Article 20. A citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan is guaranteed legal protection of his voting rights and a possibility to appeal in a court of law against illegal acts of electoral committees, state bodies, officials or public associations.

Article 21. Any attempt, by violence, fraud, intimidation or in any other way, to prevent citizens from

exercising their right to elect and be elected, participating in a referendum or canvassing, as well as the forging of documents, deliberately wrong count of votes or any other violation of the laws on the referendum, election of the President, and election of representative bodies of authority, entail amenability in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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