

**Presidential Elections Committee
(2014)**

**Presidential Elections Committee
Decree no. 11 /2014**

On the Rules and Procedures Concerning Voting of Egyptians
Outside the Arab Republic of Egypt

The Presidential Elections Committee,

Having perused:
The Constitution;
and Decree Law no. 22 /2014 on the Regulation of the Presidential Elections;
and the Presidential Election Committee Decree no. 1 /2014 on the Rules Governing the
Committee's Exercising of its Competences;
and upon the approval of the Presidential Elections Committee in its session held on Saturday,
March 29th, 2014;

Decided:

Article (1)

Any Egyptian who is outside Egypt on the day the elections of the President of the Republic are to be held abroad, has the right to cast his/her vote in the election, provided that his/her name is registered in the Voters Database, and that he/she holds a National Identification Card or a valid Passport showing the National Identification Number.
The voter must exercise this right in person.

Article (2)

Only an original National Identification Card or a Passport showing the National Identification Number may be considered as proof of the voter's identity.

Article (3)

Casting the Vote is to take place in the premises of the Egyptian Consulate or Mission, or any premises specified by a decree of the Presidential Elections Committee based on the nomination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article (4)

Membership of the polling staff overseeing the polling, ballot-counting, and announcement of the numerical tally of the result of voting shall comprise a sufficient number of members of the Diplomatic and Consular services, assisted by one Main Secretary or more, from the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article (5)

The polling process abroad shall commence before the date specified for polling in Egypt, in the manner provided for by a Presidential Elections Committee decree and for the duration specified by the Committee.

Article (6)

The polling process is to commence daily at 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. as per the local time of the state where the polling takes place.

Article (7)

Each candidate may select a representative in each polling station abroad from among the Egyptians registered in the Voters Database and residing in the country where the election takes place. The candidate is to notify the Presidential Elections Committee of such selection. The candidate may notify the polling station abroad of the name of his/her representative on the day preceding the date of polling.

The polling process is to commence on the specified time, even if all or some of the representatives of candidates are not present.

Article (8)

Chairpersons, secretaries and staff of polling stations abroad shall cast their votes in the same polling station.

Article (9)

Each polling station is to keep minutes in three copies where all procedures followed by the polling station from the commencement of polling until its end are evidenced. The minutes are to be signed by the polling station Chairperson and its Secretary.

Article (10)

The polling station shall keep a list where the name of each voter to cast a ballot and his/her National Identification Number as shown in his Passport or National Identification Card are recorded. The voter is to sign against his name in his own handwriting or by thumbprint.

Article (11)

The chairperson of the committee shall hand the voter an open ballot paper. The voter is to step aside inside the designated space in the voting hall. After casting his/her vote, the voter is to deposit his/her ballot paper, folded, inside the ballot box.

Article (12)

At the end of each polling day, all necessary procedures are taken to seal the ballot boxes in a way that precludes depositing any ballots in them. All election documents, the list of voters, and minutes of the polling station are to be deposited in an envelope that is sealed with red wax, stamped with the seal of the polling station Chairperson, and kept in a secure location inside the premises of the polling station. Prior to the commencement of polling on the following day, the safety of ballot boxes and envelope of election documents shall be verified and evidenced in the minutes of the polling station.

Article (13)

Upon the conclusion of the last day of polling, the polling station shall undertake the counting and numerical tallying of votes cast, the numbers of valid and invalid votes, and the number of valid votes for each candidate. The polling station shall record these numbers in a list in two copies, to be signed along with the minutes by the Chairperson and Secretary of the polling station.

The Chairperson of the polling station shall announce that numerical tally to those present, and provide a copy of the list to candidate representatives who may request it.

Article (14)

The process of polling, counting and tallying shall be carried out in the presence of attending representatives and delegates of the media, provided that this is not to disrupt the activities of the polling station.

Article (15)

The polling station shall notify the Presidential Elections Committee of the results of the numerical tally according to the specified method, and shall undertake to send the minutes of proceedings, list of results, list of voter names, ballots, and any appeals submitted to or reports filed by the polling station, to the Presidential Elections Committee, according to the procedures and on the dates specified by the Committee.

Article (16)

Copies of the minutes of the proceedings, list of voters, list of results, and appeals submitted to or reports filed by the polling station, shall be kept at the premises of each Egyptian Consulate or Mission where polling was carried out, for the duration specified by the Presidential Elections Committee.

Article (17)

Upon the conclusion of voting abroad, the Presidential Elections Committee shall undertake the necessary actions to remove the names of voters who have cast their votes abroad from the lists of voter distribution over polling station inside the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Article (18)

A voter may not cast his vote at the same polling station more than once, cast his/her vote before another polling station inside or outside the country where he/she cast his/her vote, or cast his vote once more in the election held in Egypt for the election of the President of the Republic.

Article (19)

The originals of minutes, lists of voters, and announcements of results abroad, shall be kept in the archives of the Presidential Elections Committee. A copy of said lists shall be deposited with the Egyptian National Records and Archives Authority.

The Presidential Elections Committee shall specify the holding duration of originals and copies of said minutes and lists, not to be shorter than the Presidential term in the context of which they were produced.

Article (15)

This decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enters into force as of the day following its date of publication.

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Chairman of the Presidential Elections Committee

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