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**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE  
ON CERTAIN MEASURES FOR THE ORGANISATION AND  
CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS OF ROMANIAN MEMBERS TO THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN 2024 AND THE ELECTIONS OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN 2024**

Translation from Romanian

**OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF ROMANIA, PART I, No. 195/8.111.2024****ORDINANCES AND DECISIONS****OF THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT****ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT****EMERGENCY ORDINANCE****on certain measures for the organisation and conduct of the elections of Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 and the elections of local government authorities in 2024**

Having regard to the Declaration of the Council of the European Union of 22 May 2023, noting that the next elections to the European Parliament will take place during the period resulting from the application of the first subparagraph of Article 11(2) of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage (OJ L 278, 8.10.1976, p. 5), namely from 6 to 9 June 2024,

bearing in mind that the European Parliament elections in June 2024 will take place in a special context, with significant political challenges facing the Union and its Member States,

considering the defining role of the June 2024 European elections for the future of the European Union in the years to come,

having regard to European Commission Recommendation No. C(2023) 8626 of 12 December 2023 on inclusive and resilient electoral processes in the Union and enhancing the European nature and efficient conduct of the elections to the European Parliament,

in order to ensure a greater representation of Romanian members in the European Parliament and to strengthen Romania's position in the European Union, by sending a clear signal that it wants to follow the pro-EU position and projects for the development of the Union down to the smallest administrative-territorial units,

in order to avoid a repetition of the incidents that occurred at polling stations abroad during the 2019 elections for Romanian Members to the European Parliament and to prevent major disruptions in the electoral process abroad,

taking into account the need to ensure access to the ballot for voters abroad and the need to ensure that voters who are engaged in activities on polling day which do not allow them to leave their place of work can exercise their right to vote,

in order to eliminate bottlenecks caused by the holographic inclusion in the supplementary electoral rolls of national voters who are abroad on polling day,

taking into account the need to ensure the smooth running of the polling process abroad and the optimal functioning of polling stations abroad, by avoiding overcrowding and the risk of some voters being unable to exercise their right to vote,

to ensure objectivity, transparency, fairness and integrity in the conduct of the electoral process abroad and to prevent and detect possible electoral fraud,

to create the conditions for as many voters as possible to turn out to vote,

in order to shorten the electoral period and optimise efforts, given that in Romania in 2024 there will be 4 types of elections,

given the fact that, in the Member States of the European Union, European parliamentary elections are frequently held on the same date as local elections,

having regard to the provisions of Art. (120) para. (1) of Law no. 208/2015 on the election of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, as well as for the organisation and functioning of the Permanent Electoral Authority, as further amended and supplemented,

noting the need for the primary regulation of personal data to be included in lists of supporters and the implementation in the electoral context of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), so that political parties and independent candidates can complete the necessary formalities for the submission of candidatures in view of the time remaining until the deadline for the submission of candidatures,

taking into account the fact that this situation is likely to generate institutional, administrative and financial dysfunctions, with risks for the security and integrity of the electoral process, as the authorities in charge of the organisation and conduct of the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 do not have the necessary legal framework, resources and guarantees to ensure their avoidance,

having regard to the negative consequences of the non-adoption, as a matter of urgency, of this legislative act on the proper organisation and conduct of the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament and local government authorities in Romania in 2024, as well as on the commitments undertaken by the Romanian State in electoral matters,

in line with the principle of periodicity of elections of local government authorities, but also with the requirement of equal treatment for both incumbent and newly elected local government authorities, for the special situation in 2024, when it is proposed that the date of the elections for local government authorities should be the same day as the date of the European Parliament elections,

given that such a provision takes account of the need not to infringe the right of such persons to form political parties and to be elected as a result of the decision to postpone elections to local government authorities,

bearing in mind that the automatic loss of their mandates by these persons, as a result of standing as candidates for a party other than the one on whose lists they were elected, would become a sanction for their right of association in political parties, including from the point of view of standing as candidates,

by accurately reporting when the elected local government authorities take office in 2024,

the measures proposed in this draft are not likely to affect electoral rights, as defined by the case law of the Constitutional Court, such as, for example, the decisions of the Constitutional Court of Romania No. 1.189/2008, No. 1.248/2008 and No. 47/2018, respectively the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters, nor hinder the organisation and conduct of elections,

in view of the fact that these elements are of general public interest and constitute an urgent and extraordinary situation, with a view to the proper conduct of the elections for the Romanian

Members to the European Parliament and to ensuring the necessary conditions for the consultation of the electoral body, which cannot be postponed,

pursuant to Article (115) para. (4) of the Constitution of Romania, republished,

**The Government of Romania** adopts this emergency ordinance.

Art. 1 - (1) The elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 and for the local government authorities in 2024 shall be held on Sunday, 9 June 2024.

(2) For the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 and the elections for local government authorities in 2024, hereinafter referred to generically as the elections of 9 June 2024, the electoral period shall begin on 12 March 2024 and end 3 days after the publication of the election results in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I.

Art.2 - (1) For the organisation and conduct of operations specific to the electoral period of the elections of 9 June 2024, the Central Electoral Bureau, the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad, county electoral bureaus, the electoral bureau of the Bucharest municipality, municipal, town and city electoral bureaus, electoral bureaus of the districts of Bucharest and electoral bureaus of polling stations in the country and abroad are established.

(2) The Central Electoral Bureau shall consist of 21 members as follows:

a) 7 judges of the High Court of Cassation and Justice, including a president and a deputy;

b) the President and Vice-Presidents of the Permanent Electoral Authority;

c) members proposed by parliamentary political parties and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities which had their own parliamentary group in at least one of the Chambers of Parliament on the date of its establishment following the elections to the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies in 2020;

d) members proposed by the political parties and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities which have been allocated seats in the 2019 elections for members of the European Parliament in Romania;

e) one member appointed on the proposal of the parliamentary group of national minorities in the Chamber of Deputies;

f) members proposed by the political parties participating in the elections of 9 June 2024, other than those referred to in point c), d) and e), in descending order of the number of nominations submitted for the elections of 9 June 2024 and, in the event of a tie, by drawing lots.

(3) The appointment of the judges referred to in paragraph (2)(a) shall be made in a public sitting, within 5 days as of the beginning of the electoral period, by drawing lots by the President of the High Court of Cassation and Justice from among its acting judges. The result of the drawing of lots shall be recorded in minutes signed by the President and the First Assistant Judge of the High Court of Cassation and Justice, which shall constitute the act of investiture. The date of the drawing of lots shall be announced to the public by the President of the High Court of Cassation and Justice at least 24 hours beforehand in the written and broadcast media.

(4) Within 24 hours of their investiture, the 7 judges shall elect from among their number, by secret ballot, the President of the Central Electoral Bureau and his deputy. Within 24 hours

of the election of its President, the Central Electoral Bureau shall be completed by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Permanent Electoral Authority and by one representative of each political party and of each organisation of citizens belonging to national minorities referred to in paragraph (2) points (c), (d) and (e) and, within 48 hours as of the final decision on the candidates, with one representative of each political party and of each organisation of citizens belonging to national minorities taking part in the elections, other than those referred to in paragraph (2) points (c), (d) and (e), subject to the number of members provided for in paragraph (2).

(5) The electoral bureau for polling stations abroad shall consist of 3 acting judges of the Bucharest Court, a representative of the Permanent Electoral Authority and a maximum of 10 representatives of political parties, political alliances, electoral alliances or organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities who have members in the European Parliament at the beginning of the electoral period and are taking part in the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024. The appointment of the judges is made in a public meeting, 60 days before the election day, by the President of the Bucharest Court, by drawing lots from among its acting judges. The date of the meeting shall be made known to the public by the President of the Bucharest Court at least 24 hours beforehand, by media. The drawing of lots shall be by office, President and Deputy President, and shall be recorded in a minutes signed by the President of the Bucharest Court, which shall constitute the act of investiture. The electoral bureau for polling stations abroad thus constituted shall perform all the duties incumbent upon it by law, and shall be completed within 24 hours by the representative of the Permanent Electoral Authority.

(6) No later than 20 days before the date of the elections, the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad shall be completed with one representative of each political party, of each organisation of citizens belonging to national minorities, political or electoral alliance that has members in the European Parliament at the beginning of the electoral period and is participating in the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024. Until that date, political parties, organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities, political alliances or electoral alliances among them which have members in the European Parliament at the beginning of the electoral period and are participating in the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 are obliged to transmit the name and surname of their representative to the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad. Communications sent after this deadline will not be taken into account.

(7) Within 5 days after the deadline for completing the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad with representatives of political parties, organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities, political or electoral alliances which have members in the European Parliament at the beginning of the electoral period and re participating in the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024, the polling station shall be completed with one representative of each political party, each organisation of citizens belonging to national minorities, political alliances or electoral alliances among them which does not have members in the European Parliament at the beginning of the electoral period and which is taking part in the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 by the President of the Bureau, by drawing lots in the presence of the members of the Bureau and persons delegated by the political parties, organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities, political alliances and electoral alliances which have notified their representatives. By this date, political parties, organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities, political alliances or electoral alliances among them which do not have members in the European Parliament at the beginning of the electoral period and which are taking part in the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 are obliged to send the names and surnames of their representatives to the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad. Communications sent after this deadline will not be taken into account.

(8) The County Electoral Bureau, the Electoral Bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest and the Electoral Bureaus of the Districts of the Municipality of Bucharest for the elections of 9 June 2024 shall consist of the President, a Deputy President, a representative of the Permanent Electoral Authority and 12 representatives of political parties and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities.

(9) The city electoral bureau and the municipal electoral bureau for the elections of 9 June 2024 shall consist of the President, a Deputy President and 9 representatives of political parties and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities.

(10) The town electoral bureau for the elections of 9 June 2024 shall consist of the President, a Deputy President and 7 representatives of political parties and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities.

(11) The appointment of the presidents of the electoral bureaus and their deputies referred to in paragraphs (8) to (10) shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented, within 35 days from the date of the beginning of the electoral period. For the elections of 9 June 2024, the Permanent Electoral Authority shall send to the presidents of the courts, at least 48 hours before the date of the appointment of the presidents of the electoral bureaus and their deputies, by electronic mail, the list of the legal experts registered in the Body of Electoral Experts who have accepted to be appointed to the electoral bureaus, including their names, surnames, personal numerical codes, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. The persons included in the list of legal experts registered with the Body of Electoral Experts who have accepted to be appointed to the electoral bureaus and their deputies, in accordance with Article (26) paragraphs (5)-(11) of Law no. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented, may be appointed as presidents of the electoral bureaus for the polling stations and their deputies.

(12) The electoral bureaus for the polling stations in the country shall consist of a President, a Deputy President and 7 members representing political parties and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities.

(13) The appointment of the presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations in the country and their deputies shall be made no later than 20 days before the date of voting, with the appropriate application of the provisions of Article (15) para. (2) of Law no. 208/2015 on the election of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, as well as for the organisation and functioning of the Permanent Electoral Authority, as further amended and supplemented. If the presidents of the electoral bureaus for the polling stations do not show up at the polling station at the times established by law, they shall be replaced immediately, with the corresponding application of Article (15) para. (2) of Law no. 208/2015, as further amended and supplemented.

(14) For the elections of 9 June 2024, with the exception of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad and the electoral bureaus of polling stations abroad, the electoral bureaus shall be completed, in the first stage, with representatives of the parliamentary political parties and of the organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities which had their own parliamentary group in at least one of the chambers of Parliament on the date of its establishment following the elections for the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies in 2020, in descending order of the number of parliamentary seats obtained, as well as with the representative of the group of organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities represented in the Chamber of Deputies. In the second stage, the electoral bureaus shall be completed by one representative each of the political parties and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities that were allocated seats in the 2019 elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament, other than those with allocated representatives in the first stage, in descending order of the number of seats obtained. In the event of a tie in the

number of seats, the tie shall be broken by drawing lots. In the third stage, if there are still vacancies, the electoral bureaus shall be completed with representatives of political parties, political or electoral alliances, political formations and organisations of citizens belonging to non-parliamentary national minorities in descending order of the number of candidates submitted in the constituency concerned, other than those to which representatives were allocated in the first two stages.

(15) The Secretaries General of the two Chambers of Parliament shall communicate to the Permanent Electoral Authority, at the beginning of the electoral period, the list of political parties and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities which had their own parliamentary group in at least one of the Chambers of Parliament at the date of its establishment following the elections for the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies in 2020, as well as the number of their seats.

(16) The Permanent Electoral Authority shall communicate to the President of the Central Electoral Bureau, as soon as it has been elected, the list of political parties and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities that have obtained mandates in the 2019 elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament and the list referred to in paragraph (15).

Art. 3 - (1) By derogation from the provisions of Art. (30) para. (1) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as subsequently amended, for the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024, the electoral bureaus of polling stations abroad shall be composed of a President, a Deputy President and a number between 1 and 8 members. Electoral bureaus of polling stations abroad may not have less than 3 members, one of whom is the president.

(2) Presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad and their deputies shall be appointed by the heads of diplomatic missions and consular offices no later than 20 days before polling day. The appointment shall be made on the basis of signed and dated applications from citizens entitled to vote, stating that the conditions laid down in Article (16) paragraph (1) points a)-e) of Law no. 208/2015, as further amended and supplemented are met, sent by post, fax or e-mail or submitted to diplomatic missions and consular offices. Decisions on the appointment of the presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad and their deputies shall be communicated to the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad, which shall inform the public by posting them on its website.

(3) Within 5 days from the date of the appointment of the presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad and their deputies, the political parties, organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities, political or electoral alliances among them which have members in the European Parliament at the beginning of the electoral period and which are participating in the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 shall send to the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad, by electronic means, the lists of their representatives in the electoral bureaus of the polling stations abroad, containing the surnames, first names, telephone numbers, email addresses and personal numerical codes of the incumbent and substitutes, accompanied by their declarations of acceptance. A political party may have one incumbent and two substitutes per polling station. Substitutes may replace the incumbents when they are unable to participate to the activity of the polling stations abroad.

(4) Within 48 hours of the expiry of the period referred to in paragraph (3), the president of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad shall complete the electoral bureaus of the polling stations abroad whose presidents and deputies have been appointed. In this composition, the electoral bureaus of the polling stations abroad shall perform all the duties prescribed by law. The operations of filling the electoral bureaus of the polling stations abroad are recorded in minutes that represent the acts of investiture, are made public by posting

them on the website of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad and are communicated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(5) The work of filling the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad must be completed no later than 10 days before polling day.

(6) Following their appointment to an electoral bureau for a polling station abroad, the president, its deputy and other members are obliged to perform the duties assigned to them by law, and are responsible for the proper management of the materials handed over to them for the electoral process.

(7) If the number of persons proposed by the political parties is insufficient to fill the electoral bureaus for the polling stations abroad, they shall be filled with Romanian citizens with the right to vote proposed by the heads of diplomatic missions or consular offices, as the case may be.

(8) If the electoral bureaus for polling stations cannot be filled in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (7), they shall be filled by the president of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad with staff provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as by other public authorities, at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The costs of travel and accommodation of the staff sent abroad to form part of the electoral bureaus for polling stations shall be borne by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(9) If the number of persons proposed in accordance with paragraph (3) is insufficient or if they have not confirmed by 3 days before the voting day, in writing, by e-mail or text message, that they will attend the activity of the electoral bureau for the polling station abroad, the electoral bureau for the polling station shall be filled with the alternates proposed by the same political party, at the latest two days before the voting day, and if they do not confirm their presence, they shall be supplemented, including on the day of voting, by the presidents of the electoral bureaus of the polling stations abroad, after informing the higher electoral office, with Romanian citizens with the right to vote proposed by the heads of diplomatic missions and consular offices.

(10) If the presidents of the electoral bureaus of the polling stations abroad do not fulfil their duties or commit offences provided for by Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, they shall be replaced immediately, at the request of the higher electoral bureau, by their deputies. If the other members of the electoral bureaus for polling stations do not fulfil their duties or commit offences provided for by Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, they shall be replaced immediately by the presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad, after informing the higher electoral bureau, with Romanian citizens with the right to vote proposed by the heads of diplomatic missions and consular offices.

(11) The Romanian citizens with the right to vote referred to in para. (8) to (10) must meet the conditions set out in Article (16) para. (1) points a)-e) and g) of Law no. 208/2015, as further amended and supplemented, proved by affidavit.

(12) The model of the applications referred to in paragraph (2), the model of the declaration of acceptance referred to in paragraph (3) and the model of the affidavit referred to in paragraph (11) shall be established by a decision of the Permanent Electoral Authority within 20 days from the date of the beginning of the electoral period.

Art. 4 - (1) In the elections of 9 June 2024, the candidate, spouse, relatives or relatives up to the third degree inclusive cannot be members of the electoral bureaus.



(2) After the final outcome of the candidatures, the persons in a situation of incompatibility referred to in paragraph (1) shall be immediately replaced as members of the electoral bureau, at the request of those who nominated them.

(3) If the member of the electoral bureau is called upon to participate in the adoption of a decision or ruling which directly or indirectly concerns a candidate with whom he/she is related in the fourth degree, he/she is obliged to inform the other members of the electoral bureau and not to take part in the adoption of the decision.

(4) In the elections of 9 June 2024, candidates may not be appointed as computer operators of electoral bureaus.

Art.5 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, electoral alliances shall be established on the basis of a protocol for each election, in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, and Law no. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented.

(2) The protocol of establishment of the electoral alliance shall be submitted to the competent electoral bureau within 10 days from the date of its establishment.

(3) The protocol of establishment of an electoral alliance, which has been admitted by decision of the electoral bureau and which has become final as a result of non-challenge or as a result of the ruling of the competent court, may be dissolved only by agreement of the parties signatory to the protocol of establishment of the electoral alliance.

(4) The agreement to dissolve the protocol on the establishment of an electoral alliance shall be submitted to the electoral bureau where it was registered at least 4 days before the deadline for submitting candidatures.

Art.6 - The electoral signs shall be established and communicated to the Central Electoral Bureau by each political party, political alliance, electoral alliance or organisation of citizens belonging to national minorities participating in each election, at least 60 days before the election date, in compliance with the provisions of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, and Law no. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented.

Art.7 - At the elections of 9 June 2024, a person may stand at the same time as a candidate for the European Parliament, as well as for the office of local councillor, county councillor, mayor or president of the county council, under the conditions provided for by Law no. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented.

Art.8 - (1) For the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024, the list of supporters must include the day of the vote, the name of the political party, political alliance, electoral alliance or organisation of citizens belonging to national minorities or the first name and surname of the independent candidate, as the case may be, the first name and surname of the supporter, the date of birth of the supporter, the name, series and number of the supporter's identity card, as well as the signature of the supporter.

(2) The form of the list of supporters used in the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 shall also contain a declaration by the person who drew up the list attesting the authenticity of the signatures of the supporters. The declaration shall include the first name, surname, personal identification number, date of birth, address, name, series and number of the identity card of the person who drew up the list of supporters.

(3) Political parties, political alliances, electoral alliances, organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities and independent candidates shall ensure that supporters are informed, by whatever means, of the processing of personal data in accordance with the provisions of

Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), as well as Law no. 190/2018 on measures implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), as further amended.

(4) In the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024, a voter may support more than one list of candidates or independent candidates.

Art.9 - (1) In the elections of 9 June 2024, in polling stations throughout the country, voters shall vote in the polling stations, in the same time frame, with the same stamps marked "VOTED", on separate ballot papers, the voter turnout being recorded on separate voter lists for the two types of elections.

(2) In the situation referred to in paragraph (1), voters may choose to exercise their right to vote in one or both elections.

(3) If a voter who is present at a polling station in the country chooses to vote in only one type of election, the president of the electoral bureau for the polling station or the member designated by him or her shall, in the presence of the voter, cross out with a horizontal line the signature box on the permanent electoral roll for the type of election which he or she has not chosen.

(4) In the situation referred to in paragraph (1), the voter's identity card shall be stamped once with the word "VOTED" and the date of the poll or, where appropriate, with a single sticker bearing the word "VOTED" and the date of the poll, in accordance with the approved model.

(5) In the situation referred to in paragraph (1), the voter's electronic identity card, as provided for in Government Decision No. 295/2021 for the approval of the Methodological Norms for the uniform application of the provisions of Government Emergency Ordinance No. 97/2005 on the registration, domicile, residence and identity documents of Romanian citizens, as well as for establishing the form and content of identity documents, proof of residence and real estate card, shall not be stamped with the words "VOTED" and the date of the election.

(6) In the situation referred to in paragraph (1), mayors shall provide ballot boxes for each type of ballot paper.

(7) At polling stations held abroad, only supplementary electoral rolls shall be used which are generated in electronic format, automatically, on the basis of data recorded on the computer terminals of the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting.

(8) In the event of a malfunction of the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting, the supplementary electoral rolls from abroad shall be drawn up on paper and shall contain headings for the voter's surname and forename, personal identification number, domicile or residence and signature.

Art.10 - (1) The organisation and numbering of polling stations abroad shall be determined and made public by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the provisions of Article (34) para. (7)-(10) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, at least 30 days before the day of voting.

(2) The list of polling stations abroad shall be published on the websites of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Electoral Authority, the Central Electoral Bureau and the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad.

Art.11 - For the elections of 9 June 2024, the permanent electoral rolls shall be drawn up and printed in accordance with the provisions of Article (49) para. (1) of Law no. 208/2015, as further amended and supplemented, for each election.

Art.12 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting provided for by Law no. 208/2015, as amended and supplemented, shall be used. The Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting must be able to record voter turnout for both types of elections.

(2) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the provisions of Law No. 208/2015, as further amended and supplemented, on the computer operators of the electoral bureaus for polling stations shall apply accordingly, the number of computer operators appointed by the Permanent Electoral Authority must be 20% higher than the number of polling stations.

(3) The members of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad shall also carry out the duties incumbent by law on computer operators.

(4) At the elections on 9 June 2024, voters shall present their identity papers or documents to computer operators, who shall enter their personal data into the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting.

(5) For the purposes of this Emergency Ordinance, identity document means an identity document issued by the Romanian State, namely the identity card, the electronic identity card, the provisional identity card, the identity bulletin, the diplomatic passport, the diplomatic e-passport, the service passport, the service e-passport, the simple passport, the simple e-passport, the simple temporary passport, and in the case of students in military schools, the military service card, valid on the day of voting.

Art.13 - (1) For the elections of Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024, if the voter is not on the permanent electoral roll or on the copy of the special electoral roll, as the case may be, of the polling station concerned, the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting shall indicate whether:

- a) the person who has turned up to vote has not reached the age of 18 years on or before the day of voting;
- b) the person who has turned up to vote has been prohibited from voting;
- c) the voter who has turned up to vote is assigned to another polling station;
- d) the voter who has turned up to vote is omitted from the permanent electoral roll;
- e) the voter who has turned up to vote is shown to have exercised his/her right to vote at the same poll;
- f) the national voter is included in the table drawn up by the Permanent Electoral Authority, which includes Romanian citizens exercising their right to vote in elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament from another Member State of the European Union;
- g) the community voter is not entered on the special electoral roll.

(2) On the basis of the results generated by the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting, the communications made through it and the verification of identity documents, the president of the electoral bureau for the polling station shall:

(a) prevent a person from voting who has not reached the age of 18 by the day of voting, a person who has been prohibited from exercising the right to vote and a Community voter who is not entered on the special electoral roll; if the person shown to be prohibited from exercising the right to vote produces a final court judgment showing that he or she is not or is no longer so prohibited, he or she shall allow the voter to vote; to this end, after the voter has signed the permanent electoral roll or the supplementary electoral roll, as the case may be, he or she shall give him or her the ballot paper and the stamp marked "VOTED";

b) allow the exercise of the right to vote by a voter who has turned up to vote and who is recorded in the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting as having exercised his/her right to vote in the same election, only after ensuring that the case reported by the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting has been verified and referred to the competent bodies, in accordance with the procedure laid down by decision of the Permanent Electoral Authority, and after the voter has made a declaration that he/she has not exercised his/her right to vote in the same election; after the voter signs the permanent electoral roll or the supplementary electoral roll, as the case may be, entrusting him/her with the ballot paper and the stamp marked "VOTED";

c) allow a national voter entered on the electoral roll of another Member State of the European Union to exercise his/her right to vote only after he/she has made a declaration that he/she has not exercised his/her right to vote in the same poll in another Member State of the European Union; after the voter has signed the permanent electoral roll or the supplementary electoral roll, as the case may be, he/she shall be given the ballot paper and the stamp marked "VOTED";

d) direct the voter to vote at the polling station to which he/she is assigned, if he/she is assigned to another polling station in the same administrative-territorial unit; allow voters with reduced mobility assigned to another supplementary electoral roll, give him/her the ballot paper and the stamp marked "VOTED";

(e) allow the voter entered on the permanent electoral roll or on the copy of the special electoral roll, as the case may be, to vote; for this purpose, after the voter has signed the permanent electoral roll or the copy of the special electoral roll, as the case may be, he shall give him/her the ballot paper and the stamp marked "VOTED";

f) allow the voters referred to in Article (13) of Law No. 33/2007, republished, as amended, to exercise their right to vote; after the voter signs the supplementary electoral roll, he/she is given the ballot paper and the stamp marked "VOTED"; the voter voting abroad signs on the computer terminal of the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting.

(3) The category of voters with reduced mobility referred to in paragraph (2) point (d) includes, but is not limited to, persons whose mobility is reduced as a result of a physical, sensory or locomotor disability, whether permanent or temporary.

(4) The provisions of para. (2) and (3) concerning voters with reduced mobility shall also apply, as appropriate, to the exercise of the right to vote in elections to local government authorities on 9 June 2024.

Art. 14 - By derogation from the provisions of Art. (18) para. (41 ) of Law no. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented, at the elections for local government authorities on 9 June 2024, citizens entitled to vote who have established their residence in the electoral district less than 60 days before the date of the election may exercise their right to vote only in the commune, town, municipality or administrative-territorial subdivision of the municipality in which they are domiciled.

Art. 15 - (1) Voting in the elections of 9 June 2024 shall begin at 7 a.m. and end at 10 p.m.

(2) At 10 p.m., the president of the electoral bureau for the polling station shall declare the voting closed and shall close the polling station.

(3) At 10 p.m., the special ballot box must be in the polling station premises.

(4) Voters who are at the polling station at 10 p.m. and those who are in line outside the polling station to enter the polling place may exercise their right to vote under the conditions of this Emergency Ordinance.

(5) Voters in the situations referred to in paragraph (4) may vote until 11:59 p.m..

(6) 2 members appointed by the electoral bureau for the polling station from within the polling station shall check at 10.00 p.m. whether there are voters waiting outside the polling station premises to exercise their right to vote and shall ascertain and monitor the order in which they have access to the polling place until 11:59 p.m.

Art. 16 - (1) Only one special ballot box shall be used in the elections of 9 June 2024. The special ballot box may only be moved within the territorial radius of the respective polling station.

(2) If a voter is in the locality of domicile or residence, as the case may be, but is unable to go to the polling station due to illness or disability, he/she may vote through the special ballot box, on the basis of a request accompanied by copies of the documents showing the state of health or disability, submitted to the polling station to which he/she is assigned, by domicile or residence, as the case may be, for the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament, for local elections or for both elections held on 9 June 2024.

(3) If a voter is in a locality other than that of his domicile or residence, as the case may be, he/she may vote through the special ballot box, on the basis of a request submitted to the polling station nearest to his/her place of residence, only for the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024.

(4) No special ballot box shall be used in polling stations abroad.

Art. 17 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the provisions of Art. 91 , 87, 921 , 1031 and Art. 120 para. (2) of Law no. 208/2015, as further amended and supplemented, shall apply accordingly.

(2) In the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024, the polling stations abroad shall be video-monitored, under the conditions established by decision of the Permanent Electoral Authority on the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Art. 18 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the printing of all ballot papers and publications for the electoral bureaus shall be ensured by the Autonomous Regie "Monitorul Oficial". The ballot papers shall be stapled or glued.

(2) At least 20 days before the voting day, the Autonomous Regie "Monitorul Oficial" shall ensure the printing of the ballot papers for the election of Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024, under the conditions of this Emergency Ordinance.

(3) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (42) para. (3) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, at least 25 days before the day of voting, the mock-up ballot paper for the election of Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 shall be submitted to the members of the Central Electoral Bureau by the Autonomous Regie "Monitorul Oficial". Delegates of political parties, political alliances, electoral alliances and organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities participating in the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 and who do not have representatives in the Central Electoral Bureau, as well as independent candidates, shall also be invited to presentation of the mock-up ballot paper. The presentation of the ballot paper shall be recorded in minutes to be signed by all persons present. Any objections shall be made on the spot and subsequent objections shall not be taken into account. Members of the Central Electoral Bureau and authorised delegates have the right to request the Autonomous Regie "Monitorul Oficial" to modify the mock-up and to print the ballot papers correctly, if the names of candidates, the electoral sign, the names of political parties, political alliances, electoral alliances or organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities are incorrectly printed or not visible.

(4) At least 15 days before the voting day, the Autonomous Regie "Monitorul Oficial" shall ensure the printing of the ballot papers for the election of local government authorities in 2024 under the conditions of this Emergency Ordinance.

(5) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (60) para. (3) of Law no. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented, at least 20 days before the day of voting, through the Permanent Electoral Authority, a copy of the first print run for each type of ballot paper in each constituency shall be presented to the members of the county electoral bureau. They shall have the right to request the Permanent Electoral Authority to reprint the ballot papers if the names of candidates, the electoral sign or the names of political parties, political alliances or electoral alliances or organisations of citizens belonging to national minorities participating in the elections are incorrectly printed or not visible.

(6) The paper necessary for printing the ballot papers for the elections of 9 June 2024 shall be provided and delivered by the National Administration of State Reserves and Special Problems at the price recorded in the accounts at the values of the technical specifications of the product in stock, in accordance with the law.

(7) The quantity of paper in its original intact packaging, remaining unused, shall be returned by the Autonomous Regie "Monitorul Oficial" to the territorial units of the National Administration of State Reserves and Special Problems from which it was delivered, within 10 days from the date of publication of the results of the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 and of the elections of the local government authorities in 2024 in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, on the basis of a handover-takeover protocol.

(8) Payment for paper actually consumed, after the return provided for in paragraph (7), invoiced at the price of registration in the accounts, shall be made by the Permanent Electoral Authority, within 30 days from the date of publication of the results of the elections for the Romanian members to the European Parliament in 2024 and of the elections of local government authorities in 2024 in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I.

(9) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the production of the self-adhesive stamps shall be ensured, in accordance with the law, by the National Company "Imprimeria Nationala" - S.A. at the latest 20 days before the voting day.

(10) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the stamp of the Central Electoral Bureau shall be produced by the Permanent Electoral Authority.

(11) The stamps with the mention "VOTED" for the elections of 9 June 2024 shall be made, according to the law, by the Autonomous Regie "State Mint" no later than 20 days before the voting day. The stamp with the word "VOTED" must be so small that it is smaller than the squares on the ballot paper and the distance between them.

Art.19 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the Special Telecommunications Service shall provide the special telephone and voice and data communication services necessary for the electoral bureaus in the country, as well as the operation of the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting.

(2) The Special Telecommunications Service shall ensure, at the level of each county, the establishment of operational intervention centres to remedy any malfunctions of the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting.

(3) The Special Telecommunications Service shall ensure the operation of the Technical Support Centre through which it provides technical assistance to the presidents of the electoral bureaus for the polling stations and computer operators.

(4) The Special Telecommunications Service shall be responsible for equipping and operating the Operational Intervention Centres and the Technical Support Centre.

(5) The staff of the operational intervention centres referred to in paragraph (2) and the IT staff referred to in Article (22) para. (5) shall have the right of access to the polling station premises for the purpose of troubleshooting the computer and communication systems used in the electoral process.

(6) The sums necessary to cover the expenses generated by the activities of the Special Telecommunications Service carried out for the proper organization and conduct of the elections of 9 June 2024 shall be provided from the state budget, through the budget of the Special Telecommunications Service.

Art.20 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the provisions of Articles (1)-(3), (5) and (6) of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 38/2020 on the use of electronic registration by public authorities and institutions shall apply accordingly to the Central Electoral Bureau, the county electoral bureaus, the electoral bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest, the electoral bureaus of the districts of Bucharest and the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad.

(2) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the Permanent Electoral Authority together with the Special Telecommunications Service shall provide the necessary resources for hosting and managing the e-mail addresses of the Central Electoral Bureau, the district electoral bureaus and the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad.

(3) The Special Telecommunications Service is designated to provide qualified electronic signature through its own certification authority, exclusively for the members of the Central Electoral Bureau, the presidents and deputies of the county electoral bureaus, the electoral bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest, the electoral bureaus of the districts of Bucharest and the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad, for the purpose of fulfilling their functional duties.

Art.21 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the National Institute of Statistics and the territorial directorates of statistics shall ensure the publication and printing of the minutes of the election results.

(2) The National Institute of Statistics and the territorial directorates of statistics shall set up stations for processing and centralising election results at the level of the Central Electoral Bureau, the county electoral bureaus, the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad, the electoral bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest and the electoral bureaus of the districts of Bucharest, where statisticians employed by the National Institute of Statistics and the territorial directorates of statistics shall work.

(3) For the purposes of this Emergency Ordinance, statisticians shall mean the staff of the National Institute of Statistics and of the territorial directorates of statistics appointed by order of the President of the National Institute of Statistics or by decisions of the executive directors of the territorial directorates of statistics to carry out activities in the stations for processing and centralising election results.

(4) The National Institute of Statistics and the territorial directorates of statistics shall ensure the provision of equipment, computing technique and consumables, as well as the training of the staff involved in the technical operations related to the determination of the election results in the stations for processing and centralizing the election results.

(5) Within the stations for the processing and centralization of election results, the National Institute of Statistics and the territorial directorates of statistics ensure the verification, scanning and centralization of the minutes of the electoral bureaus for the polling stations, under the authority of the Central Electoral Bureau, the county electoral bureaus, the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad, the electoral bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest and the electoral bureaus of the districts of Bucharest.

(6) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the amounts necessary to cover the expenses generated by the activities of the National Institute of Statistics and the territorial directorates of statistics shall be provided from the state budget, through the budget of the General Secretariat of the Government.

(7) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (66) para. (4) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, for the elections to the European Parliament in 2024, the models of the minutes of the recording and centralization of the voting results shall be established by decision of the Permanent Electoral Authority, with the opinion of the National Institute of Statistics, at least 20 days before the voting day.

Art.22 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the auxiliary technical staff of the Central Electoral Bureau shall be provided by the Permanent Electoral Authority, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the necessary statisticians by the National Institute of Statistics.

(2) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the auxiliary technical staff of the county electoral bureaus and of the electoral bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest shall be provided by the Permanent Electoral Authority and the prefects, and the necessary statisticians by the National Institute of Statistics and the territorial directorates of statistics.

(3) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the technical auxiliary staff of the electoral bureaus of the districts of Bucharest shall be provided by the Permanent Electoral Authority and the mayors of the Bucharest municipal districts, and the necessary statisticians by the National Institute of Statistics and the territorial directorates of statistics.



(4) The auxiliary technical staff of the municipal, city and communal electoral bureaus shall be provided by the mayors.

(5) The auxiliary technical staff of the precinct electoral bureaus must include computer specialists.

(6) The computer specialists referred to in paragraph (5) shall be appointed by the prefects on the proposal of the local and central public administration authorities involved in the organisation and conduct of elections, only on the basis of the assessment made by the Special Telecommunications Service.

(7) The computer specialists referred to in paragraph (5) shall support the work of the operational intervention centres to remedy any malfunctioning of the Computer System for Monitoring Voter Turnout and Preventing Illegal Voting.

(8) The auxiliary technical staff of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad shall be provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the Permanent Electoral Authority and the necessary statisticians by the National Institute of Statistics.

(9) The members of the electoral bureaus for polling stations in the country and their computer operators have the right to receive, upon request, a paid day off from work, on the day following the voting day, on the basis of the certificate issued in this regard by the county electoral bureau, the electoral bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest or the Permanent Electoral Authority, as the case may be.

(10) Upon request, members of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad shall receive certificates from the presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad certifying the work carried out in the polling station.

Art. 23 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the following allowances shall be granted for the work carried out in the electoral bureaus and for their technical support:

a) RON 330 per day of activity for the presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations in the country, their deputies and computer operators;

b) RON 240 per day of activity for the members of the electoral bureaus for polling stations in the country, other than those referred to in point a);

c) RON 300 per day of activity for the presidents of the county electoral bureaus, the electoral bureaus of the districts of Bucharest and for the president of the electoral bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest, their deputies and other members of these electoral bureaus;

d) RON 300 per day of activity for the presidents of the municipal, town and city electoral bureaus and their deputies;

e) RON 170 per day of activity for members of municipal, town and city electoral bureaus;

f) RON 170 per day of activity for computer specialists;

g) RON 170 per day of work for the auxiliary technical staff of electoral bureaus and their statisticians, where applicable;

h) RON 350 per day of activity for the President of the Central Electoral Bureau, his deputy and the other members of the Central Electoral Bureau;

- i) RON 250 per working day for the auxiliary technical staff of the Central Electoral Bureau and its statisticians;
- j) RON 330 per day of activity for the president of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad, for his deputy and for the other members of this electoral bureau;
- k) RON 250 per day of work for the auxiliary technical staff of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad and its statisticians;
- l) RON 730 per day of activity for presidents and deputies of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad;
- m) RON 660 per day of activity for the members of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad who also perform the duties of computer operators;
- n) RON 600 per day of activity for members of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad, other than those referred to in points l) and m).

(2) Members of electoral bureaus, computer operators, auxiliary technical staff, statisticians, computer specialists, as well as staff of the Ministry of Internal Affairs included in the plans of measures concerning specific activities within their competence for the organisation and smooth conduct of the elections of 9 June 2024, approved at the level of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Romanian Police, are entitled to a protocol allowance of RON 35 per person per day of activity.

(3) The staff of the Ministry of Internal Affairs included in the plans of measures concerning specific activities within their competence for the organisation and smooth conduct of the elections of 9 June 2024, approved at the level of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Romanian Police, shall receive an allowance of RON 250 per day of activity.

(4) The staff of the National Administration of State Reserves and Special Problems, including the staff of its subordinate units, who centralize, handle, transport, deliver, distribute, return and/or hand over the paper necessary for printing the ballot papers, respectively take back the unused paper, are entitled to an allowance of RON 170 per day of activity.

(5) By way of derogation from the provisions of Law no. 227/2015 on the Tax Code, as further amended and supplemented, only income tax shall be due and payable for the allowances provided for in this Emergency Ordinance, as provided by law.

Art. 24 - By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (52) para. (5) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, for the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament on 9 June 2024, after the end of voting, the electoral rolls used in the polling stations shall be surrendered and archived, according to the provisions of Article (121) of Law no. 208/2015, as further amended and supplemented.

Art. 25 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the Government shall provide the premises and equipment of the Central Electoral Bureau through the Permanent Electoral Authority.

(2) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the Permanent Electoral Authority shall carry out, with the logistical support provided by the prefects, the training of the presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations in the country. The members of the county electoral bureaus and of the electoral bureaus of the districts of Bucharest also attend the training sessions. The training of presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad is provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the Permanent Electoral Authority and the Special Telecommunications Service.

(3) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the state budget shall provide, through the budget of the Permanent Electoral Authority, the amounts necessary to cover the following categories of expenses:

- a) expenditure relating to the equipment, operation and maintenance of the Central Electoral Bureau;
- b) the cost of printing ballot papers and publications for the electoral bureaus;
- c) the cost of making Central Electoral Bureau stamps and stamps marked "VOTED";
- d) the cost of making the self-adhesive stamps;
- e) the allowances of members of the Central Electoral Bureau, statisticians and its auxiliary technical staff;
- f) protocol allowances of the Ministry of Internal Affairs staff included in the plans of measures concerning specific activities within their competence for the organisation and smooth conduct of the elections on 9 June 2024, approved at the level of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Romanian Police, at the Central Electoral Bureau;
- g) the cost of paying for the paper actually used to print the ballot papers.

Art.26 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the state budget, through the budget of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, shall provide the prefect's institutions with the amounts necessary to cover the following categories of expenses:

- a) expenses for the equipment and functioning of the county electoral bureaus and the electoral bureau of the Municipality of Bucharest;
- b) the cost of making the stamps of the constituency electoral bureaus and the control stamps of the electoral bureaus for polling stations in the country;
- c) the cost of making the printed forms required by law;
- d) expenses for providing logistical support for the training of presidents of the electoral bureaus for polling stations in the country;
- e) the cost of packaging, transporting and distributing ballot papers, materials, documents and printed forms required by law, and the transport and distribution of publications for electoral bureaus;
- f) the cost of making badges for the members of the electoral bureaus for polling stations in the country;
- g) the allowances of members of electoral bureaus and polling station electoral bureaus in the country, statisticians and their auxiliary technical staff, computer operators and computer specialists.

(2) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the state budget, through the budget of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, shall provide for the prefect's institutions:

(a) the payment of travel expenses of the presidents of electoral bureaus for polling stations, their deputies and computer operators to and from training sessions in their place of residence or domicile, as the case may be, and in the exercise of their duties;

b) the payment of the transport costs of persons accompanying the files referred to in Article (49) para. (8) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as further amended, as well as of computer operators from the electoral bureau for the polling station to the county electoral bureau or the electoral bureau of the Bucharest municipal district, as well as from the county electoral bureau or the electoral bureau of the Bucharest municipal district to their place of residence or domicile.

(3) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the state budget, through the budget of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, shall provide for the allowances of the staff of the Ministry of Internal Affairs included in the plans of measures regarding the specific activities within its competence for the organisation and smooth conduct of the elections of 9 June 2024, approved at the level of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Romanian Police, provided for in Article (23) para. (2) and (3), with the exception of the protocol allowances referred to in Art. (25) para. (3) point (f) and Art. (27) para. (1) point (d).

(4) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the maintenance costs of the means of transport provided to the Central Electoral Bureau and the related fuel costs shall be covered from the state budget, through the budget of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

(5) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the amounts necessary to cover the expenses incurred for the activities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the field of public order and safety shall be provided from the state budget, through the budget of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Art. 27 - (1) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the state budget, through the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, shall provide the necessary amounts to cover the following categories of expenses:

a) expenses for the equipment and operation of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad;

b) expenses for the production of the stamp of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad, the control stamps of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad and the badges of the members of the electoral bureaus for polling stations abroad;

c) the allowances of the members of the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad, of its statisticians and auxiliary technical staff, and of the members of the electoral bureaus of polling stations abroad;

d) the protocol allowances of the Ministry of Internal Affairs staff included in the plans of measures for specific activities within their competence for the organisation and smooth conduct of the elections on 9 June 2024, approved at the level of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Romanian Police, at the electoral bureau for polling stations abroad.

(2) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the amounts necessary to cover the expenses for packaging, transport, distribution of materials, documents, computer terminals and printed forms provided for by law abroad, as well as for communication services abroad shall be provided from the state budget, through the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(3) For the elections of 9 June 2024, the amounts necessary to cover the travel expenses for the participation in the electoral process of the presidents of the electoral bureaus of the polling stations abroad and their deputies, the members of the electoral bureaus of the polling

stations abroad appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the terms of this Emergency Ordinance shall be provided from the state budget, through the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, within the limits provided for by Government Decision No. 518/1995 on certain rights and obligations of Romanian personnel sent abroad to carry out temporary assignments, as further amended and supplemented.

Art.28 - For the proper conduct of the elections of 9 June 2024, the expenses for the premises and technical and material equipment of the communal, city, municipal and district electoral bureaus of the Municipality of Bucharest, as well as the expenses for the arrangement and equipment of the polling stations in the country shall be provided from the local budgets of the municipalities, cities, communes and districts of the Municipality of Bucharest.

Art. 29 - (1) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (66) para. (1) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, and the provisions of Art. (126) para. (1) of Law no. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented, for the elections of 9 June 2024, the Government shall establish, within 5 days of the date of the public announcement of the voting day, by decision, at the proposal of the Permanent Electoral Authority and the Ministry of Internal Affairs:

a) the calendar of actions during the electoral period;

b) the expenses necessary for the preparation and proper conduct of the elections, the mechanism, the beneficiaries and the number of days for which the allowances are granted;

c) the technical measures necessary for the proper organisation and conduct of the elections.

(2) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (66) para. (1) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, and the provisions of Art. (126) para. (2) of Law no. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented, for the elections of 9 June 2024, the models of the electoral stamps and the model of the self-adhesive stamp shall be established by decision of the Permanent Electoral Authority, with the opinion of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, within 10 days from the beginning of the electoral period.

(3) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (66) para. (1) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, for the election of Romanian members to the European Parliament on 9 June 2024, the model of the permanent electoral roll, the model of the special electoral roll, the copy of the special electoral roll, the supplementary electoral roll, the extract from the supplementary electoral roll, the model of the list of supporters, the model of the ballot paper shall be established by decision of the Permanent Electoral Authority within 5 days from the beginning of the electoral period.

Art. 30 - By way of derogation from the provisions of Articles (53) and (54) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as further amended, the provisions of Articles (108)-(111) of Law no. 115/2015, as further amended and supplemented, shall apply to the elections for Romanian members to the European Parliament on 9 June 2024.

Art. 31 - By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (73) of Law no. 33/2007, republished, as amended, and from the provisions of Article (27) para. (3), Article (39) para. (2) and Article (83) para. (2)(4) of Law no. 115/2015, as further amended, the provisions of Article (89) and (90) of Law no. 208/2015, as further amended and supplemented, shall apply to the elections of 9 June 2024.

Art. 32 - By way of derogation from the provisions of Article III para. (1) letter b) of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 34/2023 on some fiscal-budgetary measures, extension of some deadlines, as well as for the amendment and supplementation of some normative acts, with subsequent amendments and additions, in 2024 expenses may be incurred for the equipment

of the electoral bureaus set up for the elections of 9 June 2024, the stations for processing and centralising the election results, the operational intervention centres, the Technical Support Centre and the Permanent Electoral Authority.

Art. 33 - (1) Persons who, on the date of entry into force of this Emergency Ordinance, hold a mandate as a local elected representative, may register with any political party in order to stand as a candidate on its behalf in the elections of local government authorities on 9 June 2024, without ceasing to hold, under the conditions of Art. (160) para. (1) point {h), Art. (193) para. (2) and Art. (204) para. (2) point j), as the case may be, of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 57/2019 on the Administrative Code, as further amended and supplemented, the mandate held, which they may exercise until the time they take office as elected local government authorities in 2024, under the conditions provided for in Article (34).

(2) Persons who have applied in accordance with paragraph (1) and who have been declared elected may be validated, sworn in and take office in accordance with Article (34), provided that they belong to the political party from which they stood as a candidate or on whose lists they were elected.

(3) The procedure for communicating the fulfilment of the condition laid down in paragraph (2) shall be that provided for by Government Emergency Ordinance No. 57/2019, as further amended and supplemented.

Art. 34 - By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (113) para. (1), Article (114) para. (1) and (3), Article (115) para. (1), Article (121) para. (1) point (a), Article (149) para. (1), Article (150) para. (1) and Article (187) para. (2) of Government Emergency Ordinance No. 57/2019, as further amended and supplemented, for the entry into office of the elected local government authorities in 2024, the deadlines regulated in these articles shall begin to run from 27 September 2024.

Art. 35 - (1) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (45) para. (2) of the State Budget Law for 2024 no. 421/2023, in 2024, starting from the date of entry into force of this Emergency Ordinance, the financing of the expenses of the main authorising officers related to the organisation and conduct of elections to the European Parliament, elections to the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, elections to the President of Romania and elections to local government authorities shall be provided from the Budgetary Reserve Fund available to the Government within the limit of the amounts established by Government decision.

(2) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (23) para. (1) of the Law on Fiscal and Budgetary Responsibility no. 69/2010, republished, as further amended and supplemented, and Article (21) para. (7) of Law No. 500/2002 on Public Finance, as further amended and supplemented, in 2024, starting from the date of entry into force of this Emergency Ordinance, the main authorising officers of the state budget shall make available to the Budgetary Reserve Fund at the disposal of the Government, within one working day from the date of the request of the Ministry of Finance, the commitment appropriations and budget appropriations retained in the proportion of 10%.

(3) If the main authorising officer does not respond to the request and within the time limit laid down in paragraph (2), the Ministry of Finance shall be authorised to introduce, by operation of law, the necessary changes in the structure of the state budget and in the volume and structure of the budget of the main authorising officer.

Art. 36 - (1) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (14) para. (2), Article (15) para. (2), Article (21) para. (2) and (16), Article (22) para. (13) and (14) of the State Budget Law for 2024 no. 421/2023, from the provisions of Article (12) para. (5) of Government Emergency Ordinance No. 64/2009 on the financial management of structural instruments and their use

for the Convergence objective, approved with amendments by Law No. 362/2009, as subsequently amended and supplemented, from the provisions of Article (11) para. (5) of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 40/2015 on the financial management of European funds for the 2014-2020 programming period, approved with amendments and supplementations by Law no. 105/2016, as further amended and supplemented, from Article (14) para. (2) of Government Emergency Ordinance No. 133/2021 on the financial management of European funds for the 2021-2027 programming period allocated to Romania from the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Fund for a Just Transition, approved with amendments by Law No. 231/2023, as further amended, and from Article (14) para. (3) of Government Emergency Ordinance No. 124/2021 on the establishment of the institutional and financial framework for the management of European funds allocated to Romania through the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism, as well as for the amendment and supplementation of Government Emergency Ordinance No. 155/2020 on some measures for the elaboration of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan necessary for Romania to access reimbursable and non-reimbursable external funds within the framework of the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism, approved with amendments and additions by Law No. 178/2022, as further amended and supplemented, in 2024, starting from the date of entry into force of this Emergency Ordinance, the amounts provided for in the budgets of the main authorising officers under Title 56 "Projects financed from post-adhesion external non-reimbursable funds (NRE)", under Title 58 "Projects financed from external non-reimbursable funds relating to the 2014-2020 financial framework", Title 60 "Projects financed from the grant component of the NRDP" and Title 61 "Projects financed from the loan component of the NRDP" may be transferred to the budgetary reserve fund at the disposal of the Government, provided for in the state budget for 2024, in compliance with the provisions of Article (54) para.(1) of Law No. 500/2002, as further amended and supplemented.

(2) The main authorising officers shall be authorised to enter the amendments resulting from the application of this Article in the annexes to their budgets.

(3) By way of derogation from the provisions of Article (12) para. (1) points (a), (b) and (c) and from Article (26) para. (4) and (5) of the Law on fiscal-budgetary responsibility no. 69/2010, republished, with subsequent amendments and additions, as well as the provisions of Article (2), art. (3) para. (5)-(7), annex no. 1 and annex no. 2 of Law no. 417/2023 for the approval of limits of indicators specified in the fiscal-budgetary framework for 2024, with the amounts transferred according to para. (1), as the case may be, the limits of the balance of the general consolidated budget and of the personnel expenditure of the general consolidated budget, expressed as a percentage of the gross domestic product, the nominal limits of total expenditure and personnel expenditure, the nominal limits of the balance of the general consolidated budget and of the main component budgets, as well as the limit of the primary balance of the general consolidated budget, approved according to the law, may be exceeded.

(4) The Ministry of Finance is authorised to amend the volume and structure of state budget revenues by the amounts related to the budget articles/paragraphs "Non-reimbursable external financing" and "Non-reimbursable European funds" transferred under paragraph (1).

Art. 37 - The provisions of this Emergency Ordinance shall be supplemented by the provisions of Law no. 33/2007 on the organisation and conduct of elections to the European Parliament, republished, as subsequently amended, respectively of Law no. 115/2015 on the election of local government authorities, for the amendment of Local Government Law no. 215/2001, as well as for the amendment and supplementation of Law no. 393/2004 on the Statute of Local Elected Officials, as subsequently amended and supplemented, insofar as they do not contradict the provisions of this Emergency Ordinance.

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