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Chapter 1

General principles

Article 1

1. The election of deputies to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland shall be universal, direct, equal and proportional and shall be held by secret ballot.

2. The day of elections shall be a day which is not a day of work, within the month prior to the expiry of the term of office of the Sejm, or – in the event of a dissolution of the Sejm – a non-working day, no sooner than 3 months and no later than 4 months after the expiry of the term of office of the Sejm.

Article 2

Deputies shall be elected to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland on the basis of proportionality, in the following manner:

- 1) 391 deputies shall be elected in multi-member constituencies from constituency lists of candidates,
- 2) 69 deputies shall be elected from national lists of candidates.

Article 3

1. Only those constituency lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm, which have gained at least 5 per cent of the total number of votes validly cast throughout the entire country shall be taken into account in the allocation of seats.

2. Constituency lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm proposed by election committees, as referred to in Article 77, para. 2 (election coalition), shall be taken into account in the allocation of seats

only if they have gained at least 8 per cent of the total number of votes validly cast throughout the entire country.

Article 4

Only the lists of those election committees whose constituency lists of candidates have gained at least 7 per cent of the total number of votes validly cast throughout the country, shall be taken into account in the allocation of seats among national lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm.

Article 5

1. The election committees of registered organizations of national minorities shall have the right to exempt their lists from one of the requirements specified in Article 3, para. 1 or Article 4, if they have made a relevant declaration to the National Electoral Commission no later than 5 days before the day of elections.

2. The National Electoral Commission shall immediately acknowledge the receipt of any such declaration, as referred to in para. 1. Electoral commissions shall be bound by any such declaration.

Article 6

If none of the constituency lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm, proposed by each election committee, shall have fulfilled the requirements specified in Article 3, paras. 1 or 2, or one of the said requirements shall have been fulfilled by lists of candidates of only one election committee, the lists of candidates which have gained at least 3 per cent of the total number of votes validly cast throughout the entire country shall be taken into account in the allocation of seats in constituencies. The lists of election coalitions shall be taken into account provided that they shall have gained at least 5 per cent of votes validly cast throughout the entire country.

Article 7

1. In the event that the national lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm of all election committees shall have failed to fulfil the requirement specified in Article 4, then, only the lists of the three election committees whose constituency lists, fulfilling the requirements

specified in Article 3 or Article 6, respectively, have sequentially gained the highest number of votes validly cast throughout the entire country, shall be taken into account in the allocation of seats.

2. In the event of fulfillment of the requirements specified in Article 3 or Article 6, respectively, by the national lists of less than three election committees, then, only the national lists of candidates of those committees shall be taken into account in the allocation of seats.

Article 8

Each voter shall have one vote.

Article 9

The term of office of the Sejm shall be four years, beginning with the day of the elections.

Article 10

1. The President of the Republic of Poland shall order the elections and shall specify their date according to Article 1, para. 2. The President's order shall be made publicly known and announced in the Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland no later than 5 days after the proclamation of the elections.

2. The President, after having taken the opinion of the National Electoral Commission, shall, in the order referred to in Article 1, para. 2, specify the days on which the time-limits for performance of those activities provided for in this Act (the calendar of elections) expire.

Article 11

1. In the event of dissolution of the Sejm, by the President or by resolution of the Sejm, the President, no later than the 5th day after the announcement of the decision to dissolve the Sejm, shall order the election of a Sejm and shall specify its date according to Article 1, para. 2. The President's order shall be made publicly known and announced in the Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland no later than the 5th day after the proclamation of elections.

2. The provisions of Article 10, para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

Chapter 2

Electoral rights of citizens

Article 12

Persons having Polish citizenship, being at least 18 years of age on the election day, shall have the right to vote (eligibility to vote).

Article 13

The following persons shall not have the right to vote:

- 1) those deprived of public rights by a final ruling of a court;
- 2) those deprived of their electoral rights by a ruling of the Tribunal of State;
- 3) those entirely or partially deprived of legal capacity by a final ruling of a court by reason of mental illness or mental retardation.

Article 14

A deputy to the Sejm may be elected from amongst those Polish citizens who have the right to vote and who are at least 21 years of age on the election day and permanently reside on the territory of the Republic of Poland for at least 5 years (eligibility).

Chapter 3

Register of voters and roll of voters

Article 15

1. Each commune shall maintain, as a public task ascribed to it, a permanent register of voters.

2. The register of voters shall serve as the basis for creating rolls of voters for elections of the President of the Republic of Poland, of the Sejm and of the Senate, and of the councils of communes, as well as for creating lists of persons eligible to participate in a national or local referendum.

3. The register of voters shall be open to inspection in the office of the commune.

4. A specimen register, the procedure for maintenance thereof, the updating and the mode of access thereto, shall be established by the National Electoral Commission in agreement with the Minister of Internal Affairs.

Article 16

1. The register of voters shall be comprised of those persons who have the right to vote and who permanently reside on the territory of the commune.

2. The register of voters shall specify the surname and forenames of the voter, the name of the father of the voter, the date of birth and place of residence of the voter.

3. Voters registered as permanent residents of the commune shall be entered as of right in the register of voters.

4. Voters living permanently in the territory of a commune, without registration as permanent residents, shall be entered in the register of voters if they shall have made an application in writing, specifying the details referred to in para. 2, together with the place of registration of permanent residence outwith the territory of the commune.

5. The decision whether or not to enter any person, referred to in para. 4, in the register of voters, shall be taken by the head of the commune or mayor (president of town) within 3 days of the date of any application, and be immediately delivered to the applicant.

6. Whenever such a voter shall have been entered in the register of voters, such fact shall be communicated to the office of the commune competent for that voter's place of registered, permanent residence in order to delete such voter from the register of voters.

7. A decision to refuse to enter a voter in the register may be appealed to the appropriate district court. The provisions of Article 19 shall apply accordingly.

Article 17

Persons deprived of their electoral rights shall be deleted from the register of voters upon notifications by courts or the Tribunal of State, given pursuant to procedures specified by the Minister of Justice in agreement with the National Electoral Commission.

Article 18

1. Any person may lodge, in the office of a commune, a complaint about any inaccuracies in the register of voters, and, in particular, concerning:

- 1) the omission of a voter from the register;
- 2) the inclusion, in the register, of a person who has no right to vote;
- 3) incorrect details concerning persons entered in the register;
- 4) the inclusion in the register of a person who does not permanently reside in the territory of a commune.

2. The head of the commune or mayor (president of town) shall consider any such complaint within 3 days of lodging thereof and shall issue a decision thereon.

3. Any such decision, with reasons given, shall be immediately served on the person who has lodged the complaint, and if it concerns other persons, shall be served on those persons.

Article 19

1. Any decision which refuses to uphold a complaint or results in a deletion from the register of voters may be appealed, by the applicant or by the person deleted from the register of voters, within 3 days of the date of receipt of such decision, with the territorially competent district court by means of the head of commune or mayor (president of town). The head of the commune or mayor (president of town) shall immediately submit the appeal to the court along with the decision and the relevant case files. The head of the commune or mayor (president of town) may also change or quash his decision if he deems the appeal justified.

2. The court, by a bench of one judge, shall examine the appeal by way of non-litigious procedure within 3 days of the date on which it was lodged. A copy of the court's decision shall be served both on the person who lodged the appeal and on the head of the commune or mayor (president of town). There shall be no legal recourse against the decision of the court.

Article 20

1. Any person having the right to vote shall be entered in the roll of voters.

2. A voter may only be entered in one roll of voters.

Article 21

1. The roll of voters shall be drawn up in the office of the commune no later than 14 days before the election day.
2. A roll of voters shall be made for each polling district separately, in 2 copies, according to the voters' place of residence.
3. The roll of voters shall specify the details referred to in Article 16, para. 2.

Article 22

1. A voter staying temporarily within the territory of a commune shall, upon his own request made no later than the 10th day before the election day, be added to its roll of voters.
2. The provisions of para. 1 shall equally apply to a voter with no place of residence, who is within the territory of the commune.

Article 23

1. Soldiers performing basic or periodic terms of military service, those serving as candidates for professional soldiering or those performing military training and exercises, as well as conscripts performing their military service in civil defence units outwith their place of residence, shall be added, upon their request, in the roll of voters created for the locality in which they are performing their service. Any such request shall be submitted between the 21st and 14th day before the election day.
2. The provisions of para. 1 shall apply equally to policemen serving in quartered units.
3. Commanders of military units, civil defence units and police units shall be under a duty to ensure soldiers, conscripts and policemen an opportunity to exercise the rights specified in the provisions of para. 1.
4. The Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Internal Affairs shall, in agreement with the National Electoral Commission, determine the procedure for performance of the duties referred to in para. 3.

Article 24

1. Rolls of voters in hospitals, social welfare establishments, penal institutions and places of remand, as well as in extramural departments of these establishments, shall be created from the lists of persons who shall be present in such establishments on the election day.

2. The lists of persons referred to in para. 1 shall be delivered by the heads of such establishments to the office of the commune no later than the 10th day before the election day.

Article 25

The fact of inclusion of those persons, referred to in Article 22, para. 1 and Articles 23 and 24, in the roll of voters, shall be notified to the office of the commune competent for the place of their permanent residence.

Article 26

1. A certificate confirming the right to vote in a place of stay on the election day, shall be given:

- upon request, to a voter changing his place of stay – by reference to the register of voters, as well as
- to a voter added to the roll of voters – by reference to the roll of voters.

2. The office of the commune shall delete from the roll of voters those persons who have been given a certificate confirming their right to vote and those of whom it has been officially notified have been added to the roll in another polling district.

Article 27

1. The roll of voters shall be open to inspection in the office of the commune.

2. The head of a commune or mayor (president of town) shall notify voters, in the customary manner, about the creation of the roll of voters and the time and place of access thereto.

Article 28

Complaints, concerning inaccuracies in the roll of voters, may be submitted. The provisions of Articles 18 and 19 shall apply, as appropriate, save that the time-limits for consideration of a complaint and for lodging an appeal with the district court shall be 2 days.

Article 29

The National Electoral Commission shall, in agreement with the Minister of Internal Affairs, establish a specimen roll of voters, the procedure for its creation and updating, a specimen notification concerning the inclusion of a voter in a roll of voters of another polling district and a specimen certificate confirming the right to vote.

Article 30

1. Polish citizens, being abroad and holding valid Polish passports, shall be entered in the roll of voters to be created by the territorially appropriate consul of the Republic of Poland.

2. Such inclusion shall be done, upon application by the concerned person, made either orally, in writing, by phone, by cable or telefax. Such application shall specify the voter's surname, forenames, father's name, date of birth, place of residence and the number of his valid Polish passport as well as the place and date of issue. Applications may be made no later than the 3rd day before the election day.

3. The National Electoral Commission, in agreement with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, shall determine the procedure for the creation and updating of the roll of voters referred to in para. 1.

4. Complaints concerning the roll of voters with respect to persons referred to in para. 1 shall be considered by the territorially appropriate consul. There shall be no legal recourse against a consul's decision.

5. The provisions of paras. 1 to 4 shall be applied, as appropriate, to the creation of the roll of voters being aboard Polish ships, provided that the captain of such ship creates the roll in the manner determined by the National Electoral Commission in agreement with the Minister of Transportation and Marine Economy.

Article 31

The roll of voters shall be delivered, on the day preceding elections, to the chairman of a district electoral commission.

Article 32

The district electoral commission shall, on the election day, add to the roll of voters:

- 1) any person who has presented a certificate confirming his right to vote, and which shall be attached to the roll,
- 2) any person omitted from the roll of voters, who proves that he permanently resides in the territory of the polling district, provided that the office of the commune has confirmed that it has received no notice of that person's forfeiture of the right to vote.

Chapter 4

Voting

Article 33

Votes shall be cast in person only.

Article 34

Only a voter entered in the roll of voters, as well as a voter added to the roll of voters pursuant to the provisions of Article 32, may cast a vote.

Article 35

1. Voting shall be held in the polling station of the district electoral commission between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.
2. The voting in polling districts abroad shall be held between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. local time. If such voting would be concluded on the day following the election day in Poland, voting shall be held on the day preceding the election day.

Article 36

1. The district electoral commission shall, before voting begins, ensure that the ballot-box is empty and thereafter shall lock and seal it with the commission's seal and shall determine the number of ballot-papers received.

2. The ballot-box shall not be opened from the moment it is sealed until the conclusion of voting.

3. At least 3 persons from the district electoral commission, one of them being chairman or deputy, shall be present at all times from the commencement of voting until its conclusion.

Article 37

1. A voter shall, before casting a vote, produce to the district electoral commission, a document which shall give proof of his identity.

2. A voter entered in the roll of voters, who has no document proving his identity, may rely upon the testimony of two trustworthy persons known to members of the commission.

3. A voter shall receive a ballot-paper from the commission, confirming the receipt thereof with his signature in the section of the roll of voters designated for such purpose.

4. The district electoral commission shall issue ballot-papers having been additionally stamped with its own seal.

Article 38

A voter casting a vote abroad shall receive a ballot-paper only on production of a valid Polish passport to the district electoral commission.

Article 39

1. A voter shall, upon receiving a ballot-paper, go to a place guaranteeing secrecy for voting which shall be situated in the polling station.

2. A voter shall cast a vote for a given list of candidates by putting an "x" mark in the box on the ballot-paper on the left-hand side thereof, adjacent to the name of one of the candidates of that list and, by so doing, shall indicate priority for such candidate in the allocation of seats.

3. A voter shall insert his ballot-paper into the ballot-box in such manner that the printed side thereof shall not be visible.

Article 40

A handicapped voter may, at his request, be assisted in voting by another person who shall not be a poll observer.

Article 41

1. Voting shall not be interrupted. When, due to extraordinary events, voting shall be temporarily impossible, the district electoral commission may interrupt, prolong or adjourn the voting until the following day. Such a decision shall immediately be made known to the public and delivered to the constituency electoral commission, as well as to the head of the commune or mayor (president of town).

2. The commission shall, in the event of any interruption or adjournment of voting, seal the aperture of the ballot-box and deposit it in the custody of its chairman. The commission shall, before the resumption of voting, confirm in an official record that the seals thereof have remained intact.

Article 42

1. It shall be prohibited, upon the polling day, to canvass in the polling station or the building in which it is situated.

2. Only official election notices, in particular those referred to in Articles 86 and 93, shall be placed in the polling station.

3. Poll observers may be present in the polling station, on the basis of a certificate issued by an agent of an election committee referred to in Article 80, para. 3, during all activities pursued by the district electoral commission.

Article 43

Persons bearing arms shall be forbidden entry to the polling station.

Article 44

1. The chairman of the district electoral commission shall be responsible for maintenance of public order and peace during voting. He may, for such purpose, demand that any person disturbing order and peace shall leave the polling station.

2. On the demand of the chairman of the district electoral commission, the commandant of a competent police station shall be obliged to provide any necessary police assistance. In such event, the provisions of Article 43 shall not apply.

Chapter 5

Constituencies and polling districts

Article 45

1. For the purpose of elections, multi-member constituencies shall be created, hereinafter referred to as "constituencies".

2. The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in each constituency shall range between 3 and 17.

3. A constituency shall be coterminous with the territory of one voivodeship. In the Warsaw and Katowice voivodeships, the constituency shall consist of part of the voivodeship but whose boundary cannot transgress boundaries of the communes.

4. The division into constituencies and the determination of the number of deputies to the Sejm elected therefrom shall be calculated according to a uniform quota of representation done by dividing the number of the population of the country by the number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in constituencies.

Article 46

1. The division into constituencies, their consecutive numbers and boundaries, the number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in each constituency, as well as the locations of constituency electoral commissions, shall be specified in an Appendix to this Act.

2. Information about a constituency shall be made public to the electors of a particular constituency in the form of an announcement of

the National Electoral Commission no later than the 52nd day prior to the elections. The heads of the appropriate voivodeship electoral offices shall ensure the printing and posting up of such announcements.

Article 47

1. The National Electoral Commission shall submit to the Sejm proposals concerning changes to be effected in respect of the boundaries of constituencies and the number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected therein, provided that it is necessitated by changes in the basic territorial divisions of the country or by changes in the number of inhabitants.

2. Any proposals, referred to in para. 1, shall be submitted by the National Electoral Commission to the Sejm no later than 9 months before expiry of the Sejm's term of office. The Sejm shall make changes in the divisions into constituencies no later than 6 months before expiry of its term of office.

Article 48

Voting shall be held in polling districts, comprised of 500 to 3000 inhabitants and established within the borders of a commune. Polling districts for smaller or larger numbers of inhabitants may be established in cases justified by local conditions.

Article 49

1. Polling districts shall be established in hospitals and social welfare establishments if, during the election day, at least 50 voters shall be staying there.

2. Polling districts shall be established for voters staying in penal institutions and places of remand, as well as in extramural departments of such establishments. Such polling districts need not be established, following the request of the governor of a penal institution or superintendent of a place of remand, but only in justified cases.

Article 50

1. Polling districts shall be established at the request of the head of the commune or mayor (president of town), by the council of the commune which shall determine the boundaries and consecutive numbers

of polling districts, as well as the location of district electoral commissions.

2. A resolution on those matters referred to in para. 1 shall immediately be delivered to the appropriate constituency electoral commission.

Article 51

1. Polling districts for Polish citizens staying abroad shall be established by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in agreement with the National Electoral Commission, specifying the location of district electoral commissions. The provisions of Article 50, para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

2. Polling districts for electors staying aboard Polish ships, continuing their voyage during the period comprising the day of elections, shall be established by the Minister of Transportation and Marine Economy in agreement with the National Electoral Commission, at the request of the shipowner, made no later than the 30th day before the elections. Such districts shall be established if there are at least 15 voters staying aboard and there is an opportunity to transmit to the appropriate electoral commission the results of the voting immediately after its conclusion. The provisions of Article 50, para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

3. The polling districts referred to in para. 1 shall be included in the constituency appropriate for the commune of the City of Warsaw.

4. The polling districts referred to in para. 2 shall be included in the constituency appropriate for the location of the shipowner.

Article 52

1. Information on the boundaries and the consecutive numbers of polling districts, as well as on the location of district electoral commissions shall be made public by the head of the commune or mayor (president of town) posting up announcements no later than the 35th day before the election day.

2. The obligation, referred to in para. 1, in respect of polling districts established abroad, shall lie with consuls and shall be fulfilled no later than the 21st day before the election day.

3. A captain shall immediately notify voters about the establishment of a polling district aboard a Polish ship.

Chapter 6

Electoral commissions

Article 53

The elections shall be conducted by:

- 1) the National Electoral Commission,
- 2) constituency electoral commissions,
- 3) district electoral commissions.

Article 54

1. Any person, being a member of an electoral commission, shall lose membership of such commission on any day on which they signify their consent to stand as a candidate for deputy to the Sejm.

2. Any person, being a member of an electoral commission, cannot discharge the functions of an agent of an election committee, as referred to in Article 80, para. 3, or that of poll observer.

3. Any person, being a member of an electoral commission, shall not engage in the election campaign in favour of any list of candidates or any individual candidate.

Article 55

1. Any person, being a member of an electoral commission, shall be entitled to:

- 1) a per diem allowance and compensation for travel expenses;
- 2) a lump-sum per diem for time devoted to conduct of the vote, as well for establishing the results of the vote and of the elections; subject to the rules, and in amounts, established by the Prime Minister in agreement with the National Electoral Commission.

2. In connection with the fulfillment of the responsibilities, referred to in para. 1, subpara. 2, a member of an electoral commission, with the exclusion of the National Electoral Commission, shall be entitled to leave from work for a period no longer than 3 days during which time such member shall retain rights to all benefits as if still at work.

3. The rules concerning the remuneration, and its amount, for members of the National Electoral Commission shall be determined by the Marshal of the Sejm.

Article 56

Any person, being a member of an electoral commission, shall have the benefit of the legal protection provided to public functionaries.

A. The National Electoral Commission

Article 57

The National Electoral Commission shall be a permanent institution competent in the preparation, organization and conduct of elections.

Article 58

The duties of the National Electoral Commission shall include, in particular:

- 1) the supervision of observance of electoral law;
- 2) the implementation of the necessary organizational activities for the preparation and conduct of elections;
- 3) cooperation with the appropriate organs of government and local-government administration, in order to ensure the efficient preparation and conduct of elections;
- 4) the consideration of complaints against the actions of constituency electoral commissions;
- 5) the registration of national lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm;
- 6) the establishment of the aggregate results of voting for constituency lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm and deciding which of them will be taken into account in the allocation of seats in constituencies;
- 7) the establishment of results of the election of deputies from national lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm;
- 8) the creation of specimens of official forms and printed materials relating to elections, as well as specimens of the seals of constituency and district electoral commissions;
- 9) the supervision of the maintenance and updating of the register of voters and of the creation of rolls of voters;
- 10) the publication of the results of elections of the Sejm;

11) the grant of certificates to deputies to the Sejm confirming their election;

12) the submission to the Sejm of a report on an election;

13) the appointment of constituency electoral commissions and dissolution of constituency and district electoral commissions upon the conclusion of their statutory duties;

14) the consideration of periodic information provided by the National Electoral Office on changes in basic territorial divisions of the country or on changes in the number of inhabitants in constituencies,

15) the performance of other duties specified by statute.

Article 59

1. The National Electoral Commission shall issue guidelines binding upon subordinate electoral commissions and shall issue interpretations to organs of government and local-government administration, as well as to subordinate organs thereof, performing duties in relation to the conduct of elections.

2. The National Electoral Commission shall rescind any resolution of a constituency electoral commission passed contrary to law or inconsistent with the guidelines of the National Electoral Commission, and shall refer any such case to the appropriate commission for reconsideration.

3. The National Electoral Commission shall establish its own regulations and regulations for constituency and district electoral commissions, specifying, in particular:

1) the rules and procedure of their work;

2) the method of performing their duties;

3) the method of exercising supervision of observance of electoral law.

4. The National Electoral Commission may, for the time of elections, create its own inspectorate and specify its duties.

Article 60

1. The National Electoral Commission shall establish rules for and methods relating to the use of an electronic system for data transmission and processing of the results of voting and elections.

2. The Minister of Communication shall, at the request of the National Electoral Commission, establish rules and requirements for the

use of telecommunication devices and systems and the public telecommunications network for election purposes.

Article 61

The National Electoral Commission shall have the right to use an official seal, as defined in the relevant provisions concerning state seals. The seal shall be 35mm in diameter.

Article 62

1. The National Electoral Commission shall be composed of:

- 1) 3 judges of the Constitutional Tribunal, designated by the President of the Constitutional Tribunal;
- 2) 3 judges of the Supreme Court, designated by the First President of the Supreme Court;
- 3) 3 judges of the Supreme Administrative Court, designated by the President of the Supreme Administrative Court.

2. The President of the Republic of Poland shall appoint the persons, referred to in para. 1, to be members of the National Electoral Commission.

3. The National Electoral Commission shall elect a chairman and two deputies from amongst its own members.

4. The composition of the National Electoral Commission shall be made public and announced in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Poland – "Monitor Polski".

Article 63

1. Changes in membership of the National Electoral Commission shall follow as a result of:

- 1) a resignation from its membership;
- 2) a motion of a President who designated a judge to be a member of the Commission;
- 3) expiry of the term of office of a member of the Constitutional Tribunal or termination of the service of a judge.
- 4) death.

2. A vacancy in the National Electoral Commission shall be filled pursuant to the provisions on appointment thereof.

B. The constituency electoral commission

Article 64

1. The duties of the constituency electoral commission shall include, in particular:

1) the supervision of observance of electoral law by district electoral commissions;

2) the consideration of complaints against the actions of district electoral commissions;

3) the registration of constituency lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm;

4) the ordering of the printing of electoral announcements and delivery of them to district electoral commissions;

5) the establishment of the results of voting and of elections in the constituency;

6) the assurance, in cooperation with the appropriate organs of government and local-government administration, of the proper preparation and conduct of elections in the constituency;

7) the performance of other duties provided for by statute or bestowed by the National Electoral Commission.

2. The constituency electoral commission may, during the time of elections, create its own inspectorate and specify its duties.

Article 65

1. A constituency electoral commission shall be composed of 11 to 15 judges of the territorially competent appellate, voivodeship and district courts, who have been submitted by the Minister of Justice no later than the 52nd day before the election day.

2. The National Electoral Commission shall appoint persons referred to in para. 1 to be members of a constituency electoral commission no later than the 48th day before the election day.

3. The first meeting of a constituency electoral commission shall be convened, on the authority of the National Electoral Commission, by the head of voivodeship electoral office territorially competent for the location of the constituency electoral commission.

4. The constituency electoral commission shall, at its first meeting, elect a chairman and two deputies from amongst its members.

5. The constituency electoral commission shall appoint the head of voivodeship electoral office, or a person designated by him, to be

secretary of the commission. The commission's secretary shall participate in meetings of the commission in an advisory capacity.

6. The composition of the constituency electoral commission shall immediately be made public in customary manner.

Article 66

1. Changes in membership of the constituency electoral commission shall follow as a result of:

- 1) a resignation from its membership;
- 2) a motion of the Minister of Justice;
- 3) termination of the service of a judge;
- 4) death.

2. A vacancy in a constituency electoral commission shall be filled pursuant to the provisions on appointment thereto.

C. The district electoral commission

Article 67

The duties of the district electoral commission shall include:

- 1) the conduct of voting in the polling district;
- 2) the assurance, on the election day, of observance of electoral law in the place of, and during, the vote;
- 3) the establishment of the results of voting in the district and announce them,
- 4) the delivery of voting records to the constituency electoral commission.

Article 68

1. The district electoral commission shall be appointed from amongst voters, no later than the 21st day before the election day, by the executive committee of the commune, taking into account proposals submitted by election committees.

2. The district electoral commission shall be composed of 5 to 9 members.

3. The first meeting of the district electoral commission shall be convened by the head of the commune or mayor (president of town).

4. At its first meeting, the district electoral commission shall elect a chairman and a deputy from amongst its members.

5. The composition of the district electoral commission shall immediately be announced in customary manner.

Article 69

1. District electoral commissions for polling districts created abroad or on Polish ships shall be appointed, respectively, by consuls and captains of ships.

2. The National Electoral Commission shall, in agreement with, respectively, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Transportation and Marine Economy, specify rules, procedure and time for appointment of such commissions.

Article 70

Changes, and filling of a vacancy, in the membership of a district electoral commission shall be performed pursuant to the provisions on appointment thereto.

D. Electoral offices

Article 71

1. The organizational and technical means for the discharge of electoral duties shall be permanently guaranteed by:

1) the National Electoral Office,
2) voivodeship electoral offices functioning within voivodeship administration offices.

2. The offices, referred to in para. 1 shall perform electoral duties pursuant to this Act and other statutes.

Article 72

1. The duties of the National Electoral Office shall include in particular:

1) ensuring the performance of duties and providing services to the National Electoral Commission;

2) cooperation in performance of electoral duties in conjunction with the principal and central organs of government administration and other subjects;

3) undertaking organizational activities aimed at the efficient preparation and conduct of elections;

4) providing information on electoral law;

5) providing information and assistance, within its own competence, in activities undertaken by the organs of the Sejm and Senate;

6) ensuring the proper functioning of the electoral computer system.

2. The rules of organization and operation of the National Electoral Office shall be specified in its statute issued by the Marshal of the Sejm, upon the motion of the National Electoral Commission.

Article 73

1. Upon the motion of the National Electoral Commission, the Marshal of the Sejm shall appoint and remove the Head of the National Electoral Office.

2. The Head of the National Electoral Office shall act as a Secretary of the National Electoral Commission and shall participate in its meetings in an advisory capacity.

3. The Head of the National Electoral Office shall have the use of financial resources, identified in the State Budget, within that part concerning the National Electoral Office.

4. The provisions concerning persons appointed to directing state offices shall be applicable to the Head of the National Electoral Office, to the employees of this Office – the provisions of the Act on Civil Servants, without prejudice to paras. 5 and 6.

5. The rules, specified in Article 2, para. 1, Article 4, para. 3 and Article 22, para. 2 of the Act of 16th September 1982 on Civil Servants (Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland No. 31, item 214; of 1984: No. 35, item 187; of 1988: No. 19, item 132; of 1989: No. 4, item 24, No. 34, item 178 and 182; of 1990: No. 20, item 121; of 1991: No. 55, item 234, No. 88, item 400 and No. 95, item 425 and of 1992: No. 54, item 254 and No. 90 item 451), relating to employees of the National Electoral Office shall be issued by the Marshal of the Sejm.

6. The authority specified in Article 30, para. 1 and Article 31, para. 1 of the Act referred to in para. 5 – over the employees of the

National Electoral Office – shall be vested in the Head of the National Electoral Office.

Article 74

1. The duties of the voivodeship electoral office shall include in particular:

1) ensuring the performance of duties and provision of services to the constituency electoral commission;

2) cooperation with organs of government and local-government administration in performing electoral duties;

3) organizing – according to the directives of the National Electoral Commission – the implementation of computerized techniques in electoral activities;

4) undertaking other organizational and analytical activities deriving from the scope of activity of the National Electoral Commission.

2. The rules of organization and operation of a voivodeship electoral office shall be determined by the Head of the National Electoral Office in agreement with the minister competent in the field of administration.

3. The scope of activity, procedure and rules of cooperation of the voivodeship electoral office, in conjunction with organizational units of the office of the voivodeship administration, shall be determined by the statute of the electoral office issued by a voivode in agreement with the Head of the National Electoral Office.

Article 75

1. The employment relationship with the head of a voivodeship electoral office shall be concluded and dissolved by a voivode in agreement with the Head of the National Electoral Office.

2. The head of a voivodeship electoral office shall be responsible to the Head of the National Electoral Office for the operation of the office.

3. The head of a voivodeship electoral office shall have the use of financial resources, identified in the State Budget, within that part concerning the budget of a voivode.

4. The provisions of the Act on Civil Servants, concerning persons employed in the office of voivodeship administration shall be applicable to the head and employees of a voivodeship electoral office.

5. Within the meaning of the Act referred to in para. 4, the directing authority for the head of voivodeship electoral office shall be the voivode, and for the employees of the voivodeship electoral office – the head of such office.

Article 76

1. Services and technical and material maintenance of work of the district electoral commission shall be ensured, as a duty ascribed to the commune, by the head of the commune or mayor (president of town).

2. Duties specified in para. 1 in respect of commissions referred to in Article 69 shall be performed, respectively, by a consul and the captain of a ship.

Chapter 7

Submission of lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm

Article 77

1. The right to submit lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm shall be vested in parties, political and social organizations, and also in voters. Electoral activities shall be performed, on behalf of parties and political and social organizations, by organs authorized to represent them in legal transactions. As regards voters, electoral activities on their behalf shall be performed by election committees constituted by them.

2. Parties and organizations referred to in para. 1 may form an election coalition in order to submit joint lists of candidates for the deputies to the Sejm. Electoral activities on behalf of a coalition shall be performed by an election committee created for this purpose.

3. The provisions of the Act of 28th July 1990 on Political Parties (Journal of Laws No. 54, item 312) – with the exception of Article 4 – and the provisions of other statutes concerning the activity of political parties shall accordingly be applicable to the election committees referred to in para. 1.

4. The election committee referred to in para. 2, shall have legal personality within the scope of performance of tasks resulting from laws.

5. A subject which has created an election committee referred to in paras. 1 and 2 shall dissolve it and immediately notify such fact to the National Electoral Commission.

6. The term "election committee", used in the Act means also the statutory organs of parties and organizations referred to in para. 1.

Article 78

1. An election committee may submit one constituency list of candidates for deputies to the Sejm in each constituency, hereinafter called a "constituency list", and one national list of candidates for deputies to the Sejm, hereinafter called a "national list".

2. A candidate may stand for election in one constituency from one constituency list and from one national list.

3. No candidate may stand for election as deputy to the Sejm and for election to the Senate at the same time.

A. Submission of constituency lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm

Article 79.

1. A constituency list shall be supported by the signatures of at least 3000 voters residing permanently in a given constituency.

2. An election committee which, fulfilling the requirements specified in para. 1, has registered constituency lists in at least half of all constituencies, shall be entitled to submit further lists without the support of voters' signatures.

3. The requirement of support by voters' signatures, for the submission of a constituency list shall not apply to the election committee of a party, organization or election coalition which immediately after previous elections had notified the Presidium of the Sejm of the existence of a club of at least 15 deputies.

4. The submission of constituency lists by election committees, fulfilling the requirements referred to in paras. 2 and 3, shall be done on the basis of a certificate issued by the National Electoral Commission following application by the relevant election committee and which was made no later than the 40th day before the election day. The Presidium of the Sejm shall transmit the information referred to in para. 3 to the National Electoral Commission within 10 days following the day on which the elections were ordered.

5. In the event of dissolution of the Sejm, the provisions of para. 3 shall apply to those election committees which, on the day of the dissolution of the Sejm, satisfied the condition specified therein.

Article 80

1. A constituency list shall be submitted to the constituency electoral commission no later than the 40th day before the election day.

2. The number of candidates on such list shall be no less than 3 and no more than twice the total number of deputies to be elected in a given constituency.

3. The submission of a constituency list shall be made in writing by an agent of an election committee or a person authorized by him, hereinafter called "an agent". A document issued by an election committee, stating the appointment of the agent of an election committee and specifying his surname, forename and precise address, shall be enclosed with each submission.

4. If the submission of the constituency list is done by a person authorized by the agent of election committee, the provisions of para. 3 shall apply accordingly.

Article 81

1. The submission of a constituency list shall include:

1) the name of the election committee specifying the name, short name and emblem of the party or organization creating a given committee, with its precise address; in the case of an election committee set up by voters, a list of persons setting up the election committee, amounting to at least 15, with their addresses, shall also be included;

2) surnames, forenames, age, profession and place of residence of the candidates, and in the case of candidates of election committees set up by voters – also their party memberships. Surnames of candidates on the list shall be placed in the order specified by the election committee.

2. In the submission, the agent may indicate the short name of the election committee, which shall be used to denote the registered list on official announcements and on the ballot paper.

3. The agent may also make application that a denotation of individual candidates be made within the list with the name or short name of a party or organization supporting a given candidate (not

exceeding 40 printed characters). Such application shall be filed with the submission of the list.

4. In the case of an election committee set up by voters, each candidate shall be denoted by a name or a short name of a party with which he is affiliated. The provisions of para. 3 shall be applied accordingly.

5. The following shall be enclosed with each list submitted:

1) an authenticated excerpt from party records or from a register of organizations maintained by a competent court, and in the case of an election coalition or election committee set up by voters – a document stating the fact of creation of such committees, signed by 3 persons assuming responsibility for the reliability of information included in such document;

2) the signatures of voters, at least 3000, supporting the list, or a statement by the National Electoral Commission referred to in Article 79, para. 4;

3) a written statement by each candidate confirming acceptance of standing for election on a given constituency list;

4) a written statement by each candidate stating whether he was or was not a functionary or a secret collaborator of the Public Security Office, the Ministry of Public Security or of the Security Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs as well as the special military services, in particular : Military Intelligence, Internal Military Service (military police), Department 2 of the General Staff of Polish People's Army and the Reconnaissance Service of the Border Guard Troops.

Article 82

1. The name, short name and emblem of an election committee referred to in Article 81 shall be sufficiently distinguished from the names, short names and emblems of other election committees.

2. If, after the receipt of the list submitted, another list has been submitted which includes the same or an insufficiently differentiated name or short name of an election committee, the electoral commission shall specify such fact as a defect in the submission and shall grant a 3-day time-limit for removal of the defect. In the event that such defect has not been removed within the time-limit, the commission shall refuse to register the list.

3. The commission shall declare as defective, pursuant to the procedure specified in para. 2, any submission of a list by an election

committee whose name does not include the name and short name of the party or organization creating such committee.

Article 83

1. A constituency electoral commission shall immediately register the constituency list submitted pursuant to the provisions of this Act, having made an official record of registration. A copy of such record shall be served on the agent and another shall be delivered to the National Electoral Commission.

2. If the submission is defective, the commission shall summon the agent to have such defect removed within 3 days. If the defect has not been removed within the time-limit, the commission shall refuse to register the list as a whole or in respect of individual candidates. In the event of refusal of registration in respect of some candidates, the list shall be registered to the degree not subject to refusal, provided that the provisions of Article 80 para. 2 have been complied with.

3. A decision of the constituency electoral commission, referred to in para. 2 and Article, 82 paras. 2 and 3, shall be immediately delivered to the agent. The agent shall have the right to appeal against such decision to the National Electoral Commission within the time-limit of 3 days of the date of its delivery. There shall be no legal recourse against the decision in the appeal.

Article 84

1. The National Electoral Commission shall fix by random selection, no later than the 35th day before the election day and on the basis of the records of registration of constituency lists, a national number for each list of an election committee which has been registered in more than one constituency. The agents shall be informed about the date of the selection.

2. The lists of election committees referred to in Article 79, para. 3, provided that they have registered lists in all constituencies, shall participate in the selection of the first numbers. Thereafter, the numbers for the lists of other election committees which have registered their lists in all constituencies shall be selected. Numbers for the lists of remaining election committees shall be selected subsequently.

3. The National Electoral Commission shall immediately notify constituency electoral commissions and agents of the numbers selected for constituency lists.

Article 85

1. After receipt of the notification referred to in Article 84, para. 3, the constituency electoral commission, shall conduct no later than the 17th day before the election day, taking into account the order of the numbers of lists fixed pursuant to Article 84, a selection of the numbers for the lists of those election committees which have registered lists only in a given constituency. The agents shall be informed about the date of the selection.

2. The constituency electoral commission shall immediately notify agents of the selected numbers for constituency lists referred to in para. 1.

Article 86

1. The constituency electoral commission shall order the printing of an announcement concerning the constituency lists registered, including information on their numbers, names and short names of election committees and the details of candidates, included in submissions of lists.

2. An announcement, referred to in para. 1, shall be delivered to the competent head of the voivodeship electoral office, who shall ensure its printing and posting up within the constituency area, no later than on the 8th day before the election day. A copy of such announcement shall be immediately delivered to the National Electoral Commission.

Article 87

1. The constituency electoral commission shall delete from the registered list the name of any candidate for deputy to the Sejm who has died, forfeited his eligibility or made a written statement of withdrawal of his acceptance to stand for election.

2. If the deletion of a candidate's name from the registered list shall have been done due to the candidate's death thereby causing the number of names of candidates on that list to become less than 3, then the commission shall inform the agent of the opportunity to nominate a new candidate. The list shall be supplemented no later than the 10th day before the election day.

3. If the deletion of a candidate's name from the list shall have resulted from a cause other than the candidate's death or the list has not been supplemented within the time-limit specified in para. 2, and the number of names of candidates remaining on the list is less than 3, the commission shall nullify the registration of the list. There shall be no legal recourse against a decision made in such case.

4. In the event of dissolution of an election committee, referred to in Article 77, para. 1 or 2, the constituency electoral commission shall nullify the registration of the lists of such a committee.

5. A constituency electoral commission shall immediately notify the agent and the National Electoral Commission about the deletion of a candidate and any decisions referred to in paras. 1 and 2.

B. Support for submissions of constituency lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm

Article 88

1. A voter may give written support to more than one constituency list. Withdrawal of support given shall be of no effect.

2. A voter giving support to a constituency list shall put his signature beside his legibly written surname and forename, address of residence and the number of his identity card or passport.

3. Each page of signatures shall include thereon the name of the election committee submitting the list, the number of the constituency in which the list is submitted and the signature of the agent.

4. A specimen document for voters' signatures shall be established by the National Electoral Commission.

Article 89

1. The constituency electoral commission shall, when receiving the submission of a constituency list in the presence of an agent, verify the submission of the required number of voters. The commission shall number the signature sheets, stamp each of them with its own seal and give the agent an acknowledgement of the acceptance of the submission.

2. If the number of valid signatures submitted is lower than that statutorily required, the commission shall refuse to accept the submission, indicate the defects found and return the submitted signatures to the agent.

3. An agent may appeal against a decision referred to in para. 2, to the territorially competent voivodeship court within a time-limit of 3 days of the date of delivery. The voivodeship court, by bench of 3 judges, shall examine such appeal in non-litigious proceedings. There shall be no legal recourse against a decision of the court.

4. The commission shall keep the accepted signature sheets in sealed packages. Access to such packages or the unsealing them shall be permitted only in the presence of a member of the electoral commission and for the purposes of legal proceedings; the agent shall be immediately notified of the times for such actions.

Article 90

1. In the case of reasonable doubt as to the reliability of information included in the signatures or the credibility of signatures, the constituency electoral commission shall suspend the registration of such a constituency list and, within a time-limit of 3 days and in a manner of its own choosing, verify the information or the credibility of signatures by reference to officially accessible documents, including registers of voters and official registers of residents, and also – if necessary – by the voters' explanations. An agent shall be immediately notified of the suspension of registration of a list and the initiation of explanatory proceedings.

2. If, as a result of the investigation conducted, it is ascertained that the submitted list has failed to gain the statutorily required support by voters' signatures, then the commission shall refuse to register it and shall immediately notify the agent of such refusal.

3. A decision, specified in para. 2, may be the subject of an appeal to the territorially competent voivodeship court lodged by the agent within a time-limit of 3 days of the date of delivery. The voivodeship court, by a bench of 3 judges, shall examine the appeal within a time-limit of 3 days in non-litigious proceedings. The constituency electoral commission shall be immediately notified of the date of the proceedings. There shall be no legal recourse against a decision of the court.

C. Submission of national lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm

Article 91

1. The national list shall be submitted to the National Electoral Commission no later than the 20th day before the election day.

2. Any election committee which has registered its constituency lists in at least half of all constituencies, or which fulfills the requirements specified in Article 79, para. 3, shall be entitled to submit a national list.

3. An election committee of a national minority shall be entitled to submit its national list if it has registered its constituency list in at least 5 constituencies or fulfills the requirements specified in Article 79, para. 3.

4. The submission of a national list shall be made in writing by the agent. The submission shall include the name and address of the election committee, and the surname, the forename and precise address of the agent.

5. A national list shall consist of at least 69 candidates.

6. A national list may include only those candidates who have been registered on constituency lists of a given election committee. The numbers of constituencies in which the constituency lists have been registered shall be put adjacent to the names of the candidates.

Article 92

1. The provisions of Article 83, paras. 1 and 2 and Article 87 shall apply respectively to the submission and registration of the national list. Any decision of the National Electoral Commission may be appealed to the Supreme Court, by an agent within the time-limit of 3 days of its delivery. The Supreme Court shall examine the appeal within a time-limit of 3 days in non-litigious proceedings, applying the appropriate provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure. There shall be no legal recourse against the decision of the Supreme Court.

2. If, as a result of the proceedings referred to in para. 1 of this Article and in Article 83, para. 3, Article 89, para. 3 and Article 90, para. 3, the election committee has fulfilled the requirements for entitlement to submit a national list, the National Electoral Commission shall accept the submission as if it had been submitted within the statutory time-limit.

Article 93

1. The National Electoral Commission shall, after registration of national lists, make public, in the form of an announcement, information about the registered national lists, including their numbers, names and short names of election committees, the total number of candidates and information on the 69 candidates from each list; The number of the

constituency list, selected pursuant to the procedure referred to in Article 84 shall be the number of the national list.

2. The announcement referred to in para. 1 shall be made public no later than the 8th day before the election day, by publication in a daily newspaper with nationwide circulation and shall be delivered to all constituency electoral commissions.

D. Poll observers

Article 94

1. An agent may appoint one poll observer to each district electoral commission on the territory of the constituency in which a constituency list submitted by him has been registered.

2. The agent shall issue to poll observers a certificate pursuant to a specimen provided by the National Electoral Commission.

Chapter 8

Ballot papers

Article 95

The constituency electoral commission shall, after registration of constituency lists, order the printing of ballot papers and shall ensure delivery of them to district electoral commissions pursuant to the procedure specified by the National Electoral Commission.

Article 96

On the ballot paper shall be placed, in ascending order, the denotations of lists registered in a given constituency, including the number of the list and a name or a short name of the election committee. The surnames and forenames of all candidates registered on a given list shall be placed under the denotation of each list.

Article 97

1. Each ballot paper shall bear concise information on the manner of voting.

2. The ballot paper shall be printed with the imprint of the seal of the appropriate constituency electoral commission.

3. The ballot paper shall be printed on one side only. The size and style of printing shall be identical in form for all lists and candidates' names.

4. The design of the ballot paper shall be specified by the National Electoral Commission.

Article 98

The rules for making and the procedure for delivery of ballot papers for polling districts created abroad or on Polish ships shall be established by the National Electoral Commission in agreement with, respectively, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Transportation and Marine Economy.

Chapter 9

Establishment of results of voting in polling districts

Article 99

The district electoral commission shall establish, immediately after voting has been concluded, the results of voting in the district. Poll observers may be present during the confirmation of the result of voting.

Article 100

1. The commission shall establish, on the basis of the roll of voters, the number of persons entitled to vote and the number of voters to whom ballot papers were delivered.

2. The commission shall establish the number of unused ballot papers and it shall subsequently place those papers in sealed packages.

3. The chairman, in presence of the commission, shall open the ballot-box, and then the commission shall count the ballot papers contained therein.

4. Any ballot paper torn completely into two or more pieces shall not be taken into consideration in the counting referred to in para. 3.

5. If the number of ballot papers in the ballot-box exceeds the number of ballot papers delivered, the commission shall indicate the probable cause of such discrepancy.

Article 101

The district electoral commission shall, having established the number of ballot papers returned, proceed to count the votes cast for particular constituency lists and for individual candidates from those lists.

Article 102

1. If, on the ballot paper the "x" mark has been put in a box on the left-hand side adjacent to the names of two or more candidates from different lists, or the "x" has not been put in a box on the left-hand side adjacent to the name of any candidate on any list, then such a vote shall be deemed invalid.

2. Ballot papers other than those officially provided or those not stamped with the district electoral commission seal shall also be invalid.

3. If, on the ballot paper the "x" mark has been put in a box on the left-hand side adjacent to the names of two or more candidates from the same list, such a vote shall be deemed validly cast for the constituency list indicated with the assignment of priority in obtaining a seat for deputy to the Sejm to that candidate whose name on this list is placed first in sequence.

4. The validity of a vote shall not be affected by the writing in of any additional numbers of lists, names or surnames, or making other remarks on the ballot paper.

Article 103

The district electoral commission shall draw up, in two copies, the record of voting in the district.

Article 104

1. There shall be specified in the record of voting, the numbers of:
- 1) persons entitled to vote,
 - 2) voters to whom ballot papers were delivered,
 - 3) votes cast,

- 4) invalid votes,
 - 5) valid votes,
 - 6) votes validly cast for each of the constituency lists (total number of votes cast for candidates from such list),
 - 7) votes validly cast for individual candidates from each of the constituency lists.
2. There shall also be specified in the record the number of received but unused ballot papers.
 3. There shall be specified in the record the time of commencement and conclusion of voting, and a summary of orders and decisions issued, as well as other matters related to the conduct of voting.
 4. The record shall be signed by all members of the district electoral commission who were present during its making. The record shall be stamped with the commission's seal.
 5. Poll observers shall have the right to enter comments upon the record, specifying precise complaints.

Article 105

The district electoral commission shall, after drawing up the record, immediately announce the results of voting for constituency lists, including the information referred to in Article 104, para. 1.

Article 106

1. The chairman of a district electoral commission shall immediately deliver to the constituency electoral commission, in a sealed envelope, a copy of the record of voting in a district.
2. A procedure for the delivery and acceptance of records referred to in para. 1 shall be established by the National Electoral Commission.
3. The rules and procedure for delivering the results of voting from the polling districts, referred to in Article 51, to the appropriate constituency electoral commission, shall be established by the National Electoral Commission in agreement with, respectively, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Transportation and Marine Economy.
4. The National Electoral Commission may establish rules and procedures for transmitting, in advance, information from the record via public telecommunications or computerized data-transmission networks.

Article 107

1. The chairman of the district electoral commission shall immediately, after concluding the actions referred to in Article 106, transfer the documents concerning the voting to the head of the commune or mayor (president of town).

2. The documents from a district abroad or on Polish ships shall be kept by, respectively, consuls and captains of ships.

Chapter 10

Establishment of results of elections in a constituency

Article 108

1. The constituency electoral commission shall establish, on the basis of the records referred to in Article 106, para. 1, the results of voting for individual constituency lists and shall draw up in two copies the record of the results of voting in the constituency.

2. If, within 36 hours after the conclusion of the voting referred to in Article 35, para. 1, the appropriate constituency electoral commission has not received the results of voting in polling district abroad and on Polish ships, the voting in those districts shall be deemed null and void. Such fact shall be noted in the record of the results of voting in the constituency, with identification of such polling districts and the probable cause of not receiving the results of voting from them.

3. The record shall specify the numbers of:

- 1) persons entitled to vote,
- 2) voters to whom ballot papers were delivered,
- 3) votes cast,
- 4) invalid votes,
- 5) valid votes,
- 6) votes validly cast for each of the constituency lists,
- 7) votes validly cast for individual candidates from each of the constituency lists.

4. The record shall be signed by all members of the commission who were present during its making. The record shall be stamped with the commission's seal.

5. The agents may be present during the establishing of the results of voting and the drawing up of the record and they shall have the right to enter comments upon record, specifying precise complaints.

6. The chairman of the constituency electoral commission shall immediately transmit the information from the record concerning the number of valid votes and the number of votes validly cast for each of constituency lists and votes validly cast for individual candidates from each of those lists, to the National Electoral Commission in the manner prescribed by it, via public telecommunications or computerized data-transmission networks.

7. The record referred to in para. 1 shall be immediately delivered by the chairman of the constituency electoral commission to the National Electoral Commission according to the procedure prescribed by it.

Article 109

1. On the basis of the data referred to in Article 108, para. 6, the National Electoral Commission shall make a preliminary determination of the number of valid votes and votes validly cast for constituency lists of individual election committees throughout the entire country and indicate those lists which fulfill the requirements for entitlement to participate in the allotment of seats in constituencies. Information on this fact shall be announced.

2. After receiving the records of the results of voting in constituencies, the National Electoral Commission shall, by official record, establish the aggregated results of voting for constituency lists throughout the entire country and shall determine, in compliance with the provisions of Article 5, para. 1, which lists fulfill the requirements for entitlement to participate in the allotment of seats in constituencies and notify the same in writing to the constituency electoral commissions. Such information shall be announced.

Article 110

1. The constituency electoral commission shall conduct, upon receipt of the notification referred to in Article 109, para. 2, the allotment of seats among those constituency lists so entitled, in the following manner:

1) the number of votes validly cast in a constituency for each of those lists shall be divided successively by 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on, up to the

moment when it is possible to make a sequence of the highest numbers in succession from the quotients thus obtained as there are seats to be allocated amongst the lists,

2) each list shall be allotted as many seats as it has received highest consecutive numbers attributed to it from the sequence of quotients obtained in the manner prescribed above.

2. If several lists have shown quotients equal to the last number from among the numbers arranged in the manner prescribed above, and there are more of those lists than seats to be allotted, priority shall be given to lists according to the total number of votes cast for them. If an identical number of votes has been cast for two or more lists, then the priority shall be decided by the number of polling districts in which higher number of votes have been cast for a given list.

Article 111

1. The seats falling to a given constituency list shall be distributed to its candidates according to the sequence of votes obtained.

2. If two or more candidates have gained an identical number of votes which entitle them to a seat to be allotted from a given list, then priority shall be given to the names placed prior on the list.

Article 112

If any seats remain undistributed in a constituency, then the number of those seats shall be added to the number of deputies to the Sejm elected from national lists.

Article 113

1. The constituency electoral commission shall, after establishing the results of elections in the constituency, draw up a record, in two copies, of the election of deputies to the Sejm in that constituency.

2. There shall be specified in the record the number of deputies to the Sejm elected in the constituency, and also the number of:

- 1) persons entitled to vote,
- 2) voters to whom ballot papers were delivered,
- 3) votes cast,
- 4) invalid votes,
- 5) valid votes,
- 6) votes validly cast for each of constituency lists,
- 7) seats falling to each list,

8) votes validly cast for individual candidates from each of constituency lists, and

9) surnames and forenames of deputies to the Sejm elected from each constituency list.

3. In the case referred to in Article 112, the number of seats undistributed shall also be specified in the record.

4. The record shall be signed by all members of the commission who were present during its creation. The record shall be stamped with the commission's seal.

5. The agents may be present during the establishment of the results of the voting and the creation of the record and shall have the right to make comments on record, specifying precise complaints.

6. The provisions of Article 108, para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

Article 114

The constituency electoral commission shall immediately announce the results of voting and results of elections in the constituency, including the information referred to in Article 109, para. 2 and Article 113, paras. 2 and 3.

Article 115

1. The chairman of the constituency electoral commission shall transmit the information from the record of election of deputies to the Sejm in the constituency to the National Electoral Commission, according to the procedure prescribed by it, via public telecommunications or computerized data-transmission networks.

2. The record referred to in Article 113 shall be immediately delivered in a sealed envelope by the chairman of the commission to the National Electoral Commission according to the procedure prescribed by it. All other documents concerning the elections shall be kept by the head of the voivodship electoral office competent for the location of the commission.

Article 116

1. The National Electoral Commission shall conduct, after receiving the records referred to in Article 115, para. 2, an examination of

the correctness of methods used to establish the results of elections in constituencies.

2. The National Electoral Commission shall order, in the event of a finding of incorrectness in establishment of the results of the elections, a repeat establishment of results. The provisions of Articles 110 to 115 shall apply, respectively.

Chapter 11

Establishing the results of the elections from national lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm.

Announcement of the results of elections to the Sejm

Article 117

After having received the records from the constituency electoral commissions and made examination of the correctness of the establishment of the results of elections in constituencies, the National Electoral Commission shall state, in compliance with the provisions of Article 5, para. 3, which national lists have fulfilled the requirements for entitlement to participate in the distribution of seats pursuant to Article 4 or Article 7.

Article 118

1. The National Electoral Commission shall perform, in compliance with Article 112, the allotment of seats among those national lists so entitled, as follows:

1) the number of votes validly cast for all constituency lists of a given election committee shall be divided successively by: 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on up to the moment when it is possible to make a sequence of the highest numbers in succession from the quotients thus obtained as there are seats to be allocated amongst the lists,

2) each list shall be allotted as many seats as it has received highest consecutive numbers attributed to it from the sequence of quotients obtained in the manner prescribed above.

2. If several lists have shown quotients equal to the last number from among the numbers arranged in the manner prescribed above, and there are more of those lists than seats to be allotted, priority shall be given to the lists of election committees which have gained more seats in constituencies. If the lists of two or more election committees have gained

identical numbers of seats in constituencies, priority shall be given to the lists of that election committee which has received the higher number of votes cast throughout the country.

Article 119

1. The seats falling to a given national list shall be allotted to the candidates in the order in which their names have been placed on the list - with the omission of any candidates who have already obtained seats in constituencies.

2. If the number of seats falling to a given list is higher than the number of candidates which may obtain seats, then those seats shall be distributed to the remaining lists in the order of the highest consecutive quotients shown.

Article 120

1. The National Electoral Commission shall draw up the record of election of the deputies to the Sejm from the national lists of candidates, stating:

- 1) the specification of national lists registered;
- 2) the number of votes validly cast for all constituency lists throughout the entire country;
- 3) the number of votes validly cast throughout the entire country for constituency lists of each election committee which has registered a national list, as well as its percentage share in the number of votes cast for all constituency lists throughout the entire country;
- 4) the specification of which national lists participated in the allotment of seats;
- 5) the number of seats allocated to particular national lists;
- 6) surnames and forenames of elected deputies to the Sejm, with indication of the numbers and names of the national lists from which they were elected, as well as the numbers of constituencies in which they had stood for election.

Article 121

1. After having made the record referred to in Article 120, the National Electoral Commission shall publicize the results of elections to the Sejm in the form of an announcement. The announcement shall

comprise basic information contained in the records of elections of deputies to the Sejm in constituencies and in the record of elections of deputies to the Sejm from national lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm.

2. The announcement referred to in para. 1 shall be published immediately in a daily newspaper with nationwide circulation and shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Poland - "Monitor Polski".

3. The National Electoral Commission shall publish a statistical study containing detailed information on the results of voting and the results of elections to the Sejm.

4. The National Electoral Commission shall determine, in consultation with the Director General of the State Archives, a time-limit for retention of and the manner of delivery to the appropriate state archives of the documents pertaining to voting and elections, referred to in Article 107 and Article 115, para. 2.

Article 122

The National Electoral Commission shall issue to the elected deputies to the Sejm certificates confirming their election.

Article 123

The National Electoral Commission shall submit, no later than the 7th day after publication of the announcement referred to in Article 121, para. 1, a report on the elections to the Marshal of the Sejm and to the Supreme Court.

Chapter 12

Validity of elections

Article 124

1. A protest against the validity of the elections, validity of elections in a constituency or the election of a deputy to the Sejm may be lodged on the basis of allegation of offence committed against the elections or by reason of violation of the provisions of this Act regarding

the voting, establishing of results of voting or establishing of results of elections.

2. If an offence committed against the elections or a violation by the National Electoral Commission of the provisions of this Act regarding voting, establishing of results of voting or results of elections gives grounds for lodging a protest, such protest may be lodged by any voter.

3. A protest against validity of elections in a constituency or against the election of a deputy to the Sejm may be lodged by a voter whose name, on the day of election, was placed in the roll of voters in one of the polling districts in the territory of a given constituency.

4. The right to lodge a protest shall also be vested in an agent of an election committee.

5. In the event of any lodging of protest against validity of the elections, validity of elections in a constituency or the election of a deputy to the Sejm, the provisions concerning the duties and rights of deputies to the Sejm shall apply to a deputy (or deputies) concerned until the resolution of the issue according to the procedure specified in Article 128.

Article 125

1. A protest shall be lodged with the Supreme Court in writing no later than the 7th day after the date of announcement of results of elections by the National Electoral Commission in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Poland - "Monitor Polski". A protest mailed within this time-limit, at a post office in Poland, shall be deemed to have been lodged with the Supreme Court.

2. In respect of a voter staying abroad or on a Polish ship, the requirement specified in para. 1 shall be deemed fulfilled if the protest has been lodged, respectively, with either the territorially competent consul or captain of the ship. The voter must enclose with the protest notification about the grant of power of attorney to a person residing in Poland or a person residing in Poland authorized to make and receive delivery, failing which, examination of such protest shall be discontinued.

3. A person lodging a protest shall particularize the complaints and furnish or indicate the evidence on which he bases such complaints.

Article 126

1. The Supreme Court shall, by a bench of 3 judges, examine the protest in non-litigious proceedings, applying the appropriate provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure and shall give opinion thereon in the form of a decision.

2. The opinion shall include conclusions as to the validity of the complaints, and in the event of confirmation of validity of complaint – an opinion, whether the offence committed against the election or violation of the provisions of this Act might have influenced or did have influence on the result of the elections.

3. The participants in the proceeding shall be, by virtue of statute, the person lodging the protest, the chairman of the appropriate electoral commission or his deputy, and the Prosecutor General.

Article 127

1. The Supreme Court shall refuse to hear a protest lodged by a person not entitled to do so according to Article 124, paras. 2 to 4, or who has not fulfilled the requirements specified in Article 125. Restoration of the time-limit for lodging a protest shall be inadmissible.

2. The Supreme Court shall refuse to hear a protest concerning the question, for which this Act provides the possibility to lodge before the election day a complaint or appeal with the court or with the National Electoral Commission.

3. If a protest includes allegations of an offence committed against elections, the Supreme Court shall immediately notify the Prosecutor General about such fact.

Article 128

1. The Supreme Court shall determine the validity of elections and the validity of election of a deputy to the Sejm against whom a protest has been lodged, acting by the whole bench of the Chamber of Administration, Labour and Social Security, on the basis of a report submitted by the National Electoral Commission and the opinions given as a result of examination of the protests lodged. In such proceedings, the provisions of Articles 18 and 19 of the Act of 20th September 1984 on the Supreme Court (Journal of Laws of 1990, No. 26, item 153 and No. 53, item 306 and of 1991, No. 83, item 371, No. 100, item 443 and No. 113, item 491) shall be applicable.

2. The Supreme Court shall take the decision referred to in para. 1 in the form of a resolution adopted no later than the 90th day after the election day, at a sitting attended by the Prosecutor General and the Chairman of the National Electoral Commission.

3. The Supreme Court, following a decision on the invalidity of the election of a deputy to the Sejm, shall declare the seats to be vacant by reason of invalidation, and shall decide on the conduct of repeat elections or performance of some electoral activities, whilst specifying with which activities the electoral proceedings should be repeated.

4. The resolution of the Supreme Court shall be immediately submitted to the President of the Republic and the Marshal of the Sejm and it shall also be communicated to the National Electoral Commission and announced in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Poland – "Monitor Polski".

5. A vacancy in a seat, referred to in para. 3, shall be created on the day of the announcement of the resolution of the Supreme Court.

Article 129

1. In the case of the adoption by the Supreme Court of a resolution referred to in Article 128, para. 3, repeat elections or prescribed electoral activities shall be performed within 3 months of the day of its announcement, pursuant to the rules and procedure provided in this Act.

2. The order of the President on repeat elections or the undertaking of prescribed electoral activities shall be made public and announced in the Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland no later than the 10th day after the day of the announcement of the Supreme Court's resolution referred to in para. 1.

3. The provisions of Article 10, para. 2 shall apply accordingly, provided that the time-limits for conclusion of the electoral acts may be shorter than those provided for in this Act.

4. Voting in repeat elections shall be held only on the territory of Poland.

5. The results of repeat elections and electoral activities duly performed, shall be published by the National Electoral Commission by way of an announcement, as referred to in Article 121, paras. 1 and 2. The announcement shall also specify those persons who, as a result of repeat elections or prescribed electoral activities, have lost their seats,

indicating the number of the constituency and number and name of the list of candidates.

6. A vacancy in seats, referred to in para. 5, shall occur on the day of the proclamation of the announcement of the National Electoral Commission in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Poland – "Monitor Polski".

7. The announcement referred to in para. 5 shall be immediately communicated to the Marshal of the Sejm.

Article 130

In the event of adoption by the Supreme Court of a resolution on the invalidity of elections and its proclamation in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Poland "Monitor Polski", the provisions of Article 11 shall be applied accordingly.

Chapter 13

Vacancy in seat of deputy to the Sejm and completion of membership of the Sejm

Article 131

1. The seat of a deputy to the Sejm shall become vacant as a result of:

- 1) a refusal to take the oath of a deputy of the Sejm;
- 2) the forfeiture of eligibility,
- 3) the resignation of the seat,
- 4) the death of a deputy,

5) the holding by the deputy of the Sejm or appointment to the office of a judge of the Constitutional Tribunal, a judge of the Tribunal of State, a judge of the Supreme Court, the President of the National Bank of Poland, the Commissioner for Citizens' Rights, the President of the Supreme Chamber of Control, an ambassador or a voivode.

2. A vacancy in a seat of a deputy to the Sejm shall be pronounced by the Marshal of the Sejm.

3. The seat of a deputy who, on the day of the election, held any office referred to in para. 1 subpara. 5, shall be declared vacant unless he produces to the Marshal of Sejm, within a time-limit of 7 days of the day

of issue of the certificate of election referred to in Article 122, a statement of resignation from the office held. The seat of a deputy to the Sejm who, during the term of office of the Sejm, has been appointed to an office referred to in para. 1 subpara. 5, shall become vacant on the day of such appointment.

Article 132

1. In the event of a vacancy in the seat of a deputy to the Sejm elected from a constituency list of candidates, the Marshal of the Sejm shall approve the accession to his place by a candidate from the same list who obtained the next highest number of votes in the elections. In the case of an identical numbers of votes, priority shall be decided according to the order of placing of a candidate on the constituency list.

2. A candidate may relinquish his priority in respect of a vacant seat in favour of a candidate from the same list who has obtained the next highest number of votes. A statement of surrender of such priority shall be served upon the Marshal of the Sejm within 7 days of the delivery of the decision referred to in para. 1.

3. If filling a vacancy in the seat of a deputy to the Sejm, pursuant to the procedure specified in paras. 1 and 2, would be impossible owing to the lack of candidates to whom a vacant seat could be allotted, that seat shall be vacant until the end of term of office of the Sejm.

4. In the case of a vacancy in a seat of the deputy to Sejm elected from the national list of candidates, the provisions of paras. 1 to 3 shall be applied accordingly, provided that priority in taking a seat shall be decided according to the order in which candidates were placed on the list.

Chapter 14

Election campaign

Article 133

The election campaign shall begin on the day of proclamation of the President's order on elections, and shall end 24 hours before the polling day.

Article 134

The provisions of this Act shall not be construed, so as to infringe the duty of mass media to furnish during the election campaign reliable information about events and developments in the country and abroad.

Article 135

1. Voters' assemblies organized for the purpose of collecting signatures in support of lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm and voters' assemblies convened and held within the context of the election campaign in favour of lists and candidates for deputies to the Sejm shall not be subject to the provisions of the Act of 5th July 1990 – the Law on Assemblies (the Journal of Laws No. 51, item 297).

2. Any voter may collect signatures in support of submission of lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm and may disseminate election programmes, canvass in favour of lists and candidates and organize election rallies.

3. The signatures in support of a submission, referred to in para. 2, may be collected in such places, at such time and in such a manner as to exclude the possibility of any pressure being used for obtaining the signatures.

Article 136

From the 12th day before the election day until the end of elections it shall be forbidden to announce the outcomes of pre-election surveys (public opinion polls) on probable voting behaviour and election results, as well as the results of election opinion polls conducted on the polling day.

Article 137

1. All election posters, inscriptions (slogans) or leaflets bearing clear indication of their origin or indicating by whom they were posted up, shall be protected by law.

2. Affixing election posters shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 63a of the Misdemeanour Code.

Article 138

1. Election posters and slogans may be affixed to the walls of buildings and fences only with the consent of the owner or administrator of the property.

2. It shall be forbidden to affix election posters and slogans to the interior and exterior walls of buildings of government and local-government administration and courts, and also within the areas of military units, civil defence units and quartered police units.

3. The council of a commune may forbid affixing election posters and slogans on some public buildings or in some defined parts of public areas by reason of protection of historical monuments or environmental protection.

4. The installation of announcing devices for the needs of the election campaign shall be performed in compliance with the existing provisions regarding maintenance of public order. The provisions of Article 137 shall apply accordingly.

5. Posters shall be affixed in such a way as to make possible their removal without causing damage.

6. The police (city guard) shall be under a duty to remove posters and slogans affixed in such a way as to threaten the life or health of the populace, the security of property or the safety of road traffic.

7. Posters, election slogans and announcing devices installed for the purpose of election campaign shall be removed by the appropriate election committees within a period of 30 days following the election day.

8. The executive committee of a commune shall order the removal of election posters, slogans and announcing devices that have not been removed within the time-limit referred to in para. 7. Any such removal shall be performed at the expense of the election committees concerned.

Article 139

1. If posters, slogans, leaflets, announcements or other forms of election propaganda and agitation shall contain false details and information, any concerned person shall have the right to petition the voivodeship court for:

- 1) the confiscation of such materials;
- 2) the prohibition of publication of such details and information;
- 3) an order to rectify the information;
- 4) an order to apologize the to person libelled;

5) an order that a participant pay a sum of 20 million zloty to a charitable institution;

6) an adjudication that a participant pay up to 20 million zloty compensation.

2. The voivodeship court, by a bench of 3 judges, shall examine a petition referred to in para. 1 within 24 hours, in non-litigious proceedings. The court may examine the case in the event of reasonable absence of the plaintiff or a participant in the proceedings, who have been notified pursuant to the rules about the time of the trial. A ruling which terminates the proceedings in the case shall be immediately served by the court on the person concerned referred to in para. 1, on the appropriate constituency electoral commission and on the person under a duty to observe the court's ruling. Within 24 hours any such ruling of the voivodeship court may be subject to appeal to the court of appeal which shall be obliged to examine it within 24 hours. There shall be no legal recourse against the ruling of the court of appeal and it shall be subject to immediate execution.

3. False details or information on the elections and related to the election campaign, published in press shall be subject to rectification within 48 hours.

4. The court shall, in respect of rectification of details or information published in press publication other than a daily newspaper, indicate the daily newspaper in which the rectification must be published, at the expense of the person so obliged, within 48 hours.

5. In the event of a refusal or failure to publish such rectification by a person so obliged or any person indicated in the court's ruling, the court shall order, on the concerned person's request, that the publication of rectification be enforced by a writ of execution, at the expense of the relevant person.

6. The provisions of Article 133 shall not apply to matters referred to in paras. 1 to 5.

Article 140

1. It shall be forbidden to carry out election campaigning in work places and public institutions in a way and by methods disturbing their ordinary functioning.

2. It shall be forbidden to carry out election campaigning in the areas of military units and other units subordinated to the Minister of National Defence, and in civil defence units as well as in quartered police units.

Article 141

It shall be forbidden to organize marches and demonstrations on the election day.

Article 142

1. During the period between the 15th day before the election day and the day ending the election campaign the "Polish Television Joint-stock Company" and the "Polish Radio Joint-stock Company", hereinafter called "Polish Television" and "Polish Radio" shall broadcast, without payment, the election programmes prepared by election committees, pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

2. An election committee shall have the right to broadcasting of its election programmes without payment on:

1) nationwide channels – provided that it has registered a national list of candidates for deputies to the Sejm,

2) regional channels – provided that it has registered a constituency list of candidates for deputies to the Sejm in at least one constituency.

3. The total length of time of broadcasts without payment of election programmes shall amount to:

1) on nationwide channels – 15 hours for Polish Television and 30 hours for Polish Radio,

2) on regional channels – 10 hours for Polish Television and 15 hours for Polish Radio.

4. The boards of companies referred to in para. 1, having taken into account the opinion of the appropriate programming council, shall determine:

1) the length of time assigned for broadcast of election programmes without payment on each of the nationwide and regional channels,

2) an outline of time allocations referred to in subpara. 1, during the period between the 15th day before the election day and the day ending the election campaign.

Information about the above-mentioned decisions shall be made public in the form of a communiqué publicized in a daily newspaper with nationwide circulation, no later than the 30th day before the election day.

Article 143

1. Persons responsible for the management of production of the appropriate nationwide television and radio broadcasts shall determine the allotment of time, without payment, assigned for the broadcasting of the election programmes of election committees, referred to in Article 142, para. 2 subpara. 1, dividing such time allocated into equal parts amongst the election committees so entitled, on the basis of information supplied by the National Electoral Commission concerning the registered lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm.

2. The sequence of broadcasting of the election programmes for each day shall be determined no later than the 18th day before the election day by persons responsible for management of production of the broadcast, referred to in para. 1, by random selection in the presence of the agents of those election committees so entitled.

Article 144

1. The directors of local branches of Polish Television and the boards of regional radio broadcasting companies shall conduct the allocation of time assigned for broadcasting of the election programmes of election committees without payment, referred to in Article 142, para. 2 subpara. 2, distributing such units of time to those election committees entitled, in proportion to the numbers of constituency lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm registered by them, on the basis of information about the registered constituency lists provided by the constituency electoral commissions territorially competent for the area covered by a regional channel.

2. The provisions of Article 143, para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

Article 145

1. Notwithstanding the length of time allotted for the broadcast of the election programmes, without payment, each election committee may broadcast, between the 15th day before the election day and the day ending the election campaign only, paid election programmes by means of public and non-public radio and television broadcasters. The total time of paid programmes cannot exceed 15 per cent of the total time allocated to a particular election committee for its broadcast of election programmes without payment.

2. Broadcasters shall not refuse to broadcast the paid election programmes referred to in para. 1.

3. Rates charged for the broadcast time of the election programmes referred to in para. 1 cannot exceed 50 per cent of the rates charged for commercials and they shall be identical for each user and shall be fixed in accordance with the price list in force on the day of proclamation of elections.

4. The rules concerning advertisement activity in television and radio broadcasts, subject to the provision of para. 5, shall apply to the programmes referred to in para. 1.

5. The time assigned for broadcast of paid election programmes shall not be subject to the time limits for commercials, established by other regulations.

Article 146

An agent of an election committee may appeal to the National Electoral Commission, within 48 hours after their issue, against the decisions referred to in Article 143, para. 1 and Article 144, para. 1. There shall be no legal recourse against the decision of the National Electoral Commission.

Article 147

Election information, communiqués, appeals and slogans announced in the press (in printed form or on television or radio) at the expense of an election committee, political party or other social organization supporting the lists of candidates for deputies to the Sejm, and at the expense of candidates themselves, shall include an indication by whom they are paid and shall fulfill the requirements provided for in Article 137, para. 1.

Article 148

Matters related to carrying out of election campaign in television and radio broadcasts, which are not subject to the provisions of this Act, shall be governed by the provisions of the Act of 29 December 1992 on Radio Broadcasting and Television (Journal of Laws of 1993, No. 7, item 34).

Article 149

The exercise of rights under this Act shall not prevent any injured party from bringing an action, under other statutes, including the Criminal Code, the Civil Code and the Press Law, against persons, whose acts or omissions during electoral campaign have infringed his personal or property rights.

Chapter 15

Financing of the elections

Article 150

1. Expenditures related to the organization of the preparation and conduct of the election shall be covered by the State Budget.

2. The State Budget shall cover expenditures related to:

1) the duties of the National Electoral Commission and of the National Electoral Office, as provided by statute;

2) the duties of electoral commissions of subordinate level, and ensuring provision of services to them by organs and organizational units assigned for those purposes;

3) election duties of principal organs of the state administration and subordinate central offices and organizational units, and also of other state organs;

4) election duties ascribed to communes;

5) broadcast without payment by the Polish Television and the Polish Radio of election programmes of election committees, pursuant to the provisions of Article 142;

6) entitlement by election committees to obtain subsidies in relation to expenditures on election campaign, pursuant to the provisions of Article 155.

3. A report on expenditures covered by the State Budget, referred to in para. 3, shall be announced by the National Electoral Commission within 5 months after the election day.

4. Each year, the State Budget shall provide financial resources for the operation of the National Electoral Commission, the National Electoral Office and voivodeship electoral offices, and also for the maintenance and updating of the permanent register of voters in the commune by heads of the commune or mayors (presidents of towns).

5. The rules of financial planning of the expenditures referred to in paras. 2 and 4 and of their execution shall be determined by budgetary provisions.

Article 151

The expenses of election committees related to elections shall be met from their own resources.

Article 152

1. Election committees may organize the raising of funds for election purposes, in the manner and according to rules specified by the provisions on public collections.

2. No permit is required for the organization of a public collection.

Article 153

1. Election committees cannot accept for election purposes funds derived from:

1) the State Budget, with the exception of cases referred to in Article 155;

2) state organizational units;

3) the budget of local-government units, municipal unions and other municipal legal persons, and self-government councils;

4) state-owned enterprises, and also economic subjects with participation of the State Treasury, local-government units, municipal unions and other municipal legal persons;

5) subjects receiving the subventions of the State Treasury;

6) foreign persons, within the meaning of the provisions of foreign exchange law.

2. The provisions of para. 1 shall apply as appropriate to non-cash assets.

Article 154

1. The financing of election committees' participation in elections shall be public.

2. Any election committee whose constituency list has been registered, shall draw up a financial report on the sources of funds

received, and in particular, on any bankers' credit obtained, terms of that credit, and on donations exceeding the equivalent of the ten-fold average monthly wages in six main sectors of material production, and also on the expenditures for election purposes.

3. The National Electoral Commission, in agreement with the Minister of Finance, shall establish a specimen for such financial report and the detailed scope of information to be included therein.

4. Financial reports shall be announced, in a daily newspaper with nationwide circulation, by election committees within 3 months of the election day. The election committee shall notify in writing the National Electoral Commission about announcing of the report.

5. Agents of election committees set up by voters shall retain documents concerning the financing of electoral campaign for a period of 12 months after the election day.

Article 155

1. An election committee, which fulfills the requirements referred to in Article 154, paras. 2 and 4, shall have the right to receive subsidies from the State Budget, in relation to expenditures on election campaign in proportion to the number of deputies to the Sejm elected from the lists of that election committee.

2. The total amount of subsidies shall be established at 20 per cent of the sum of expenditures estimated in the State Budget in relation to organization of preparation for and conduct of the election.

3. The subsidy for an election committee shall be calculated by dividing the total amount of subsidies, referred to in para. 2, by 560, and multiplying the quotient by the number of deputies elected to the Sejm from the lists of that election committee.

4. Transfer of the subsidy to a bank account indicated by the election committee shall be made by the Minister of Finance on the basis of the estimated expenditures referred to in para. 2 and information of the National Electoral Commission about those election committees entitled to obtain subsidies as well as the number of deputies to the Sejm elected from the lists of those election committees.

Article 156

In the event that the funds obtained for purposes of the election campaign, including any subsidy referred to in Article 155, para. 1, exceed expenditures, the agent of the an election committee created by voters

shall apply such surplus to publicly beneficial purposes. Information about such fact shall be announced in a daily newspaper with nationwide circulation no later than 9 months after the election day and shall also be communicated to the National Electoral Commission.

Chapter 16

Special provisions, amendments to the provision in force, transitional and final provisions

Article 157

Whoever violates the provisions of Articles 136, 140, 141 or 145, or places election posters and slogans or installs announcing devices in contravention of the rules specified in Article 138,
– shall be subject to the penalty of a fine.

Article 158

1. Whoever fails to perform the duty of drawing up and publishing the financial report referred to in Article 154 or who gives untrue information in such report,

– shall be subject to the penalty of deprivation of liberty for up to 2 years, limitation of liberty or a fine.

2. Whoever, being under an obligation to apply to publicly beneficial purposes the surplus of funds referred to in Article 156, fails to do so,

– shall be subject to the penalty of deprivation of liberty for up to 2 years, limitation of liberty or a fine.

Article 159

The provisions on procedure in cases of misdemeanour shall be applicable to proceedings in matters referred to in Article 157.

Article 160

All written documentation, judicial and administrative proceedings in election matters shall be without payment.

Article 161

1. Whenever in this Act references are made to the expiry of a time-limit for lodging of a complaint or an appeal to a court or an electoral commission, this shall be understood as the day of filing the complaint or the appeal with the court or with the electoral commission.

2. If the day of the expiry of the time-limit for performance of the action specified in the Act falls on a day which is statutorily not a day of work, the time-limit shall expire on the first working day after that day.

Article 162

1. The National Electoral Commission which exists on the day on which this Act enters into force shall become the National Electoral Commission within the meaning of this Act.

2. The National Electoral Office and voivodeship electoral offices existing on the day on which this Act enters into force shall become, respectively, the National Electoral Office and voivodeship electoral offices within the meaning of this Act.

Article 163

1. Voivodeship electoral offices shall also perform the duties prescribed under the Act of 8th March, 1990 – Law on Election to Councils of Communes (Journal of Laws No. 16, item 96 and of 1991, No.53, item 227) – relating to conduct of elections to the councils of communes.

2. Regulations for the performance of duties referred to in para. 1 shall be established by the General Electoral Commissioner, acting in agreement with the Head of the National Electoral Office.

Article 164

In the Act of 8th March, 1990 – Law on Election to Councils of Communes (Journal of Laws No. 16, item 96 and of 1991, No. 53, item 227) the following amendments shall be made:

1) in Article 24, paras. 1 and 2, in Article 25, paras. 1 and 2, in Article 30, in Article 38, paras. 2 and 3, in Article 61, paras. 1 and 2, in Article 62, para. 3, in Article 81, para. 2, in Article 94, in Article 102, para. 6, in Article 103, in Article 104, in Article 105 and in Article 110,

para. 3, the terms "General Electoral Commissioner" used in various grammatical forms shall be replaced by the equivalent forms of "National Electoral Commission";

2) para. 3 of Article 17 shall read as follows:

"3. Rolls of voters shall be drawn up on the basis of the register of voters in a commune, maintained pursuant to rules established by separate provisions.";

3) Article 18 shall read as follows:

"Article 18. The National Electoral Commission, in agreement with the Minister of Internal Affairs, shall determine a specimen roll of voters, the procedure for its drawing up and updating.";

4) Article 23 shall read as follows:

"Article 23. The elections shall be conducted by:

1) the National Electoral Commission established pursuant to separate provisions,

2) voivodeship electoral commissioners,

3) territorial (communal, municipal) electoral commissions,

4) district electoral commissions.;

5) Article 28 shall be deleted;

6) Article 29 shall be deleted;

7) in Article 34, para. 3, the terms "General Electoral Commissioner" shall be replaced by "Members of the National Electoral Commission";

8) in Article 36, the terms "General Electoral Commissioner" and a comma shall be deleted, and the term "voivodeship" shall be replaced by "Voivodeship".

9) Article 37 shall read as follows:

"Article 37. 1. Services for the National Electoral Commission and for voivodeship electoral commissioners shall be ensured respectively by the National Electoral Office and voivodeship electoral offices established on the basis of separate provisions.

2. Services and technical and material maintenance of work of territorial and district electoral commission shall be ensured, as a duty ascribed to the commune, by head of the commune or mayor (president of town)."

10) Article 38, para. 1 shall read as follows:

"1. The National Electoral Commission shall establish its own regulations and it shall determine the mode of work of voivodeship electoral commissioners.";

11) in Article 39, para. 1, the terms "General Electoral Commissioner and" shall be deleted.

Article 165

In the Act of 27th September 1990 on Election of the President of the Republic of Poland (Journal of Laws No. 67, item 398 and No. 79, item 465) the following amendments shall be made:

1) Article 9 shall read as follows:

"Article 9. The elections shall be conducted by:

- 1) the National Electoral Commission established on the basis of separate provisions,
- 2) voivodeship electoral commissions,
- 3) district electoral commissions.";

2) Article 14 shall be deleted,

3) in Article 16:

a) in para. 2, the second sentence shall read as follows:

"The rules, procedure and time-limits for setting-up of those commissions shall be established by the National Electoral Commission in agreement with the Minister of Transportation and Marine Economy and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.";

b) in para. 3, the term "chairman" shall be replaced by "chairman and his deputy", and the remaining words shall be deleted;

4) Article 20 shall read as follows:

"Article 20. The National Electoral Commission shall dissolve voivodeship and district electoral commissions on completion of their statutory duties.";

5) Article 21 shall read as follows:

"Article 21. 1. Services for the National Electoral Commission and for voivodeship electoral commissions shall be ensured respectively by the National Electoral Office and voivodeship electoral offices established on the basis of separate provisions.

2. Services and technical and material assistance for the work of the district electoral commission shall be ensured, as a duty ascribed to the commune, by the head of commune, mayor (president of town).

3. The duties provided for in para. 2 shall concern, respectively, the captains of Polish ships and consuls.";

6) Article 27 shall read as follows:

"Article 27. 1. The roll shall be drawn up in 2 copies, separately, for each polling district.

2. The roll referred to in para. 1 shall be delivered on the day before the election day to the chairman of the appropriate district electoral commission.";

7) Article 28 shall be deleted;

8) Article 29 shall read as follows:

"Article 29. The National Electoral Commission in agreement with the Minister of Internal Affairs shall establish a specimen roll of voters, the procedure for its creation and updating, a specimen notification concerning addition of a voter to the roll of voters of another polling district and a specimen certificate confirming the right to vote.";

9) in Article 35 para. 3 shall read as follows:

"3. The National Electoral Commission shall determine in agreement with the Minister of Transportation and Marine Economy the procedure for creation of the roll referred to in para. 1.";

10) in Article 36 para. 3 shall read as follows:

"3. The National Electoral Commission shall determine in agreement with the Minister of Foreign Affairs the procedure for creation of the roll referred to in para. 1.";

11) Article 48 shall read as follows:

"The rules of creation of and procedure for delivery of ballot papers for the polling districts set up on Polish ships or abroad shall be established by the National Electoral Commission in agreement with, respectively, the Minister of Transportation and Marine Economy and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

12) in Article 66:

a) in para. 4, term "voivodes" shall be replaced by " heads of voivodeship electoral offices",

b) a para. 5, shall be added, to read as follows:

"4. The National Electoral Commission shall determine, in consultation with the Director General of the State Archives, the time-limit for retaining and the manner of delivery to the appropriate state archives of the documents on voting and elections, referred to in para. 4."

Article 166

1. In the first elections to the Sejm ordered under this Act, the participation in voting abroad of Polish citizens permanently living there, shall be permitted on the basis of a document allowing the issue of a Polish passport or on the basis of other documents proving the identity of those persons.

2. The Minister of Foreign Affairs in agreement with the Minister of Internal Affairs, shall specify the types of documents referred to in para. 1, and also the manner of their verification by consuls.

Article 167

The Act of 28th June 1991 – on Election of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland (Journal of Laws No. 59, item 252), with the exception of Article 168 – shall expire.

Article 168

This Act shall enter into force 14 days after its promulgation, except that:

1) Article 164 shall enter into force on 27th November, 1993, and on that day Article 163 shall expire;

2) The provisions of the Act of 28th June, 1991 – on Election of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland shall be applicable to the changes in composition of the Sejm and Senate chosen in the elections held on 27th October, 1991.

The President of the Republic of Poland

(-) Lech Wałęsa

Appendix do the Act of 28th May,
1993 on Election to the Sejm
of the Republic of Poland

LIST OF CONSTITUENCIES

Constituency No. 1 – The Capital City of Warsaw

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 17.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
WARSAW.

Constituency No. 2 – The Warsaw Voivodeship (with exclusion of the Capital City of Warsaw)

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 8.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
WARSAW.

Constituency No. 3 – The Biała Podlaska Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 3.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
BIAŁA PODLASKA.

Constituency No. 4 – The Białystok Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 7.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
BIAŁYSTOK.

Constituency No. 5 – The Bielsko Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 9.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
BIELSKO-BIAŁA.

Constituency No. 6 – The Bydgoszcz Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 11.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
BYDGOSZCZ.

Constituency No. 7 – The Chełm Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 3.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: CHEŁM.

Constituency No. 8 – The Ciechanów Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 4.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
CIECHANÓW.

Constituency No. 9 – The Częstochowa Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 8.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
CZĘSTOCHOWA.

Constituency No. 10 – The Elbląg Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: ELBLĄG.

Constituency No. 11 – The Gdańsk Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 15.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
GDAŃSK.

Constituency No. 12 – The Gorzów Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
GORZÓW WIELKOPOLSKI.

Constituency No. 13 – The Jelenia Góra Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:

JELENIA GÓRA.

Constituency No. 14 – The Kalisz Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 7.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: **KALISZ.**

Constituency No. 15 – part of the Katowice Voivodeship covering the territory of communes:

Babice, Bobrowniki, Bolesław, Chrzanów, Klucze, Libiąż, Mierzęcice, Ogrodzieniec, Olkusz, Pillica, Psary, Siewierz, Tapkowice, Trzebinia, Wolbrom, Żarnowiec

and towns:

Będzin, Bukowno, Czeladź, Dąbrowa Górnicza, Jaworzno, Poręba, Sławków, Sosnowiec, Wojkowice, Zawiercie.

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 10.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: **SOSNOWIEC.**

Constituency No. 16 – part of the Katowice Voivodeship covering the territory of communes:

Bojszowy, Kobiór, Wiry

and towns:

Bieruń, Bytom, Chorzów, Katowice, Łędziny, Łaziska, Górne, Mikołów, Mysłowice, Piekary Śląskie, Ruda Śląska, Siemianowice Śląskie, Świętochłowice, Tychy, Zabrze.

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 17.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: **KATOWICE.**

Constituency No. 17 – part of the Katowice Voivodeship covering the territory of communes:

Bestwina, Brzeszcze, Czechowice-Dziedzice,
Czerwionka-Leszczynny, Gaszowice, Gieraltowice,

Goczalkowice-Zdrój, Godów, Gorzyce, Jejkowice, Kornowac, Krupski Młyn, Krzanowice, Krzyżanowice, Kuźnia Raciborska, Lubomia, Łyski, Miedźna, Mszana, Nędza, Ornontowice, Pawłowice, Pietrowice Wielkie, Pilchowice, Pszczyna, Rudnik, Rudziniec, Sońnicowice, Suszec, Świerklaniec, Świerklany, Toszek, Tworóg, Wielowieś, Zbrostawice, Zebrzydowice
and towns:

Gliwice, Jastrzębie-Zdrój, Knurów, Orzesze, Pyskowice, Racibórz, Rybnik, Rydułtowy, Tarnowskie Góry, Wodzisław Śląski, Żory.

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 14.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
GLIWICE.

Constituency No. 18 – The Kielce Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 11.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: KIELCE.

Constituency No. 19 – The Konin Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: KONIN.

Constituency No. 20 – The Koszalin Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
KOSZALIN.

Constituency No. 21 – The Kraków Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 13.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
KRAKÓW.

Constituency No. 22 – The Krosno Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
KROSNO.

Constituency No. 23 – The Legnica Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
LEGNICA.

Constituency No. 24 – The Leszno Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 4.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
LESZNO.

Constituency No. 25 – The Lublin Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 10.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: LUBLIN.

Constituency No. 26 – The Łomża Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 4.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: ŁOMŻA.

Constituency No. 27 – The Łódź Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 12.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: ŁÓDŹ.

Constituency No. 28 – The Nowy Sącz Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 7.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: NOWY
SĄCZ.

Constituency No. 29 – The Olsztyn Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 8.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
OLSZTYN.

Constituency No. 30 – The Opole Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 10.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: OPOLE.

Constituency No. 31 – The Ostrołęka Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 10.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: OSTROŁĘKA.

Constituency No. 32 – The Piła Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: PIŁA.

Constituency No. 33 – The Piotrków Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 7.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: PIOTRKÓW TRYBUNALSKI.

Constituency No. 34 – The Płock Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: PŁOCK.

Constituency No. 35 – The Poznań Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 14.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: POZNAŃ.

Constituency No. 36 – The Przemyśl Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 4.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: PRZEMYŚL.

Constituency No. 37 – The Radom Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 8.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: RADOM.

Constituency No. 38 – The Rzeszów Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 7.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: RZESZÓW.

Constituency No. 39 – The Siedlce Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 7.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: SIEDLCE.

Constituency No. 40 – The Sieradz Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 4.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: SIERADZ.

Constituency No. 41 – The Skierniewice Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 4.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: SKIERNIEWICE.

Constituency No. 42 – The Słupsk Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 4.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: SŁUPSK.

Constituency No. 43 – The Suwałki Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: SUWAŁKI.

Constituency No. 44 – The Szczecin Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 10.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
SZCZECIN.

Constituency No. 45 – The Tarnobrzeg Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 6.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
TARNOBRZEG.

Constituency No. 46 – The Tarnów Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 7.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
TARNÓW.

Constituency No. 47 – The Toruń Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 7.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission: TORUŃ.

Constituency No. 48 – The Wałbrzych Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 8.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
WAŁBRZYCH.

Constituency No. 49 – The Włocławek Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 4.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
WŁOCLAWEK.

Constituency No. 50 – The Wrocław Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 12.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
WROCLAW.

Constituency No. 51 – The Zamość Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 5.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
ZAMOŚĆ.

Constituency No. 52 – The Zielona Góra Voivodeship

The number of deputies to the Sejm to be elected in the constituency shall be 7.

The location of the Constituency Electoral Commission:
ZIELONA GÓRA.

