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I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Article 1

The president of the republic is elected on the basis of universal and equal suffrage in free, direct and secret elections.

Article 2

Every citizen of Slovenia of the age of eighteen or over whose eligibility to work has not been revoked has the right to vote for or to be elected as the president of the republic.

Article 3

The president of the republic is elected for a five-year term, and may be elected at the most for two terms in succession.

Article 4

Elections of the president of the republic must be held no less than fifteen days before the expiry of the mandate of the former president of the republic.

If the mandate of the president is extended, in the case of war or a state of emergency, elections of the president of the republic must be held no less than fifteen days before the expiry of the extended mandate of the former president of the republic. If the president's mandate is terminated before the expiry of his term, elections of the president of the republic must be held no more than one hundred and five days after the termination of the mandate of the former president of the republic.

Article 5

Elections of the president of the republic are called by the president of the national assembly. Elections are called no more than one hundred and thirty-five days and no less than seventy-five days before the termination of the mandate of the former president. If the president's mandate is terminated before the expiry of his term, elections of the president must be called no more than fifteen days after the termination of the mandate of the former president of the republic. No more than ninety and no less than sixty days may pass from the day the elections are called to the actual day the elections are held (polling day).

Article 6

The official act on the calling of elections shall determine the day the elections are called and the polling day. The polling day shall be a Sunday or a public holiday.

Electoral activities shall begin on the day determined to be the day of calling the elections. The official act on the calling of elections will be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 7

Elections of the president of the republic will be conducted by electoral authorities appointed according to the Law on Election to the national assembly.

Article 8

The cost of the elections of the president of the republic will be covered from the state budget.

Article 9

In the case of matters not specifically defined by this law, regulations ordained by the Law on Election to the National Assembly will be appropriately applied.

II. RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Article 10

A candidate for the office of the president of the republic may be proposed by delegates of the national assembly, political parties and the electorate.

Article 11

Delegates may nominate their candidate by a signed proposal. A candidate may be selected by a minimum of ten delegates to the national assembly.

Article 12

Political parties nominate their candidates according to procedures provided in their regulations. Candidates are chosen by secret ballot.

A particular political party may nominate one candidate. Two or more political parties may select one joint candidate. The proposal for the candidature must be signed by a minimum of three delegates to the national assembly or one thousand voters.

Article 13

The electorate nominates candidate with signed proposals. A minimum of five thousand signatures are required to nominate an individual candidate.

Article 14

Each delegate and each voter may support only one candidate. Support of candidates by signature will be given as prescribed by the Law on Elections to the National Assembly.

Article 15

In order to run for the office of president of the republic the candidate must provide written consent. Such consent may be revoked by the candidate in writing no less than 20 days before the polling day.

Article 16

A proposal for candidature must include information about the body proposing the candidate and personal data on the candidate him/herself and a representative of the candidate. The candidate's written consent, and signatures of the supporting delegates or voters on prescribed forms should be attached to the proposal, as well as a written record of the selection of the candidate and the rules and regulations of the political party which submitted the proposal for candidature.

If the candidature was proposed by a group of delegates or voters, the name and family name of one of the proposing delegates, "and group of delegates" or "and group of voters" added to it, shall be attached to the proposal.

Article 17

A proposal for candidature must be submitted to the electoral commission no less than 25 days before the elections are held.

The republican electoral commission will examine the legal validity of the submitted proposals. In examining the legal validity, the Law on Election to the National Assembly will be appropriately applied.

Article 18

No one may simultaneously be a candidate for presidential office and for delegacy to the national assembly or the state council.

If the republican electoral commission finds that a candidate for presidential office has also been proposed as a candidate for delegacy to the national assembly or the state council, it shall enjoin the person concerned to decide, within forty eight hours, on which candidature he/she accepts. If this is not done, the candidature to which he/she last gave consent will be considered valid.

Article 19

The republican electoral commission will form a list of candidates for the president of the republic with names of the candidates and their proposers. The candidate's position on the list will be decided by lot.

The republican electoral commission will publish the list of candidates no less than 15 days before the elections.

III VOTING AND COUNTING OF THE VOTES

Article 20

Organization of the election, voting and counting of the votes will be conducted according to the Law on Election to the National Assembly, unless the law provides otherwise.

Article 21

The ballot paper for election of the president of the republic will include the name and family name of the candidate in the same order as on the list of candidates, plus instructions on how to cast a vote.

A voter may vote for no more than one candidate, by marking the number in front of the name of his/her chosen candidate.

Article 22

The republican electoral commission counts the votes cast for the president of the republic.

The candidate who receives the majority of valid votes is elected president of the republic.

Article 23

If none of the candidates receives a majority of the votes, the election is repeated between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes. If several candidates received the same and highest number of votes or if two or more candidates received the same and second highest number of votes the candidate for the next round of elections will be decided by lot. On the ballot paper the candidates will be listed according to the number of votes given in the first round of the elections. If the number of votes is the same the order on the list is decided by lot.

Article 24

The next round of elections will be held no more than 21 days after the first.

Repeated elections will be called by the republican electoral commission and published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 25

The republican electoral commission makes a report on the outcome of the elections for the office of the president of the republic and submits it to the president of the national assembly and publishes it in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 26

The first elections for the president of the republic are called by the president of the Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.

In the first elections for the president of the republic the candidate may be proposed by a group of no less than 30 delegates of the chambers of the Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia, and support for a candidature proposed by a political party can be given by no less than eight delegates of chambers of the Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 27

On the day of the implementation of this law the law on termination of the mandate of the president or members of the Presidency of the Republic of Slovenia will be considered invalid (Official Gazette SRS, No. 42/89 an 5/90).

Article 28

This law comes into force fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

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Ljubljana, July 29th, 1992

Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia

President
Dr. France Bučar, in his own hand.