



SUPREME ELECTION COUNCIL



2013 International Election Award

Mission

Based on the principles of the rule of law, respect for human rights, judicial independence and impartiality, to make and have made all transactions related to judicial supervision and oversight, orderly management and honesty from the beginning to the end of the elections; to make and implement regulations that will ensure the fair and transparent execution of the management and audit procedures of the elections; to ensure that the information of the voters living in the country and abroad is kept accurate and up-to-date; to announce the election results to the public safely and quickly.

Vision

To ensure that the elections are made under fair, transparent, reliable, free and equal conditions.

Management and Supervision of Elections from Past to Present and History of the Supreme Election Council

The first general election, which formed the basis of the electoral system in Turkish political history and was held within the framework of a temporary regulation and rules, was the parliamentary elections held during the First Constitutional Monarchy. The commission formed to prepare the Constitution of 1876 also issued a provisional regulation containing the necessary legal regulations for how the election to be held for the formation of the Chamber of Deputies would be held. With this instruction, which was issued under the title of "Meclis-i Umumi'nin Suret-i İntihabına ve Tayinine Dair Talimat-ı Muvakkate" and approved by the sultan and announced on November 6, 1876, how to form the Parliamentary Assembly was bound by the rules.

In the elections held during the First Constitutional Monarchy, the provisions of "Talimat-ı Muvakkate" and "Declaration" issued separately for Istanbul were applied throughout the country. The second parliamentary elections held at the end of 1877 were held with the same rules.

The regulation on the electoral law principles of the Second Constitutional Monarchy was adopted in the Parliament within the second year of the First Constitutional Monarchy, but it did not enter into force because it was not approved by the sultan. The "İntihabat-ı Mebusan Kanun-u Muvakkatı", which was the main detailed regulation regarding the elections, was approved and formalized on August 2, 1908.

The general elections were held in accordance with the provisions of the "İntihabat-ı Mebusan Kanun-u Muvakkatı" with some amendments until it was repealed in 1942. Instead of the said provisional law, the Law on the Election of deputies dated 14 December 1942 and numbered 4320 was adopted.

Until the entry into force of the Law on the Parliamentary Election dated June 5, 1946 and numbered 4918, the management and supervision procedures of the elections carried out by the inspection committees were started to be carried out by the "Election Boards" and the "Election Commissions" working under them with the entry into force of this Law.

With the Law on the Parliamentary Election dated February 16, 1950 and numbered 5545, the principle of holding elections under the supervision and supervision of a judge was accepted. With this Law, electoral boards were established in provinces and districts, and a Supreme Election Council was established to serve in Ankara. The elections to the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TBMM) held in 1950 were held for the first time under the supervision and supervision of the Supreme Election Council. With this Law, election security, management and supervision have been bound to new rules and the principle of judicial supervision has been introduced in the election process.

The Supreme Election Council, established by Law No. 5545, was also included in the Law on Basic Provisions of Elections and Electoral registers dated 26 April 1961 and numbered 298. The principles brought by Law No. 5545 are also protected by Law No. 298.

The Supreme Election Council, which was transformed into a constitutional institution with Art 75 titled "General Management and Control of Elections" in the "Legislative Section" of the "Basic Establishment of the Republic" section of the 1961 Constitution, is also included in Art 79 titled "General Management and Control of Elections" in the "Basic Bodies of the Republic" section of the 1982 Constitution.

The formation of the Supreme Election Council has been protected in the laws enacted since then as regulated in Art 120 of the Law No. 5545 and finally with Art 4 of the Law on the Organization and Duties of the Supreme Election Council dated 30 November 2017 and numbered 7062, "The Board consists of

seven original and four substitute members. Six of the members are elected by the Court of Cassation and five by the General Assemblies of the Council of State by secret ballot among their members and by the absolute majority of the member integers."

In addition, according to the first paragraph of Art 17 of the Law No. 298, with the amendment made in 2010, "Of the political parties participating in the election, four political parties that received the most votes in the last parliamentary general elections and political parties with a group in the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye may also have one original substitute representative in the Supreme Election Council, provided that they have been authorized in writing by the chairmen of that political party. These representatives participate in all the works and meetings of the board and cannot vote."

Nature of Supreme Election Council Decisions

The Supreme Election Council, which is included in the "Legislative Section" of the Constitution, is not only a board that carries out the general management and supervision of the elections, but also a mixed sovereign supreme judicial authority consisting of the members elected by the Court of Cassation and the Council of State among its own members, which also provides judicial supervision of the elections.

In Art 79 of the Constitution titled "General Management and Control of Elections", it is the duty of the Supreme Election Council to carry out all the procedures related to the orderly management and honesty of the election from the beginning to the end of the elections, to examine and finalize all corruption, complaints and objections related to election issues during and after the election, and to accept the election minutes of the members of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye and the Presidential election minutes. It is stated that the decisions of the Supreme Election Council are final and no other authority can be applied in electoral law disputes.

Duties and Powers of the Supreme Election Council

The Supreme Election Council is a Constitutional Board that examines and finalizes all corruption, complaints and objections related to election issues during and after the election, and announces the election results to the public in a safe and fast manner in accordance with the Constitution, the Law on

Basic Provisions and Electoral registers of the Elections No. 298, the Law on the Organization and Duties of the Supreme Election Council No. 7062 and other election laws, from the beginning to the end of the elections in our country.

The basic duties and powers of the Supreme Election Council are regulated in Art 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of Türkiye No. 2709, Art 14 of the Law on Basic Provisions of Elections and Electoral registers No. 298, and Art 6 of the Law on the Organization and Duties of the Supreme Election Council No. 7062. In addition to the duties and powers in these arts, the other arts of the Law No. 298, the Political Parties Law No. 2820, the Law No. 2839 on the Parliamentary Election, the Law No. 2972 on the Election of Local Administrations, Mukhtar and Council of Elders, the Law No. 3376 on the Presentation of Constitutional Amendments to the Public, the Presidential Election Law No. 6271 and other laws also have the duties assigned to the Supreme Election Council.

According to the provisions of the above-mentioned legislation, the duties and powers of the Supreme Election Council are as follows:

A. Duties and Powers Included in the Constitution

- 1- To carry out all procedures related to the orderly management and honesty of the election from the beginning to the end of the elections. (Art 79/2)
- 2- To examine all corruption, complaints and objections related to election issues during and after the election and to make a final decision. (Art 79/2)
- 3- To accept the election minutes of the members of the Turkish Grand National Assembly and the Presidential election minutes. (Art 79/2)
- 4- To determine the necessary measures to be taken in terms of election security in the counting and tabulation of votes and voting in prison institutions and detention centers. (Art 67/5)

B. Duties and Authorities Included in the Law on Basic Provisions for Elections and Voter Registers No. 298

a) Duties and Powers Listed in Art 14:

- 1- In the elections, to have enough special envelopes to be placed in the

ballot paper under the constant supervision and supervision of the member or members to be determined or the chairman of the district election board or the chairman or member of the provincial election board to be authorized at the place of manufacture and delivery, and to send these envelopes to the provincial election boards in sufficient number for the needs of each province against receipts.

2- To make the "Supreme Election Council of the Republic of Türkiye" watermark molds and envelope measurement molds required for the production of special envelopes and to store them after the production of the necessary amount of paper and envelopes.

3- To print the unified ballots bearing the watermark of the "Supreme Election Council of the Republic of Türkiye", which can be folded and glued on one side, to carry the same number of each (400) and each (400) package, and to deliver one package for each box to the district election boards on time.

4- To design and print the form, all kinds of printed papers such as documents lists required by all transactions mentioned in Law No. 298 and templates in accordance with the ballots for the use of visually impaired voters, to ensure that they reach the provincial and district election boards on time and as needed.

5- To determine and announce the names of the political parties that have established the provincial and district organizations in at least half of the provinces and at least six months ago in the second week of the months envisaged for the re-establishment of the district election boards within the principles determined in the eleventh paragraph of Art 14 of the Law No. 298.

6- To ensure the formation of provincial and district election boards.

7- To conclude the objections to the formation, proceedings and decisions of the provincial election boards before the voting day and with the speed required by the subject of the objection.

8- To make a final decision about the objections to the candidacy in accordance with this Law and its special laws.

9- To immediately examine and finalize the objections made by the provincial election boards against the decisions made about the voting day procedures.

10- To examine the objections made against the minutes prepared by the provincial election boards and to make a final decision.

11- To examine and finalize the objections made to it within the period after the elections, which will be effective for the result of the election and will require the cancellation of the election of that district or the minutes of one or more of

the elected ones, without investigating the appropriateness of the objections made to the sub-committees to their succession and duration.

12- To immediately answer the questions to be asked by the provincial election boards about the execution of the election affairs and to take the measures to ensure that the election is held regularly throughout the country and to make the necessary circulars in this regard in a timely manner.

13- To announce the political parties that can participate in the election within ten days from the start date of the election and within five days after the announcement of the renewal decision in case of renewal of the election.

14- To determine the principles related to the establishment and functioning of General Directorate of Voter Register and other working subjects, to publish the regulations, to make and supervise their programs.

15- To make the necessary arrangements to ensure the establishment of the Overseas District Election Board and to enable citizens abroad to vote.

16- In order to carry out the duties assigned by the Overseas District Election Board during the electoral calendar in overseas election works and transactions, if deemed necessary, to assign at least at the level of the head of department among the members of this Ministry by taking the opinion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

17- To determine the number of voters in the polling station according to the election type.

18- If deemed necessary in terms of election security, in the event that the governor or the chairman of the provincial election board makes a request at the latest one month before the voting day, to decide on the transportation of the polls in that place to the nearest election districts, the unification of the polling stations, the unification of the election districts except for the mukhtar elections and the preparation of the voter lists in a mixed manner and the announcement of these issues.

19- To determine the procedures and principles regarding the establishment of a mobile ballot box committee, voting, counting and casting and combining procedures to enable voters who are bedridden due to their illness or disability to vote, except for the mukhtar elections.

b) Main Duties and Powers Listed in Arts Other than Art 14:

1- To determine the working procedures and principles of the temporary district election boards to be formed in order to distribute and collect election documents in districts with more than 25.000 voters, to obtain results from the

election boards with the training of the chairmen of the election boards and at least one member, and to fulfill the duty of delivering them to the district election board to which they are affiliated, to determine the number and term of office of the districts to be established. (Art 18/3)

2- To determine and announce the date on which the ballot boards will be established. (Art 24/1)

3- To determine the date on which the original and substitute members of the election boards will take office, taking into account the local characteristics of each electoral district. (Art 24/2)

4- To determine the procedures and principles for the issuance of the electoral register. (Art 33/1)

5- To determine the information processing, principles, rules and methods of the General Directorate of Electoral Roll with the rules, methods and techniques of regulation, continuous updating and general auditing of the voter register. (Art 33/2)

6- To determine the rules and methods of collecting other documents to be taken as a basis for updating the information in the electoral register. (Art 33/3)

7- To determine the rules and methods for the collection of other documents that will be the basis for updating voter information, except for judicial decisions, information and data on loss or regain of citizenship, death and change of residence, which will be the basis for updating voter information (Art. 33/3)

8- To determine and publish the rules regarding the completion of the missing information of the voter in the electoral register. (Art 34/5)

9- To determine the procedures and principles for the establishment of the overseas electoral register to be established on the basis of the residential address information in the address registration system. (Art 35/1)

10- To create overseas electoral register based on the overseas voter register and to announce them electronically. (Art 35/2)

11- Determining which situations will be decided upon objection or ex officio by the chairman of the district election board, except for those included in the fourth paragraph of Art 41, which are among the elements that need to be investigated to check whether the information about the voter on pre-voter lists named hanger lists identifies a single voter. (Art 41/4)

12- To determine the principles for sending or distributing the voter

information paper according to the characteristics of the electoral districts. (Art 44/1)

13- To determine the rules and methods of issuing, sending and storing the provincial and district lists of the electoral register. (Art 45/3)

14- To determine the rules and periods of examination of voter lists prepared at the country, province and district level; regulation, political parties. (Art 45/4)

15- To determine and publish the rules for storing and examining the electoral register. (Art 47/3)

16- To determine the amount to be paid for the provision of electoral registers to political parties with the competence to participate in the elections in computer environment or at the list level. (Art 47/4)

17- To determine the duties and authorizations of those to be assigned in writing and auditing works, the forms of writing and auditing, the forms of writing and auditing forms and what information they will carry, how they will be filled, what kind of documents will be used in writing, auditing and continuous interim studies, the delivery of the documents, the principles, methods and rules of auditing the writing. (Art 32/2)

18- To regulate the time within which the images to be delivered to TRT for video propaganda will be delivered to TRT and the times when they will be shown on TRT; not to allow their publication if there is a criminal issue in these images. (Art 52/2)

19- To ensure propaganda broadcasts to be made on TRT radios and televisions are carried out in impartiality and equality. (Art 52/6)

20- To determine the size of the party flag to be hung and the place where it will be hung in the propaganda speeches to be broadcast on behalf of the political parties participating in the election on TRT television. (Art 52/7)

21- To organize and supervise the propaganda speeches of political parties to be made at the national level on private radio and television in accordance with the procedures and principles applied in TRT. (Art 52/9)

22- Among the parties applying for radio and television broadcasting in TRT, to determine the time and order of broadcasting by drawing a name in front of TRT representatives with one of their representatives; to decide the starting time of the broadcasts, taking into account the number of parties and the most appropriate listening opportunities. (Art 54)

23- To appoint a Board member who will be present during the recording

with an audio and video recording device for conversations to be made with radio and television on behalf of political parties at TRT; to store tape and other tools recording these conversations. (Art 55/1)

24- To determine the broadcasting principles of private radio and television broadcasts from the start of the elections until the end of the voting day. (Art 55a/3)

25- To determine which are the private radios and televisions broadcasting nationwide and to have the relevant decision published in the Official Gazette. (Art 55a/6)

26- To supervise, supervise and evaluate the compliance of the broadcasts to be made by private radios and televisions broadcasting throughout the country with the principles of broadcasting. (Art 55a/4)

27- To determine the principles of propaganda and publications to be made over the press, communication tools and internet. (Art 55b/4)

28- From the start of the election until the end of the election propaganda period, to determine the procedures and principles related to video propaganda through the use of party flags, banners, posters, banners and similar materials by political parties and candidates; the use of fixed announcements and advertising places belonging to municipalities or for commercial purposes for political propaganda purposes and the display advertising placed in public areas and fixed digital advertising boards suitable for advertising. (Art 60)

29- To determine the measurements and standards of the voting booths in a way that ensures the confidentiality of voting. (Art 68/3)

30- In compulsory cases, to make the necessary changes in the standards of the ballot boxes. (Art 68/4)

31- To determine the seal, ink and stamp to be used in the elections. (Art 68/5)

32- To send the seals of the provincial and district election boards and ballot box committees and all kinds of stationery and equipment that cannot be provided in their locations for election works to the provincial and district election boards on time and to determine which material will be delivered to the chairmen of the ballot box committee in that election. (Art 68/6)

33- To determine the duty principles of the building managers in buildings where more than three ballot boxes are placed. (Art 74)

34- Preparing watermarked paper voting envelopes with the emblem of the

Supreme Electoral Council of the Republic of Türkiye in the upper left corner of the front. (Art 78/2)

35- To determine the principles to be applied in the ballot boxes established in prison institutions and detention centers. (Art 85/A)

36- Determining and announcing at the beginning of the elections which official documents will be accepted in determining the identity of the voter written on the ballot box voter list. (Art 87/1)

37- In the voting of overseas voters; to decide on the application of "ballot box", "voting at customs gates" or "electronic voting" methods together or separately, depending on the type of election and the situation of the foreign country, taking the opinion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (Art 94a/1)

38- To determine the procedures and principles regarding the necessary measures to be taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the establishment and security of the information infrastructure to be used in the works and transactions for the voters registered in the overseas electoral register to vote. (Art 94a/1)

39- To determine the procedures and principles regarding the voting day calendar to be organized for voters registered in the overseas electoral register. (Art 94C/1)

40- When necessary, to shorten the voting period by taking into account the number of voters in the foreign country, taking the opinion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (Art 94C/1)

41- To take the opinion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to announce this decision electronically, taking into account the situation of the foreign country, to decide in which foreign representation and on which localities voters can vote for twenty-four hours, including holidays, for a shorter period of time. (Art 94C/1)

42- To determine in which foreign representation and location the ballot box will be established and from which officials the ballot box committee will be formed, taking the opinion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (Art 94C/2)

43- To send the specially manufactured ballot papers and specially colored printed envelopes to the Overseas District Electoral Board. (Art 94C/5)

44- Determining the number of voters to vote in a ballot box with all its features, including the dimensions of the ballot boxes, voting booths and other voting tools to be used abroad, when necessary, taking into account the situation of the foreign country and taking the opinion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (Art 94C/5)

45- To determine the methods of delivering the sealed voting bags of the ballot boxes established in the foreign representations to the Overseas District Election Board. (Art 94c/8)

46- To establish the necessary technical infrastructure for citizens abroad to vote electronically through the Republic of Türkiye identification number; to take measures to prevent duplicate voting with passwords or similar security measures for voters in order to vote securely. (Art 94D/1)

47- For voters registered in the overseas electoral register, to send specially manufactured ballot papers and specially printed voting envelopes to be present at the relevant district election boards no later than three days before the voting day so that they can vote at the election polling stations to be established at the customs gates. (Art 94E/2)

48- To determine the customs gates at which overseas voters can vote and at which customs gates they can vote for twenty-four hours, including holidays, and for lesser periods. (Art 94E/3)

49- To determine the number of temporary customs gate election board and ballot box committees that will take part in the voting process to be held at the customs gates, the number of their members and substitutes, and which officials they will be composed of. (Art 94E/4)

50- To determine the procedures and principles regarding the issuance of ballot box result minutes. (Art 105/5)

51- To determine the procedures and principles regarding the consolidation of the ballot box results minutes in computer environment by the district election boards. (Art 108/3)

52- To determine the consolidation minutes to be issued by the district election board and other information deemed necessary to be written in the consolidation minute summaries other than the information specified in Art 108. (Arts 108/4, 9)

53- To determine the procedures and principles regarding the issuance of minutes and minute summaries to be issued by the district election board and the submission of the election results to the upper election boards. (Art 108/14)

54- To decide within three days on the objections to be lodged against the composition of the provincial election boards within three days at the latest as of the constitution of the board. (Art 121)

55- To finalize the complaints and objections made by the head office officials

of political parties regarding the entire electoral register to the voter lists for review of the mukhtar district. (Art 122/2)

56- To decide on the requests of the head office officials of the political parties and the General Manager of the Electoral Registry to review and decide once again on the final decisions made upon the complaints and objections regarding the head office voter lists for review or ballot box voter lists for review. (Art 124/1)

57- To publish the rules of objection to the voter lists for review of the mukhtar district (Art 122), objection to the voter lists for review of the ballot box district (Art 123) and the time, duration, examination and conclusion of the complaints and objections written in Art 124 at least one month before the first hanger. (Art 124/2)

58- Regarding the candidacy, according to the nature of the election, to make a final decision on the objections made on the decisions made upon the objection applications made to the election boards in charge of the administration and the election boards by law. (Art 125/3)

59- To definitively decide on the decisions to be taken by the provincial election board and its chairmen upon complaint, other decisions and objections to be made about the minutes and extraordinary objections. (Art 130)

60- During the continuation of all kinds of elections, to decide immediately and definitively in writing on the applications for complaints made directly to the Supreme Election Council by the presidents or deputies of the establishment levels, observers, candidates and deputies according to the political parties or their statutes, who have not been shown the way to complain or apply to another authority in this Law with the transactions, measures and other treatments other than the decisions objected to or given by the Supreme Election Council, but whose duties of the sub-committees have exceeded their limits or who have the ability to choose due to unlawful acts of this nature. (Art 131)

61- To determine the start and end times of the nine-hour voting period in all dormitories or electoral circles deemed necessary and to announce them at least one week before the election day. (Art 89)

62- To determine the reasons for which the ballot papers will be invalid in the elections to the mukhtar office, except for the invalidity reasons specified in Art 101. (Art 101/4)

63- To determine the per diems to be paid to the chairmen and members of the election board and to those who will be assigned in accordance with the Law No. 298 and to the officers and servants, political party representatives

and outsourced employees to be employed in these works during and outside working hours, not exceeding the amount determined according to Article 182; to decide to pay up to four times the per diem to those who work abroad. (Art 182)

64- With the announcements to be published at the time of news broadcasts or at other appropriate times through TRT radios; by arousing the interest of the citizen and reminding him/her of the duties and powers of being a voter; to ensure that the electoral registers are arranged, the first counting and writing works are carried out, the rewriting procedures to be carried out, the audits, the arrangement, suspension and suspension of the ballot box voter lists, how the objection and additional registration procedures will be carried out, the distribution of voter information papers and the procedures to be carried out on voting are announced by specifying the periods together with other necessary issues. (additional art. 1)

65- When necessary, from the beginning of the elections to the issuance of the district unification report, to determine the districts and elections where the main judgeship duties of the district election board chairmen will be carried out by other judges to be authorized by the HSK. (additional art. 3)

66- If deemed necessary, to change the dates and periods stipulated in Law No. 298 or other laws for election procedures such as the date of application for candidacy, examination of applications, objection to candidacy, decision on objections, provisional and definitive announcement of candidates and to announce this decision immediately with its justification. (annex art 4)

67- The form of the ballots to be used in submitting the laws on constitutional amendments to the referendum; voting, counting and casting of votes, determination of invalid votes, recording the results in the minutes, merging procedures to be carried out by the district, provincial and Supreme Election Council; the majority and minority views in the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye regarding the law submitted to the referendum, and the principles of disclosing the opinion of the President and the results of the referendum to the voters through Turkish Radio and Television, taking into account the similar provisions in Law No. 298. (annex art 5)

68- To take all necessary measures and all security measures regarding the databases to be made available to the political party headquarters so that the political party headquarters participating in the election can simultaneously monitor the ballot box-scale election results sent electronically from the district election boards to the Supreme Election Council and store them in the same format in the computer environment. (annex art 9)

C. Duties and Powers Included in the Law No. 7062 on the Organization and Duties of the Supreme Election Council

Duties and Powers Listed in Art 6 of Law No. 7062 on the Organization and Duties of the Supreme Election Council

1- From the beginning to the end of the elections, the management of the election in order and to make all transactions related to honesty, to examine all corruption, complaints and objections related to election issues during and after the election and to make a final decision.

2- To accept the election minutes of the members of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye.

3- To accept the minutes of the Presidential election and to issue a report on its election on behalf of the President-elect.

4- To determine the procedures and principles regarding the creation, updating, management and auditing of the voter registry.

5- To take principle decisions and make other regulations on issues related to the implementation of this Law and matters within the scope of duties, powers and responsibilities.

6- To prepare or have prepared promotional programs to be broadcast within the scope of compulsory broadcasting on radio and television in order to explain the rights and obligations of voters and election works and procedures during the election process.

7- To inform citizens with promotional programs about the importance of the electoral register and its regulation methods and the duties and responsibilities of voters.

8- To take all kinds of measures to make it easier for disabled voters to vote.

9- To take measures to make it easier for voters abroad to vote.

10- To cooperate with domestic and foreign organizations on issues related to its field of duty.

D. Duties and Powers in the Law No. 2839 on the Parliamentary Election

1- To determine the number of deputies to be elected by the electoral districts and each electoral district in accordance with Art 4 of the Law No. 2839 within six months at the latest from the announcement of the general census results and to announce them by the Official Gazette, radio and television. (Art 5)

2- In cases where it is decided to renew the elections or to hold a by-election, to be able to shorten and implement the periods determined by this Law and Law No. 298 and Political Parties Law No. 2820 regarding the elections. (Art 9)

3- To receive the alliance protocol containing the signatures of the presidents of the political parties that decide to participate in the election by making an alliance, within seven days at the latest from the start date of the election. (Art 12a/2)

4- Immediately notify other political parties in the same alliance of the political parties that have withdrawn from the alliance by notifying the Board three days before the date set for the submission of the candidate lists. (Art. 12a/4)

5- To determine the procedures and principles regarding the implementation of Art 12/A titled "Election Alliance" of the Law No. 2839 and other issues related to the election alliance. (Art 12/5)

6- To notify the authorized bodies at the headquarters of political parties who have not nominated candidates in at least half of the total number of provinces for any reason or who have nominated incomplete candidates in any of the electoral circles of these provinces, to complete the deficiencies immediately. (Art 13/1)

7- In the event that political parties nominate candidates in more than half of the total number of provinces, but incomplete candidates are nominated in one or more of the electoral circles exceeding half, to notify the competent bodies at the headquarters of that party of the completion of the candidate lists. (Art 14/1)

8- To notify the relevant political parties about the completion of these deficiencies within two days from the notification if there is a deficiency in the candidate lists of the political parties upon the objections made. (Art 15)

9- Receiving the lists of candidates belonging to the election constituencies

of the headquarters of the political parties in return for the certificate of receipt until 17.00, at the latest ten days after the pre-election day, and immediately informing the provincial election boards. (Art 20/1-2)

10- To announce the candidate lists of all political parties in the form of provisional lists in the Official Gazette and by radio. (Art 20/2)

11- To announce the applications to be made for the candidacy of independent deputies in the form of temporary lists by usual means. (Art 21/1)

12- To decide the objections to be made within two days against the decisions made by the provincial election boards upon the objections made to the provincial election board within two days from the provisional announcement of the candidates within three days and at the latest until the day of the announcement of the final candidate lists. (Art 22)

13- To announce all candidates by the Official Gazette and radio on the fifty-fifth day before the voting day after the nominations are finalized. (Art 24/1)

14- To determine the date on which the provincial election boards will announce the candidates in their own election circles by customary means. (Art 24/2)

15- To print the combined ballot papers of political parties and the ballot papers of independent candidates to be used in the parliamentary elections on paper with the watermark "Supreme Election Board of the Republic of Türkiye" on the paper in accordance with the principles set forth in subparagraph (1) of Article 14 of the Law No. 298. (Art. 26/1-a)

16- To determine the place of political parties in the ballot in accordance with the lottery order drawn in the presence of the representatives of the political parties participating in the election. (Art. 26/1-b)

17- Sending the combined ballots to be used in each ballot box to the electoral circles with enough envelopes after being numbered and sealed in packages of four hundred pieces. (27-1)

18- According to the information reported by the provincial election boards from all provinces, to make the total of the valid votes throughout Türkiye and to calculate the percentage of votes received by the political parties and alliances throughout the country by dividing the total of the valid votes received by each political party and alliance by the total of the general valid votes and to notify and announce the names of the political parties and alliances exceeding the seven percent threshold to the provincial election boards. (Art 33/3)

19- To submit to the Presidency of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye one of the minutes prepared by the provincial election board for the election of deputies and two copies of which are sent to the Council. (Art 36/2)

20- Immediately publishing the information provided by the provincial election boards regarding the election results via radio and television without delay. (Art 37/1)

21- As soon as the information to be given from all provinces is completed, obtaining certified copies of the minutes or examining and deciding on this objection if there is an objection without waiting, immediately publishing the names and surnames of the elected deputies with Turkish Radio and Television. (Art 37/2)

22- Upon the sending of the minutes showing the election results from all provinces, to publish a second declaration with Radio and Television and Official Gazette as soon as possible and to announce the names and surnames of the deputy elected, the number of voters, the number of voters, the participation rate, the number of valid ballots, the number of votes won by each party and independent candidates in terms of provinces and election circles. (Art 37/3)

23- To provide TurkStat with the information contained in the minutes of the ballot boxes in terms of provinces, electoral districts and districts, electoral districts and ballot boxes. (Art 38)

24- If it is decided to cancel the minutes as a result of the casting, counting and calculation made again upon the objection made to the minutes of the deputy regarding the casting, counting of the votes or the part of these votes for the parties and independent candidates, to give the minutes to those who are understood to have been elected according to the result of the casting, counting and calculation to be made again. (Art 39/1)

25- If it is decided to cancel the election held in an electoral district due to election procedures, to immediately announce that the election will be held in that environment with the decision on the cancellation of the election by the Official Gazette and other means. (Art 39/2)

26- If it is decided to cancel the minutes of one or more of the deputies, to submit a report to the next candidate in accordance with the principles of Arts 34 and 35 instead of the deputies whose minutes have been canceled. (Art 39/4)

27- To take the necessary principle decisions in order to ensure that the parliamentary elections are held in a healthy and orderly manner. (Art 42/2)

E. Duties and Powers Included in the Law No. 297 on the Election of Local Administrations, Mukhtar and Council of Elders

- 1- To determine the pre-election date. (Art 13/2)
- 2- To print the ballots in accordance with the principles of Art 14 (1) of the Law No. 298 or to have them printed by the provincial election boards under their permission and supervision. (Art 18/2-a)
- 3- To determine the place of the political parties to participate in the election on the basis of the lottery drawn in the presence of the representatives of the political parties. (Art 18/2-b)
- 4- In cases where the ballots are not printed by the provincial election boards, the combined ballots to be used in each ballot box are converted into packages of up to 15% more than the number of voters in that ballot box, numbered and sealed, and then enough envelopes and municipal council member candidates are sent to the election circles with a list of names. (Art 18/2-h)
- 5- To send the envelopes to be put on the ballot to the provincial election boards in sufficient number for the needs of each province in return for receipts. (Art 18/2-i)
- 6- To decide on the objections made within the periods determined in Art 130 of the Law No. 298 against the decisions of the provincial election boards. (Art 25/5)
- 7- To announce the general result of the election based on the documents sent by the district election boards. (Art 26)
- 8- To organize and supervise the propaganda speeches of political parties to be made in accordance with the procedures and principles applied in TRT on private radios and televisions of national nature. (Art 35/1)

F. Duties and Powers in the Law No. 3376 on the Presentation of the Constitutional Amendments to Referendum

- 1- To ensure the management and supervision of the procedures for presenting the constitutional amendments to referendum. (Art 3/1)
- 2- To take all measures and make preparations for the referendum of the constitutional amendments; to take the necessary principle decisions in order to ensure that the referendum takes place in a healthy and orderly manner. (Art 3/2)
- 3- To combine and announce the results from the provincial election boards. (Art 8/2)

G. Duties and Powers in the Presidential Election Law No. 6271

- 1- To carry out and have carried out all procedures related to the orderly management and honesty of the election from the beginning to the end of the presidential elections to take the necessary decisions on principles, to determine and announce all the periods in the laws numbered 298, 2820, 2839, 2972 and 3376 and the law numbered 6271 regarding the election by shortening them when necessary. (Art 2/6)
- 2- To determine and announce the presidential electoral calendar ex officio. (Art 3/7)
- 3- Announcing the period for applying for the presidential candidacy; in case of deficiencies in the information and documents related to the candidates, giving the relevant political parties a period of five days to eliminate the deficiencies. (Art 8/2-3)
- 4- To accept the applications of the persons who want to be nominated by the voters; to examine these applications within two days; to give a two-day period for the completion of the deficiencies in case there are deficiencies in the information and documents related to the applications, to reject the application if the deficiencies are not completed within this period. (Art 8A/2-3b)

5- To reject the application if it is determined that the applicant does not have the qualification to be nominated by the voters; to decide on this request within three days if a petition is requested within two days upon the notification of the rejection decision. (Art 8A/3a)

6- To announce the persons whose candidacy applications are accepted from the candidates nominated by the voters. (Art 8A/4)

7- To determine the issues related to the objection to the candidates nominated by the voters. (Art 8A/5)

8- To determine the form of the applications and forms related to the candidate proposal and other procedures and principles regarding the nomination by the voters, including the nominations of the voters registered in the overseas electoral register. (Art 8A/9)

9- As a result of its examination of the candidates, to determine the temporary candidate list showing those who have the qualification for election and the conditions for nomination; to publish the temporary candidate list and the objection period in the Official Gazette. (Art 9)

10- Within two days from the announcement in the Official Gazette, to finalize the objections made against the provisional candidate list or the decision not to be included in this list within three days and to publish the final candidate list in the Official Gazette. (Art 10)

11- Judges and public prosecutors, members of higher judicial bodies, academic staff of higher education institutions, members of the Higher Education Council, the Radio and Television Supreme Council, civil servants of public institutions and organisations and other public servants who are not employees in terms of their service, mayors, officers and non-commissioned officers, the chairmen and members of the provincial and district executive boards of political parties, members of the municipal councils, members of the provincial general assembly, members of the boards of directors and supervisory boards of professional organizations and trade unions, public banks and supreme unions and their supreme organizations and undertakings or partnerships in which they participate, nominated as candidates for the President of the Republic who are deemed to resign from their duties as of the date of the finalization of the candidate list and to immediately notify the ministry or institution to which the nominated person is affiliated that he/she is deemed to be deemed to have been nominated. (Art 11/1)

12- To ensure that propaganda broadcasts to be made on Turkish Radio and Television during the propaganda period are made in full impartiality and

equality. (Art 13/2)

13- To publish the declaration of property of the selected candidate in the Official Gazette following the finalization of the election results. (Art 14/2)

14- To determine the amount of cash assistance that cannot be received against receipt in order to ensure transparency in the elections. (Art 14/4)

15- To approve the lists where donations and grants and expenditures made in the period from the finalization of the candidacy to the finalization of the election results will be recorded. (Art 14/5)

16- To examine the election accounts and information and documents related to donations, aids and expenditures submitted within ten days following the finalization of the election results within one month and to announce them within one month following the completion of the examination; to determine the irregularities, if any, and whether the prescribed limits have been exceeded; to give an appropriate period to the candidates in order to eliminate the deficiencies detected at this stage; to transfer the amount exceeding the specified limit and the amount not spent from the donations and aids received to the Treasury. (Art 14/6-7)

17- To determine the procedures and principles of the declaration of property to be given by the candidate, the form, content and approval of the lists to be used by the candidates, the form and content of the receipts, printing, receiving donations and aids, recording, spending, transferring the unspent or exceeding the donation limit to the Treasury and other procedures and principles related to helping the candidates. (Art 14/9)

18- To determine other issues related to the unified ballot papers to be used in voting; to print the unified ballot papers, to print them when necessary through provincial election boards that he/she deems appropriate. (Art 15)

19- To determine the procedures and principles regarding the combination of the content of the minutes to be prepared by the ballot box, district and provincial election boards with the election results; to combine and announce the results from the provincial election boards. (Art 18)

20- In the event that it is decided to cancel the election made or the merger report issued in one or more election circles due to election procedures, to decide whether the elections will be renewed in the electoral circles in question, taking into account whether the canceled part has an impact on the election results throughout the country. (Art 19)

21- To report the final results of the presidential election to the Presidency

of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye and the Presidential Authority, to announce them to the public and to publish them in the Official Gazette. (Art 20/1)

22- To prepare a report on the election of the President on behalf of the President-elect; to submit this report to the Presidency of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye to be given to the President-elect. (Art 20/2)

H. Duties and Powers in the Political Parties Law No. 2820

1- To determine and announce the date on which the candidates will be determined by the political parties at least seventy-five days before the general elections. (Art 37/5)

2- To cancel the candidacy of those who act contrary to the rules regarding candidate candidacy and center candidacy in political parties. (Art 40/5)

3- Immediately submit a certified copy of the lists of party candidates determined by the pre-election from the provincial election boards to the chairmanship of the relevant parties. (Art 48)

4- In the event that the objection made to the candidacy minutes in the preliminary elections is related to the casting or counting of the votes and it is decided to cancel the minutes as a result of the recounting and counting, to give the minutes to those who are understood to have been elected according to the result of the recounting and counting. (Art 51/3)

I. Duties and Authorities in the Law No. 6112 on the Establishment and Broadcasting Services of Radios and Televisions

1- To regulate the procedures and principles regarding the publications made during the election periods in relation to the elections. (Art 30/1)

J. Task to Determine the Competent Judge or District Election Board

1- To determine the judge in charge of conducting the organ elections to be held by secret ballot of the Bar Associations and the Union of Turkish Bar Associations in places where there are more than one district election boards. (Attorneyship Law No. 1136, add. Art. 3/2)

2- To determine the judge in charge of the elections of the central organs of the Notaries Union of Türkiye and the organs of the notary chambers in places where there are more than one district election boards. (Notary Law No. 1512, Additional add. Art 1/2)

3- Where there is more than one district election board, to determine the district election board chairman judge who will make the elections of the Banks Association of Türkiye and the Participation Banks Association of Türkiye. (Art 81/1 of the Banking Law No. 5411)

4- In the event that there is more than one district election board in the place where the election will be held, to determine the judge responsible for making the elections of the Insurance, Reinsurance and Pension Companies Association of Türkiye. (Art 25/2 of the Insurance Law No. 5684)

5- To determine the judge in charge of making the selection of the chambers with the Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects in case there is more than one district election board in a place. (Law No. 6235 on the Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects, add. Art 2/2)

6- To determine the judge in charge of making the selection of the bodies of the Veterinary Chambers and the Turkish Veterinary Physicians Association in places where there are more than one district election boards. (The Practice of the Veterinary Profession, the Establishment and Duties of Turkish Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) and Veterinary Medical Chambers, add. Art 2/2)

7- Where there is more than one district election board, to determine the district election board chairman judge who will make the organ elections of the Financial Institutions Association. (Art 42/1 of the Financial Leasing, Factoring, Financing and Saving Finance Companies Law No. 6361)

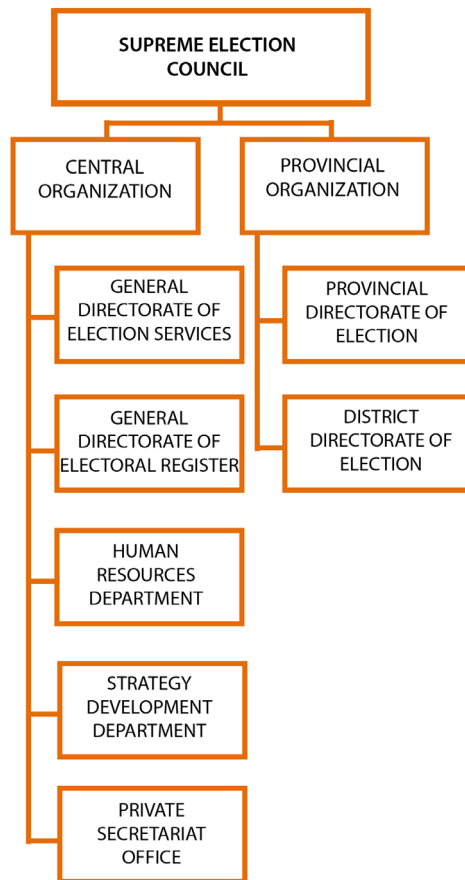
8- In places where there are more than one district election board, to determine the district election board chairman who will make the organ elections of the Turkish Payment and Electronic Money Institutions Association.

(Law No. 6493 on Payment and Securities Settlement Systems, Payment Services and Electronic Money Institutions, Art. 1/3)

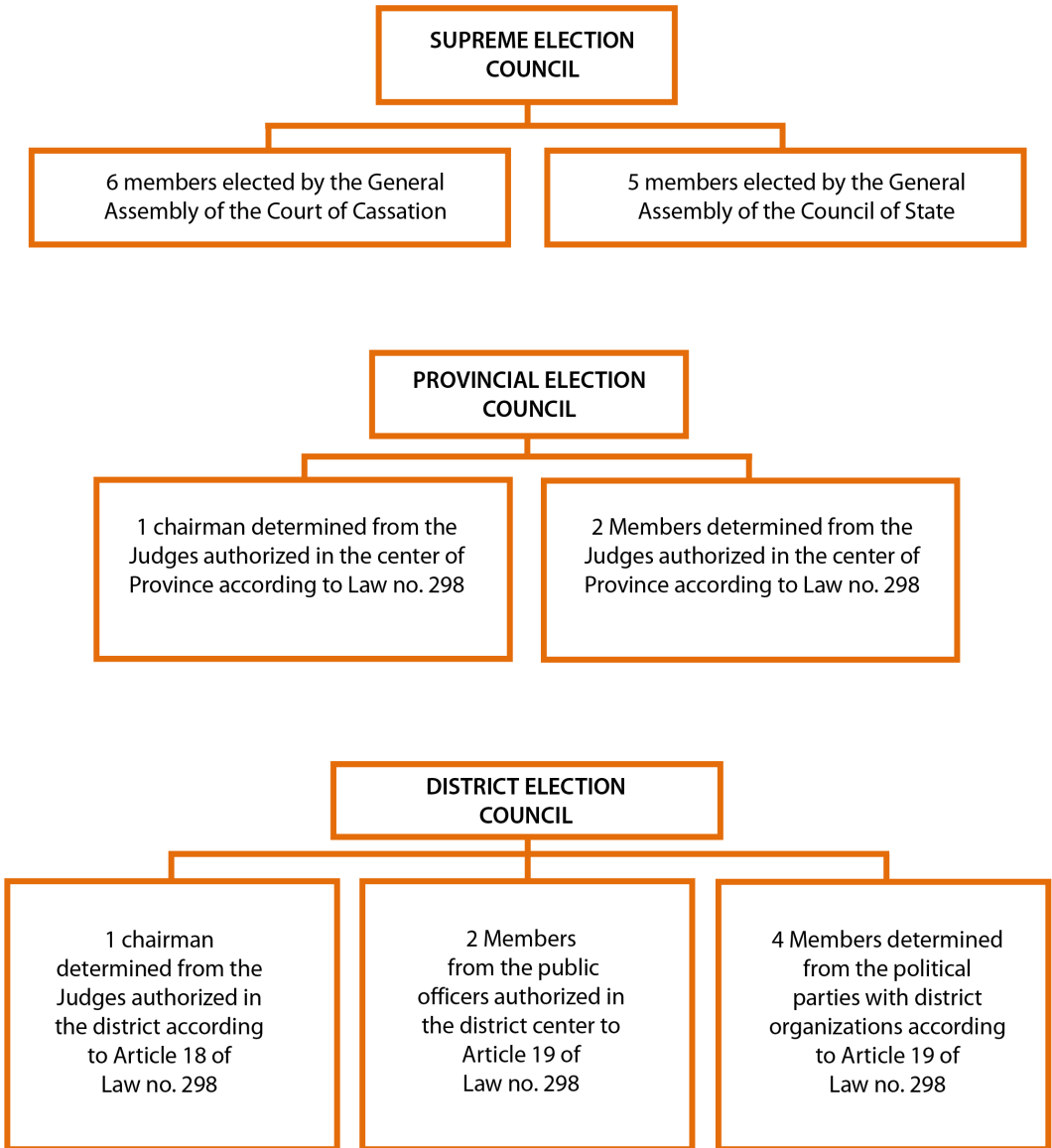
9- To determine the judge responsible for making the elections of the Union of Chambers of Agriculture and Chambers of Agriculture in places with more than one district election board chairman. (Art 8 of the Law on the Union of Chambers of Agriculture and Chambers of Agriculture No. 6964)

10- To determine the district election board responsible for making the elections of the Union of Chambers of Certified Public Accountants and Sworn-in Certified Public Accountants, Chambers of Certified Public Accountants and Sworn-in Certified Public Accountants in places where there are more than one district election board. (Art 40/2 of the Law No. 3568 on Certified Public Accountancy and Sworn-in Certified Public Accountancy)

Administrative Organization Chart of the Presidency of the Supreme Election Council



Election Councils



* *NOTE: Political parties that meet the requirements of Art 17 of Law No. 298 may have representatives on the above-mentioned election boards.

Provincial Election Board

The provincial election board consists of one chairman and two principal members and two substitute members. The chairman of the provincial election board and its principal members and substitute members are determined every two years in the last week of January by drawing a name from the judicial court of first instance justice commission among the judges who work in the city center, have not received reprimand or more severe disciplinary punishment, and have not lost their first class qualifications. The first judge who appears in the nomination is determined as the chairman, the next two judges as the principal and the last two judges as the substitute members. In the event that the number of judges to participate in the naming is less than five, the original and substitute members who are missing after the naming process is made among these judges are determined starting from the most senior judge. If there is no judge to participate in the nomination, the chairman and principal members and substitute members are determined starting from the most senior judge. The provincial election board established in this way serves for two years.

In the general and last interim parliamentary elections, those who have at least one member elected to the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye from their list or those who have an organization in that province and district from the political parties that have been determined and announced by the Supreme Election Council to be qualified to participate in the election shall have a representative.

Duties and Powers of the Provincial Election Board

According to Art 16 of the Law No. 298;

1. To take all necessary measures to ensure that the election is carried out regularly within the provincial electoral district and to supervise the election works.
2. To send the ballot boxes and other election tools and equipment written in this law to the district election boards.
3. To examine the objections made against the formation, transactions and decisions of the district election boards and to decide them immediately.
4. To immediately answer the questions to be asked by the district election board presidencies about the execution of the election works.

5. Receiving and announcing candidate declarations or lists, examining objections to be made about them and making decisions about those who are not legally valid from these declarations or lists, sending temporary and definitive candidate lists to their places and announcing them.
6. To prepare a report for the provincial electoral district by combining the minutes from the district election boards affiliated with.
7. To perform other duties assigned to it by law.

District Election Board

The district election board is formed by a chairman and six principal and six substitute members and serves for two years.

In the districts, among the judges who have not received a reprimand or more severe disciplinary punishment and who have not lost their qualifications to be assigned to the first class, and among the judges with the same qualifications in the central districts, the judge determined by the judicial court of first instance justice commission is the chairman of the board.

If there is no judge to participate in the nomination, the most senior judge is the chairman of the board.

The Board convenes with its principal members.

Duties and Powers of the District Election Board

According to Art 20 of the Law No. 298;

1. To take all necessary measures to ensure that the election is carried out regularly around the district and to supervise the election works.
2. Establishing ballot boards.
3. To send the ballot boxes and other election tools and equipment written in this law to the ballot box committees in the district.
4. To examine and decide the objections made against the organizations, transactions and decisions of the ballot boxes.
5. To immediately answer the questions to be asked by the presidencies of

the election boards about the execution of the election affairs.

6. To prepare the district election report by combining the minutes from the ballot box committees around the district and to submit this report immediately to the provincial election board together with other documents related to the election works.

7. To perform other duties assigned to him/her by law.

Overseas District Election Board

The Overseas District Election Board affiliated to the Ankara Provincial Election Board was established to manage the electoral affairs related to the voting of citizens abroad. After the chairman of the Ankara Provincial Election Board and its principal and substitute members are determined, the most senior judge who comes after the chairmen of the election board of the districts that do not have a judicial organization in the city center of Ankara are determined is the chairman of the Overseas District Election Board. The two original and two substitute members of the Board are determined from among public officials, and the four original and four substitute members are determined from political parties. The Board convenes with its principal members.

Duties and Powers of the Overseas District Election Board

According to Art 20/A of Law No. 298;

1. To ensure that the election works and procedures related to the voting of citizens registered in the overseas electoral register are carried out regularly and to take all necessary measures.

2. To establish overseas ballot box boards.

3. To send the voting envelopes and other election tools and equipment sealed with its own seal with the ballot papers to be present at the relevant foreign representations through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the latest seven days before the voting process starts, or to request the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to provide the vehicles such as ballot boxes and voting booths from the location if deemed necessary.

4. To examine and decide the objections and complaints made against the transactions and decisions of the overseas ballot box boards.
5. To immediately answer the questions to be asked by the presidencies of the overseas ballot box committee about the election works and transactions.
6. To conclude the objections to be made to the overseas electoral register directly or through consulates during the suspension period, to send the decisions to the General Directorate of Civil Registration and Nationality and to make the necessary registration and correction procedures in accordance with these decisions.
7. To approve the address declaration forms submitted directly or through district election boards for the registration of voters whose residential address is abroad but who are in the country for any reason during the suspension period of the overseas electoral register, and to send them to the General Directorate of Civil Registration and Nationality.
8. To accept the applications submitted directly or through the district election boards of those who are discharged from the military service and those who are not registered in the overseas electoral register and those whose restrictions have expired, and to ensure that they are registered in the overseas electoral register.
9. To decide on the freezing of the records in the overseas electoral register of soldiers, privates and military students under arms (even if they are on leave) and voters restricted by a final court decision.
10. Although it has been decided to register the applications made within the suspension period to be recorded in the overseas electoral register, to decide that the voters whose names are not included in the finalized overseas electoral register will be added to the registry regardless of the finalization of the overseas electoral register and to send them to the General Directorate of the Electoral Register.
11. After the end of the voting period in the country in accordance with the general principles, to open the voting bags coming from abroad with a seal, to make the count and breakdown, to record the minutes and to make the unification procedures, to combine the results from the temporary customs gate election boards and to forward them to the Ankara Provincial Election Board by establishing a sufficient number of ballot boxes consisting of a president, a public official member and a principal substitute member notified by the three most voted political parties in Türkiye in the last general election.
12. To perform other duties assigned to it by law.

Ballot Box Committee

The board formed for the voting and counting procedures to be carried out in accordance with the procedures and principles specified in the Law No. 298 on Basic Provisions of Elections and Electoral registers is called the BALLOT BOX COMMITTEE.

The board of the ballot box in the country consists of a public official, a president and a member, and members of the five political parties that received the most votes in that district in the last general election.

The ballot box committee consists of a public official, a president and a member, and a name announced by the three most voted political parties in Türkiye in the last general election, and a substitute member is elected by the same procedure.

Duties and Powers of the Ballot Box Committees

According to Art 71 of the Law No. 298;

1. To take the necessary measures to ensure that the election takes place regularly around the ballot box and to carry out and supervise the voting works.
2. To determine the place where the ballot box will be placed in the buildings, structures and similar places determined by the district election board and to put signs showing this place conspicuously at the beginning of the streets or to announce it with usual tools.
3. To examine the objections to be raised about the voting works and to make a decision and to sign them by recording their decisions in the minute book.
4. To immediately send those who are objected to these decisions to the district election board.
5. To count the ballots cast to the ballot box in accordance with the principles in this law, to record their breakdown and results in the minutes and to submit them immediately to the district election board together with other documents related to the election works.
6. To perform other duties assigned to it by law.

It is regulated in accordance with the Law No. 7062 on the Organization and Duties of the Supreme Election Council.

Organization of the Supreme Election Council

The council organization consists of central and provincial units.

The central organization consists of the General Directorate of the Electoral Register, the General Directorate of Election Services, the Human Resources Department, the Strategy Development Department and the Private Secretariat Office.

The provincial organization consists of election directorates affiliated to district and overseas district election boards. The Board may establish an election directorate affiliated to the provincial election board in the provinces deemed necessary.

General Directorate of Electoral Register

1. Creating and updating the electoral register.
2. To obtain the information and documents needed to create and keep the electoral register up-to-date from all public institutions and organizations.
3. Identify voters thoroughly and prevent duplicate voter registration.
4. Ensuring that voters vote easily, accurately and quickly.
5. Identify duplicate voters.
6. To take measures to ensure that the election is concluded quickly.
7. To fulfill the requirements of the Board decisions.
8. To carry out the information processing services of the Board.
9. To operate and maintain the information system of the Board, to determine the policies and principles for its development in line with technological innovations.
10. To take the necessary measures for information security and reliability.
11. To prepare the annual programs needed in line with the principles to be

determined by the Council and to submit them to the approval of the Council.

12. To audit the electoral register at regular intervals within the framework of the principles and methods determined by the Board.

13. To prepare or have prepared promotional programs in order to explain the rights and obligations of voters and election works and procedures.

14. To plan and carry out training activities for selection.

15. To submit their work to the Board with quarterly reports in accordance with the program approved by the Board.

16. To perform such other duties as are prescribed by law or as may be assigned by the President.

General Directorate of Election Services

1. To make preparations for domestic and international election works and transactions and to carry out election studies.

2. To fulfill the requirements of the Board decisions.

3. To make correspondence of the Board.

4. To carry out works and transactions related to selection tools and equipment.

5. To carry out rental and purchase works within the framework of the provisions of the Public Financial Management and Control Law dated 10/12/2003 and numbered 5018; to carry out or have carried out cleaning, security, lighting, heating, repair, transportation and similar services.

6. To carry out the transactions related to movables and immovables within the framework of the relevant legislation.

7. 4) to carry out services of general documents and archive.

8. To plan and carry out civil defense and mobilization services.

9. To perform such other duties as are prescribed by law or as may be assigned by the President.

Human Resources Department

1. To carry out the appointment, transfer, performance, promotion, discipline, retirement and similar personal transactions of the personnel.
2. To prepare, implement and evaluate the training plan of the personnel.
3. To carry out studies and make proposals on the personnel policy and planning of the Board, the development of the human resources system and the establishment of performance criteria.
4. To perform such other duties as are prescribed by law or as may be assigned by the President.

Directorate of Strategy Development Department

1. To carry out the duties assigned to the units carrying out financial services in Art 15 of the Law No. 5018 and the Law No. 5436 on Public Financial Management and Control dated 22/12/2005 and the Law on Amendments to Certain Laws and Decree Laws and other legislation.
2. To perform other duties assigned by the Rector.

Private Secretariat Office

1. To organize the work schedule of the chairman.
2. To organize and execute the official and private correspondence and protocol affairs of the President.
3. To perform such other duties as are prescribed by law or as may be assigned by the President.

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