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**ACT
OF 4 JULY 2001
ON ELECTIONS TO THE BODIES
OF SELF-GOVERNMENT REGIONS
AND ON AMENDMENT
TO THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE
OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

A C T
on Elections to the Bodies of Self-government Regions
and on Amendment to the Code of Civil Procedure
of July 4, 2001

The National Council of the Slovak Republic has passed the following Act:

Article I

P A R T O N E
FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS

Section 1

The elections to the bodies of self-government regions¹⁾ are held in compliance with the general, equal, and direct right to vote by secret ballot.

Section 2

(1) The persons eligible to vote the bodies of self-government regions (hereinafter referred to as "the voters") must be the citizens of the Slovak Republic or the foreign nationals resident in the municipality within the territory of the self-government region, or must be resident in the military area within the relevant constituency for the purposes of the elections of the bodies of self-government regions, and 18 years of age on the day of the poll.

(2) The execution of the voting right is impossible due to -

- (a) lawful restriction of personal freedom on the grounds of public health protection²⁾;
- (b) serving a sentence of imprisonment³⁾;
- (c) incapacitation⁴⁾;
- (d) execution of military service or substitute civil service, or specialised service in cases where performance of duties requires so pursuant to special regulations.⁵⁾

Section 3

To sit as a deputy of the Council of self-government region (hereinafter referred to as "a deputy of the Council") a person must be eligible to vote, be permanent resident in the municipality within the territory of the constituency for which he is standing as candidate, and there are no obstacles for execution of the voting right under Section 2 (b) and (c) above.

Section 4

Only a person entitled to vote under Section 2, subsection (1), 25 years of age on the day of the poll may be elected as the Head of regional self-government (hereinafter referred to as "the

²⁾ Section 11 of the National Council of the Slovak Republic Act No. 272/1994 Coll., on Protection of Public Health as amended by later regulations.

Section 14 of the National Council of the Slovak Republic Act No. 277/1994 Coll., on Medical Care as amended by later regulations.

³⁾ Act No. 59/1965 Coll., on Serving the Sentence of Imprisonment as amended by later regulations.

⁴⁾ Section 10 and Section 855 of the Civil Code.

⁵⁾ Military Service Act No. 351/1997 Coll., as amended by later regulations.

Head”) if there is nothing to prevent him from execution of his voting right under Section 2, (2)(b) and (c).

P A R T T W O

CONSTITUENCIES AND ELECTION WARDS

Section 5 Constituencies

(1) For the purposes of elections of the Council of regional self-governments (hereinafter referred to as ”Council”) each self-government region shall constitute the single-mandate constituencies and multi-mandate constituencies proportionate to population of a particular self-government region.

(2) The Council shall specify and publish within 65 days before the polling day the constituencies, the number of the deputies of the Council under section (1) and the addresses of the District Election Commissions.

(3) For the purposes of election of the Head, each self-government region shall represent one single-mandate constituency.

Section 6 Election Wards

(1) In the municipalities, towns, Capital of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava, as well as in the town of Košice and their town districts (hereinafter referred to as ”municipalities”), the election wards shall be constituted for the purposes of casting votes and the count.

(2) The distribution of the election wards and polling stations within them shall be specified by the Presiding Councillor of the municipality, Mayor of the town (hereinafter referred to as ”Mayor”) or Mayor of municipality within the Capital of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava and the town of Košice not later than 40 days before the polling day.

(3) The election wards shall be distributed in such way, that their electorate is, as a rule, 1,000 voters. The election wards must not extend beyond the boundaries of the constituency.

(4) The election wards within a municipality shall be allocated consecutive numbers expressed in Arabic numerals. In Bratislava, Capital of the Slovak Republic, and Košice the election wards shall be allocated separate consecutive numbers in each town district. The election wards shall be allocated their numbers also in the cases where there is only one election ward in a municipality.

P A R T T H R E E

REGISTER OF ELECTORS

ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION WARD

Section 7

(1) The municipalities shall prepare the register of electors eligible to vote in individual election wards (hereinafter referred to as ”electoral register”) with reference to the

permanent electoral register,⁶⁾ The municipality shall add in the electoral register the foreign nationals who are permanently resident in the municipality and 18 years of age on the day of the poll.

(2) Pursuant to subsection (1) above, the municipality shall deliver two identical duplicates of the electoral register to the District Election Commission not later than two hours before the beginning of the poll.

(3) On polling day the District Election Commission shall add into electoral register -

(a) the voters pursuant to court decision⁷⁾;

(b) the voters who prove by a valid identity card that their permanent address is in area within the election ward⁸⁾.

PART FOUR ELECTORAL BODIES

Section 8 General Provisions

(1) The following electoral bodies shall be established for the purposes of the elections to the bodies of self-government regions (hereinafter referred to as "election") -

- (a) the Central Election Commission;
- (b) the Regional Election Commissions;
- (c) the District Election Commissions;
- (d) the Ward Election Commissions.

(2) To become a member of an Election Commission, a person must be eligible to vote. The persons standing as candidates for the deputies of Council and Presiding Councillor are disqualified from sitting in an Election Commission.

(3) Election Commissions are constituted from equal number of the representatives of political parties, political movements, or their coalitions (hereinafter referred to as "political parties"), respectively, which file separate nomination papers. The political parties shall announce the full names of candidates and substitute candidates and their addresses to the person who calls to assemble the Election Commission. Withdrawal of nomination paper by a political party results in expiry of council of the political party in relevant electoral commission. The function of the member of the Election Commission expires on the day of delivery of a written notice of a political party, which nominated the candidate, or a written notice of the Commission member of his resignation addressed to the Chairman of the Election Commission. In the case of expiry of the function of a member of the Election Commission the Chairman shall call up a substitute candidate.

(4) Upon assumption of their function the members of an Election Commission make following oath of allegiance: "I swear on my honour to conscientiously and

⁶⁾ Section 4 and Section 5, Section 6 (1) and (2) of the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 80/1990 of the

Code on Elections to the Slovak National Council as amended by later regulations.

⁷⁾ Section 200 (f) of the Code of Civil Procedure.

⁸⁾ Section 1 of the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 162/1993 Coll., on Identity Cards as amended by later regulations.

Section 9 of the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 73/1995 Coll., on Aliens' Residence in the Territory of the Slovak Republic as amended by later regulations.

impartially perform my duties and to obey the laws and Constitution of the Slovak Republic.” The oath is made before a person who summoned the meeting of the Commission and confirmed by signature of the member.

(5) The Election Commission constitutes a quorum if simple majority of all its members is present. A resolution is passed by majority of votes of present members. In case of tie a proposal is considered dismissed. The Election Commission shall record the course of the meeting in the minutes.

(6) At its first meeting the Election Commission shall draw lots to appoint Chairman and Deputy Chairman. The lottery is supervised by the Registrar of the Election Commission.

(7) The Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic shall establish expert (summarising) units designed to prepare processing and to process the election returns to assist the Central Election Commission, Regional Election Commissions, and District Election Commissions. The members of the expert (summarising) units of the Election Commissions shall make an oath pursuant to subsection (4) above.

Section 9 Registrar of the Election Commission

(1) The Registrar of the Election Commission is responsible for logistic and government matters related to preparation and conduct of the meetings of Election Commission. He attends meetings of the Election Commission and has an advisory vote. At the same time he acts as a consultant of the Election Commission.

(2) The Registrar of -
(a) the Central Election Commission is appointed and withdrawn by the Government of the Slovak Republic;
(b) the Regional Election Commission is appointed and withdrawn by the Head,
(c) the District Election Commission is appointed and withdrawn by the Head;
(d) the District Election Commission is appointed and withdrawn by the Mayor of a municipality.

(3) The Registrar is appointed sufficiently in advance in order to carry out the tasks under this Act. The Registrar makes an oath under Section 8 (4).

Section 10 The Central Election Commission

(1) Each political party, which files nomination papers for elections to the Council in at least one half of self-government regions, is entitled to delegate one member and one substitute to the Central Election Commission not later than 30 days before the polling day.

(2) The first meeting of the Central Election Commission shall be held within 20 days before the polling day, the first meeting shall be summoned by the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic.

(3) The Central Election Commission shall
(a) co-ordinate the activities of the Election Commissions of the lower instance;
(b) decide on the complaints about the conduct of Regional Election Commissions

- (c) collect and publish the overall election returns in the Slovak Republic; and
- (d) perform other duties under this Act.

(4) Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic shall establish an expert and government unit designed to assist the Central Election Commission at the elections.

Section 11

The Election Commission of Self-government Region

(1) Each political party, which files nomination papers for elections to the Council in at least one third of constituencies of a self-government region, is entitled to delegate one member and one substitute to the Regional Election Commission not later than 40 days before the polling day.

(2) The Regional Election Commission must consist of at least five members. If the Regional Election Commission has not been set up of the required number of members and in the manner specified in subsection (1) above, or if the number of its members drops below five and a substitute is not available, the Chairman shall appoint missing members from among voters.

(3) The first meeting of the Regional Election Commission shall be held within 35 days before the polling day, the first meeting shall be called by the Head.

- (4) The Regional Election Commission shall
- (a) co-ordinate the activities of the District and Ward Election Commissions;
 - (b) decide on the complaints about the conduct of the District Election Commissions;
 - (c) review the lists of candidates and registers the candidates;
 - (d) collect and publish the overall election returns in self-government region; and
 - (e) perform other duties under this Act.

Section 12

District Election Commission

(1) Each political party, which files nomination papers for elections to Council in the election district, is entitled to delegate one member and one substitute to the District Election Commission not later than 30 days before the polling day.

(2) The District Election Commission must consist of at least five members. If the District Election Commission has not been set up of the required number of members and in the manner specified in subsection (1) above, or if the number of its members drops below five and a substitute is not available, the Head shall appoint missing members from among voters.

(3) The first meeting of the District Election Commission shall be held within 25 days before the polling day; the Head shall call the first meeting.

- (4) The District Election Commission shall
- (a) co-ordinate the activities of the Ward Election Commissions;
 - (b) decide on the complaints about the conduct of the Ward Election Commissions;
 - (c) collect and publish the overall election returns in the election district; and
 - (d) perform other duties under this Act.

Section 13
Ward Election Commissions

(1) Each political party, which files nomination papers for elections to the Council in the constituency, a part of which is the ward, is entitled to delegate one member and one substitute to the Ward Election Commission not later than 30 days before the polling day.

(2) The Ward Election Commission must consist of at least five members. If the District Election Commission does not have the specified number of members and is not established pursuant to section (1) above, or if the number of its members drops below five and a substitute is not available, the Mayor of the municipality shall appoint missing members from among voters.

(3) The first meeting of the Ward Election Commission shall be held within 25 days before the polling day; the Mayor of the municipality shall call the first meeting.

(4) The Ward Election Commission shall

- (a) conduct the poll and in particular supervise correct casting the votes; and
- (b) count the votes, prepares and minutes on the poll, and maintains order at the polling station.

P A R T F I V E
DELIVERY OF NOMINATION PAPERS
AND REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES

Section 14
Delivery of Nomination Papers
for Elections to the Council

(1) The nomination papers for self-government elections may be filed for each constituency by the political parties and by independent candidates separately. .

(2) The political parties shall, via their election agents, or independent candidates in person, deliver to the Registrar of the Regional Election Commission their nomination papers in two duplicates not later than 40 days before the polling day.

(3) The nomination papers of a political party shall contain

- (a) the registered name of the political party;
- (b) the full name, academic degree, age, occupation, permanent addresses of candidates and their order of precedence in Arabic numerals;
- (c) the full names of an election agent and his substitute, and their addresses.

A person standing as a candidate cannot be appointed an election agent or a substitute.

(4) The political party may include in the nomination paper only the number of candidates corresponding to the number of deputies of Council to be elected in the relevant constituency.

(5) If a political party files its nomination paper for one election district individually, it cannot file another nomination paper to another election district for the election to the same Council as a coalition member. If a political party files its nomination paper as a coalition member, it may file a nomination paper for election to the same Council in another election district only as a member of the same coalition.

(6) A nomination paper of an independent candidate shall contain his full name, academic degree, age, occupation, permanent address and his signature. The first duplicate of the nomination paper of an independent candidate is accompanied by a petition⁹⁾ signed by at least 400 electors from his constituency. In the petition, every signature shall be accompanied by the full name of the electors and their permanent addresses, i.e. the name of municipality and street (if the municipality is subdivided into streets), and house number.

(7) The first duplicate of each nomination paper shall be accompanied by candidate's declaration signed in his own hand that he approves his candidacy and has not given his consent to be listed in another nomination paper, and that he is not aware of any particulars giving rise to his disqualification.

(8) A candidate standing at regional government elections can be nominated only in one election ward.

(9) To stand as a candidate for a deputy of Council a person must be resident in the municipality falling to the election district he is standing for.

(10) A chairmanship candidate can stand also as a candidate to the Council.

(11) The Registrar shall confirm the delivery of a nomination paper by the election agent of a political party or by an independent candidate in the second duplicate of their nomination papers. The Registrar shall deliver the nomination papers to the Regional Election Commission for review and registration.

Section 15 Registration of Nomination Papers for Elections to Council

(1) The Regional Election Commission shall review delivered nomination papers and disqualify a candidate -

- (a) who does not meet eligibility criteria under Section 3 above;
- (b) whose nomination paper does not include a declaration under Section 14 (7);
- (c) who is listed in the nomination papers of several political parties, or in nomination papers to several election districts in the same nomination paper, which lacks the declaration under Section 14 (7); if the candidate signed the declaration accompanying several nomination papers, the Commission shall cross off his name from all nomination papers;
- (d) whose listing in a nomination paper exceeds the number of permitted candidates under Section 14 (4).
- (e) who is not resident in the municipality within the territory of the election ward he stands to as a candidate;
- (f) if a petition under Section 14 (6) is incomplete or missing entirely.

(2) The Regional Election Commission shall not accept a nomination paper if it does not comply with this Act and cannot be adjusted under section (1) above. The Regional Election Commission shall register the nomination papers qualifying under this Act, as well as nomination papers adjusted under subsection (1) above within 30 days before the polling day. Registration shall be marked on the nomination paper. Registration of nomination papers is a precondition of issuing ballot papers.

⁹⁾ Act No. 85/1990 Coll., on the Petition Right as amended by the Act No. 242/1998 of the Code.

(3) The Regional Election Commission shall invite the election agents of the political parties and independent candidates to personally collect the decision of registration within 24 hours. If a political party election agent or independent candidate does not collect the decision within specified time, the decision is considered delivered. The involved political party or candidate can challenge the decision resulting in crossing off a candidate from nomination paper or rejection of his nomination paper by filing with court a motion to issue a decision on the duty of the Regional Election Commission to leave a candidate in the nomination paper or to register the nomination paper within 24 hours from the delivery of the said decision.

(4) If a court rules to leave a candidate on a nomination paper or to register the nomination paper under a special regulation¹⁰⁾, the Regional Election Commission shall execute registration within 24 hours from the delivery of the court ruling.

Section 16 Publication of the List of Candidates

(1) Upon registration of nomination papers, the Regional Election Commission shall deliver the list of candidates according to election districts to the Central Election Commission, and via Regional Office also to the municipalities within 20 days before the polling day. The list shall contain the full name of candidate, his academic degree, age, occupation, permanent address and the registered name of a political party, which nominated the candidate, or a note indicating an independent candidate.

(2) The municipality shall publish the list of candidates in the way usual in this place not later than 15 days before the polling day.

Section 17 Renouncement of Candidacy and Withdrawal of Nomination

(1) A candidate may renounce his candidacy in writing within three days before the polling day. Before this date also a political party can withdraw its nomination of a candidate.

(2) A notice of renouncement of candidacy or withdrawal of nomination shall be delivered to the Chairman of the Regional Election Commission in two duplicates. The Chairman shall immediately arrange its publication. He shall notify the expert and government unit of the Regional Election Commission of the renouncement of candidacy or withdrawal of nomination. The renouncement or withdrawal cannot be recalled.

(3) Where a notice of renouncement of candidacy or withdrawal of nomination is made after registration of nomination papers or where a political party ceases to exist or its activity is superseded¹¹⁾ after registration of nomination papers, the details of candidates shall remain on ballot papers but they shall not be taken into consideration during allocation of mandates.

¹⁰⁾ Section 200 (g)(c) of the Code of Civil Procedure.

¹¹⁾ Section 12 to 16 of the Act No. 424(1991 Coll., on Associating in Political Parties and Political Movements as amended by later regulations.

Section 18 Ballot Papers

(1) The Chairman of Regional Election Commission in co-operation with the Regional Office shall be responsible for correct data on printed ballot papers.

(2) Each election district shall have all candidates printed on one ballot paper. The ballot paper shall be printed in letters of identical type, size, and paper of the same colour and quality.

(3) The candidates in the ballot paper shall be listed in alphabetical order with order number, full name, academic degree, age, occupation, and the name of political party, which delivered nomination paper or a note indicating an independent candidate, as well as number of regional Council deputies to be elected in the respective district.

(4) All candidates and their details must be printed exclusively on one side of a ballot paper. The ballot papers bear a stamp of the Regional Election Commission at the end of the list of candidates.

(5) The Regional Office shall arrange the delivery of ballot papers to municipalities: the municipalities shall arrange the delivery of ballot papers to the Ward Election Commissions not later than on the polling day.

(6) The electors will be given ballot papers inside the polling station on the polling day.

Section 19 Delivery of Nomination Papers of Candidates for the Head

(1) The political parties and independent candidates can deliver the nomination papers for the election of the Head.

(2) A political party shall, via its election agent and an independent candidate in person, deliver the nomination papers in two duplicates to the Registrar of the Regional Election Commission not later than 40 days before the polling day.

(3) A nomination paper of a political party shall include:

- (a) the registered name of the political party;
- (b) the full name, academic title, age, occupation, and permanent address of the candidate;
- (c) the full name of the election agent of the political party and his substitute and their addresses.

A candidate cannot act as an election agent or substitute.

(4) A political party can list in a nomination paper only one candidate.

(5) The nomination paper of an independent candidate shall include his full name, academic title, age, occupation, permanent address, and signature of the candidate. The first duplicate of the nomination paper of an independent candidate⁸⁾ shall be accompanied by the petition, signed by at least 1,000 electors of the relevant constituency. In the petition every signature shall include the full name of a voter, his permanent address meaning the name of municipality, street if the municipality has street names, and house number.

(6) The first duplicate of each nomination paper must be accompanied by candidate's declaration signed in his own hand that he approves his candidacy and has not given his consent to be listed in another nomination paper, and that he is not aware of any particulars giving rise to his disqualification.

(7) A chairmanship candidate must be resident in the municipality falling to the self-government region or must be resident in the military area, which belongs for the purpose of the elections to the relevant region.

(8) To stand as a candidate for the Head can also a candidate for the Council.

(9) The Registrar shall confirm the delivery of a nomination paper by the election agent of a political party or by an independent candidate in the second duplicate of their nomination papers. The Registrar shall deliver the nomination papers to the Regional Election Commission for review and registration.

Section 20

Registration of Nomination Papers for the Election of Chairman

(1) The Regional Election Commission shall review delivered nomination papers and cross off a candidate

- (a) who does not meet eligibility criteria under Section 4 above;
- (b) whose nomination paper does not include the declaration under Section 19 (6);
- (c) who is not resident in the municipality within the territory of the self-government region, or is not resident in the military area which belongs for the purpose of the elections to the territory of the self-government region;
- (d) if a petition under Section 19 (5) is incomplete or missing entirely.

(2) The provisions of Section 15 (2) to (4) apply equally..

Section 21

Publication of the List of Candidates, Renouncement of Candidacy and Withdrawal of Nomination

The provisions of Section16 and Section17 shall apply accordingly also for election of the Head.

Section22

Ballot Papers

(1) The Chairman of the Regional Election Commission in co-operation with Regional Office is responsible for correctness of data entered in ballot papers.

(2) A ballot paper for the election of Chairman shall include the list of candidates in alphabetical order with order number, full name, academic degree, age, occupation, and the name of the political party, which delivered nomination paper, or a note indicating an independent candidate.

(3) The ballot paper shall be printed in letters of identical type, size, and on paper of the same colour and quality.

- (4) The provisions of Section 18 (4) to (6) shall apply equally.

PART SIX PREPARATION OF ELECTIONS

Section 23 Date of the Election

(1) The elections to the Council and the elections of the Heads shall be held within last 14 days of their electoral term. The elections shall be announced by the Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic.

(2) The Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic shall announce the election and the date of the election not later than 90 days before the polling day. The decision of the Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic shall be published in the Collection Laws of the Slovak Republic¹²⁾.

(3) The election shall be held in the whole territory of the Slovak Republic on the same day - Saturday.

(4) The election shall be held on specified date between 7:00 and 22:00. Where local circumstances require so, the local government may move the beginning of election to earlier hour.

Section 24 Information for Voters

The municipality shall deliver a notice announcing time of election, election ward and place of polling station to each person listed in the electoral register not later than 25 days before the polling day. The notice shall also indicate an obligation to produce identity card⁸⁾ immediately before the ballot, and briefly inform of the method of marking a ballot paper.

Section 25 Preparations in Polling Station

Before the beginning of elections the Chairman of a Ward Election Commission shall inspect in presence of polling clerks ballot box and portable ballot box and seal them. He shall further inspect check the facilities of polling station, readiness of the electoral register, and the number of ballot papers and blank, opaque envelopes marked with the official seal of the municipality (hereinafter referred to as "the envelopes") for sufficiency.

Section 26 Polling Booths

(1) A polling room shall have a special space confined to provide secrecy of the ballot (polling booths). The number of such polling booths shall be specified by municipality with respect to the number of voters listed in the election ward.

(2) No other person can be present in the polling booth together with an elector during marking ballot papers unless Section 30 (1) applies.

¹²⁾ Section 1 (2)(d) of the Act No. 1/1993 Coll., the National Council of the Slovak Republic on the Code of Law of the Slovak Republic.

Section 27
Election Campaign

(1) The time of election campaign means the period beginning 17 days and ending 48 hours before the poll.

(2) The municipality shall designate for the purposes of election campaign the space for posting the election advertisements not later than 35 days before the polling day. Its use must comply with the principle of equality of participant political parties and independent candidates.

(3) Any election campaign is prohibited 48 hours before the poll and on the polling day.

(4) The members of the Election Commissions and members of the expert (summarising) units must not provide information on the course and results of the election before signature of the minutes on the result of election.

P A R T S E V E N
PROCEDURE OF THE POLL

Section 28
Beginning of the Poll

Upon performing inspection under Section 25 the Chairman of the Ward Election Commission shall pronounce the election open. The Chairman and other polling clerks are entitled to vote as the first if they are eligible to vote in the relevant election ward.

The Poll

Section 29

(1) Electors vote in person. Proxy is not permitted. The polling clerks are prohibited to mark the ballot papers for the voters. The voters step before the Ward Election Commission and cast a vote in order of entering the polling station.

(2) The shall voter prove his identity ⁸⁾ at the polling station and upon marking his name off in the Election Register, the polling clerk shall give him the envelope with ballot papers. Where the voter does not produce his identity card and none of the polling clerks knows him, he will be asked by the Election Commission to prove his identity with the help of two witnesses known to the polling clerks. If the voter fails to do so before the end of the poll, he shall not be admitted to vote.

(3) Upon receiving the envelope with ballot papers the voter shall enter polling booth. In the polling booth the voter shall put one ballot paper for the election to the Council and one ballot paper for election of the Head into the envelope. He shall circle the order numbers of preferred candidates on the ballot paper for election to the Council. The voter can circle only as many candidates as are to be elected in the relevant election district. The voter shall circle the order number of preferred candidate for the Head on the ballot paper for the election of the Head.

(4) Upon voter's request, the Ward Election Commission shall replace the ballot papers marked by the voter by mistake for the new ones.

(5) The polling is made so that upon leaving the polling booth the voter puts the envelope into a ballot box. The Election Commission shall not permit voting to the voter who has not entered the polling booth.

(6) The voter is entitled to ask the Ward Election Commission on serious, especially health grounds, for permission to vote outside the polling station, however, only within the territory of the election ward in the responsibility of the Ward Election Commission. In such case the Ward Election Commission shall send two polling clerks with a portable ballot box, an envelope and ballot papers to the voter. During voting the polling clerks shall proceed in such way as to observe secrecy of the ballot.

Section 30

(1) A voter incapable to mark his ballot papers due to physical incapacity, or reading or writing difficulties, is entitled to enter polling booth accompanied by other voter, other than a member of the Ward Election Commission, for the purpose of marking voter's ballot papers and depositing them into the ballot box according to the handicapped voter's instructions.

(2) Upon request of the voter incapable to put the envelope into a ballot box due to his physical incapacity, another voter, however not a member of the Ward Election Commission, may do so in his presence.

Section 31

Order in Polling Station and its Vicinity

(1) The order in the polling station and its vicinity is the responsibility of the Chairman of the Ward Election Commission, or Deputy Chairman in his absence.

(2) The instruction to maintain order in the polling station and dignified course of the poll is binding for all present persons. The Chairman of the Ward Election Commission or Deputy Chairman in his absence shall arrange that the polling station is not overcrowded. The Chairman of the Ward Election Commission or Deputy Chairman in his absence shall permit the presence of the observers where it does not interfere with the poll.

Section 32

Suspension of the Poll

Where circumstances prevent to open the poll, continue in its implementation, or to close the poll, the Ward Election Commission is authorised to postpone the beginning of the poll for later hour, to suspend the poll, or to extend polling hours. However, the total hours of the poll (under Section 23) must not be shortened. The Ward Election Commission shall notify voters of this measure in the way common in the election ward. When the poll is interrupted, the Ward Election Commission shall seal the ballot papers, envelopes, electoral register, ballot box, and portable ballot box. At re-opening of the poll the Chairman of the Ward Election Commission witnessed by the polling clerks, or Deputy Chairman in his absence, shall inspect the seals and make record of this fact in the minutes.

Section 33

Close of the Poll

Only the voters present in the polling station or in front of it shall be allowed to vote at the close of the poll. Then the polling station is closed and the Chairman of the Ward Election Commission shall pronounce the poll closed.

PART EIGHT
ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION RETURNS

Section 34
Attendance at the Count

In the room where the Ward Election Commission conducts the count may be present: the members of the Election Commissions of higher level, members of the expert (summarising) units, as well as persons (observers) authorised by the Ward Election Commission.

Section 35
Count of the Votes by the Ward Election Commission

(1) At the close of the poll Chairman of the Ward Election Commission shall get the unused ballot papers and envelopes sealed with the exception of unused ballot papers selected and marked by the Chairman of the Commission in presence of polling clerks – counting agents. Then the ballot box will be opened. If the Ward Election Commission used a portable ballot box upon request of individual voters, the Commission shall mix the content of all boxes upon their opening.

(2) Upon removing the envelopes from the ballot box the Ward Election Commission shall count them and compare their number with the entries in electoral register. The unofficial envelopes and ballot papers, which were not in envelopes, shall be rejected as void.

(3) Upon removing the ballot papers from the envelopes the Ward Election Commission shall sort out the ballot papers for the election to Council and papers for election of the Head. Then the Commission shall count the valid votes cast in favour of individual candidates for the election of Council and the number of valid votes cast in favour of individual candidates for the election of the Head. The results shall be recorded in the minutes on the poll.

(4) Each member of the Ward Election Commission is authorised to inspect the ballot papers. The Chairman of the Ward Election Commission shall review the count for correctness.

Section 36
Void Ballot Papers

(1) A ballot paper is void if -
(a) not on a prescribed form ;
(b) it is not marked pursuant to Section 29 (3); or
(c) if an elector marked by circle no candidate, or marked more candidates than are to be elected to the Council in the constituency; or if he marked no candidate for the election of the Head or marked by circle more candidates than one at such election.

(2) If an envelope contains two or more ballot papers for the election of Council, all ballot papers are void; the same applies to the ballot papers for the election of the Head.

(3) The damage to the ballot paper has no effect on its validity if all details are visible. Crossed or added names are not taken into consideration.

(4) In uncertain cases the Ward Election Commission shall issue the final decision in respect of validity or invalidity of a ballot paper.

Section 37

Minutes of the Ward Election Commission on the Poll

(1) The Ward Election Commission shall write minutes on the Poll in two duplicates signed by the Chairman of the Commission, other members of the Commission, and the Registrar. The reasons for refusal to sign shall be recorded, too.

(3) The minutes of the Ward Election Commission shall contain –

- (a) the time of beginning and the time of end of the poll, or its suspension, respectively;
- (b) the number of eligible voters within the election ward listed in the electoral register;
- (c) the number of voters who were issued ballot envelopes;
- (d) the number of returned envelopes;
- (e) the number of valid votes cast in favour of individual candidates at elections of Council;
- (f) the number of valid votes cast in favour if individual candidates at election of the Head.

Section 38

End of Term of the Ward Election Commission

(1) Following the count of votes and signing both duplicates of the minutes on the Poll, the Chairman of the Ward Election Commission shall announce the result of the poll, immediately deliver one duplicate of the minutes to the Ward Election Commission and wait for an order to dissolve the Commission.

(2) The Ward Election Commission shall seal used ballot papers, envelopes and electoral register, and deliver them together with the second duplicate of the minutes and other election-related documents to the municipality for deposit.

Section 39

Minutes of the District Election Commission on the Result of the Poll in Constituency

(1) The District Election Commission shall collect the results of the poll in its constituency from the minutes on the Results of the Elections of the Ward Election Commission.

(2) The District Election Commission shall make minutes on the Result of the Elections in its constituency in two duplicates signed by the Chairman of the Commission, other members of the Commission, and the Registrar of the Commission. The reasons for refusal to sign shall be recorded, too.

(3) The minutes of the District Election Commission shall contain -

- (a) the number of election wards and number of Ward Election Commissions, which delivered the results of the poll;
- (b) the number of eligible voters listed in the electoral registers;
- (c) the number of voters who were issued ballot envelopes;
- (d) the number of returned envelopes;
- (e) the number of valid votes cast in favour of individual candidates elections to the Council;
- (f) the full names of the candidates elected in the constituency for the members of the Council and full names of their substitutes, registered name of the political party, which nominated them, or a note indicating independent candidates;

(g) the number of valid votes cast in favour of individual candidates for the election of the Head.

(4) Upon signature of both duplicates of the minutes on the result of the poll in relevant constituency the Chairman of the District Election Commission shall immediately deliver one duplicate of the minutes to the Regional Election Commission and wait for the instruction to dissolve the Commission; a duplicate of the minutes shall be made for each polling clerk upon his request. The second duplicate of the minutes and other election-related documents shall be delivered to the Regional Office for deposit.

Section 40
Minutes of the Regional Election Commission
on Election Returns

(1) The Regional Election Commission shall make minutes on election returns in two duplicates signed by the Chairman of the Commission, other members of the Commissions, and the Registrar of the Commission. The reasons for refusal to sign shall be recorded, too.

- (2) The minutes of the Regional Election Commission shall contain -
- (a) the number of constituencies;
 - (b) the number of District Election Commissions, which delivered the minutes on the results of the poll in their constituencies;
 - (c) the number of eligible voters entered in the electoral registers;
 - (d) the number of voters who were issued the envelopes;
 - (e) the number of returned envelopes;
 - (f) the number of valid votes cast in favour of individual candidates at regional government elections;
 - (g) the full names of the candidates elected for the members of regional government and full names of their substitutes, registered name of the political party, which nominated them, or the note indicating independent candidates;
 - (h) the number of valid votes cast in favour of individual candidates at the elections of Chairman;
 - (i) the full name of elected Chairman, registered name of the political party, which nominated him, or the note indicating independent candidates; or the statement, that, with the respect to the result of the election the second round of election shall be held and the names and details of candidates who will stand in the second round of elections.

(3) Upon signature of both duplicates of the minutes on the Result of the Elections in relevant self-governed region the Regional Election Commission shall immediately deliver one duplicate of the minutes to the Central Election Commission and wait for the instruction to dissolve the Commission; a duplicate of the minutes shall be made for each polling clerk upon his request. The second duplicate of the minutes and other election-related documents shall be delivered to the Regional Office for deposit.

Section 41
Election Returns

(1) The candidates with the highest number of valid votes in the relevant constituency are elected the members of the Council.

(2) Where there is a tie between two or more candidates of the same political party in one constituency, the candidate listed first in the nomination paper of the relevant political party shall be elected.

(3) Where it is not possible to determine who was elected the deputy of the Council under section (2) above because the candidates were nominated by different political parties or are independent candidates, the District Election Commission shall determine elected member by lot.

(4) The candidate who received absolute majority of votes is elected the Chairman [of the regional government].

Section 42 The Second Ballot

(1) Where none of the candidates received absolute majority of valid votes in the first ballot, the second ballot shall be held within 14 days. The Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic shall announce the second ballot and its date immediately after publication of the election returns by the Central Election Commission.

(2) The two candidates who received the highest number of valid votes in the first ballot shall stand at the second ballot. Where one of the candidates at the second ballot disqualifies as a candidate for Chairman, or if he renounces his candidacy, the candidate with the third highest number of votes in the first ballot shall replace him. Where there are not available two candidates for the second ballot, the new election shall be held under Section 46 (1)(d).

(3) The second ballot shall be held pursuant to Sections 17 and 21, 22, 25, 26, 28 to 40, and Sections 23 and 27 shall apply accordingly.

(4) In the second ballot the candidate who received the highest number of votes is elected the Head. Where there is a tie between two candidates the new elections shall be held under Section 46 (1)(d).

Section 43 Publication of Election Returns

The Regional Election Commission shall publish the results of elections to the Council and the results of election of the Head by the method usual in the relevant region and immediately upon signing the minutes. Information on the election returns shall be delivered to the Regional Office, which shall deliver them to all municipalities. The municipalities shall arrange publication of this information by method usual in the municipality.

Section 44 Certificate of Election

The Regional Election Commission shall issue the candidates elected as the members of the Council and the candidate elected the Head a Certificate of Election.

Section 45 Minutes of the Central Election Commission on Election Returns

(1) The Central Election Commission collects the results of the elections to the Council and the elections of the Heads in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

(2) The Central Election Commission shall write minutes on the results of the elections to the Councils in the territory of the Slovak Republic signed by the Chairman of the Commission, other members and the Registrar of the Commission. The reasons for refusal to sign shall be recorded, too.

(3) The minutes shall contain

- (a) the number of entitled voters listed in the electoral registers;
- (b) the number of voters who were issued the envelopes;
- (c) elected members of the Councils with regard to political parties and independent candidates;
- (d) the number of self-government regions where the Council was elected;
- (e) elected Heads with regard to political parties and independent candidates.

(4) The Central Election Commission shall publish overall election returns immediately upon signing the minutes on the election returns. The documents relating to the elections shall be delivered to the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic for deposit.

Section 46 The New Election

(1) The Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic shall proclaim new elections, where -

- (a) the election under this Act was not held in a self-government region for any reasons;
- (b) the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic pronounces the elections void or repeal the election returns;
- (c) a seat in a Council vacates and a substitute candidate under Section 48 (1) is not available or the office of the Head vacates; or
- (d) two candidates are not available for the second ballot of elections of the Head, or where there is a tie between two candidates for the Head in the second ballot.

(2) Where circumstances under subsection (1)(a) occur, the Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic shall proclaim new elections within 14 days from publication of the results by the Central Election Commission.

(3) Subject to subsection (1)(c) the self-government regions shall submit the request for proclamation of the new election to the Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic through the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic.

(4) The time limits provided for by this Act maybe shortened for the new election, however, not more than by one third. The time limits for the new election shall be attached to the decision of the Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on proclamation of the new elections.

(5) The new election shall not be proclaimed in the last six months of the electoral term of the Councils.¹³⁾

Section 47 Function of Election Commissions

The Election Commissions and their units are established for the whole electoral term.

Section 48

¹³⁾ (Article 69, subsection (5) and (6) of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic.

Substitutes

(1) If a seat in the Council vacates, the candidate with the highest number of votes obtained in the constituency, but not elected a deputy of the Council shall replace him. Where there is a tie between two candidates, Section 41 (31) applies.

(2) The Council shall announce the name of the new candidate 15 days after vacation of the seat and issue a Certificate of Election signed by the Chairman of the Council.

PART NINE COMMON, TRANSITIONAL, AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 49 Election Logistics

(1) Municipalities shall provide all means of logistics, especially polling stations, their equipment, and auxiliary staff for the Ward Election Commissions.

(2) The Office of the self-government shall provide all means of logistics and auxiliary staff for the District Election Commissions and Regional Election Commission by region.

Section 50 Co-operation of Public Authorities

All public authorities have statutory obligation to co-operate in implementation of this Act.

Section 51 Computerised Processing of Election Returns

(1) The software, logistics, and hardware required for computerised processing of the results of elections shall be provided by the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic.

(2) The Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic and electoral authorities have statutory obligation to timely notify the appropriate department of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic of any fact, which may have the effect on the conditions of computerised processing of election returns.

Section 52 Remuneration of the Members of Election Commissions

(1) The position of the member of Election commission is a honorary position. The rights and entitlements of the member of election commission relating to his employment or other business relationship must not be limited as a result of the conduct of his position. He is entitled to paid leave, or, in case of self-employed person, to compensation equal to proportional part of the minimum salary of employed persons remunerated by monthly salary.

(2) The employer who paid out salary compensation under section (1) above is entitled to recover the paid amount.

(3) The Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic shall, by a generally binding regulation, determine the method of compensation or claim settlement under subsections (1) and (2) by agreement with the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic.

(4) The member and Registrar of the Ward Election Commission is entitled to remuneration for conducting his duties in the Commission in time, when he is not entitled to salary compensation under subsection (1) above. The Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic shall determine the amount and method of payment of remuneration by a generally binding regulation by agreement with the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic.

Section 53 Remuneration of Candidates

The fact that a person stands as a candidate must not prejudice his employment or similar relationship.

Section 54 Recovery of the Costs of Conducting Elections

(1) The costs incurred by conducting the elections are met from the State Budget.

(2) The Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic shall determine individual types of election-related expenses paid from the State Budget and the method of their payment pursuant the agreement with the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic.

(3) The political parties and independent candidates cover their election campaign expenditure by themselves.

Section 55 Measures against Idleness

If a municipality and its bodies fail to fulfil their tasks under Section 6 (2), Section 7 (1), (2), Section 9 (2)(d), Section 13 (2) and (3), Section 16 (2), Section 18 (5), Section 23 (4), Section 24, Section 26 (1), Section 27 (2), Section 43 – last sentence, and Section 49 (1) above, their fulfilment shall be arranged by the Director of the Regional Office.

T r a n s i t i o n a l P r o v i s i o n s

Section 56

(1) For the initial elections, the constituencies, number of members to be elected in them, and the seats of the Regional Election Commissions and District Election Commissions are referred to in Annex.

(2) For the initial elections, the Minister of the Interior of the Slovak Republic shall appoint the Registrars of the Regional Election Commissions and summon the first meeting of the Regional Election Commissions.

(3) For the initial elections, the powers of the Head pursuant to Section 9 (2)(c), Section 11 (2)(3), and Section 12 (2) and (3) fall to the Director of the Regional Office, and the powers of the self-government region pursuant to Section 49 (2) to the Regional Office.

Section 57

If they do not contradict other laws, the measures taken by the appropriate public authorities to prepare implementation of this Act before announcement of the elections are considered the measures taken during its effect.

Section 58
Final Provisions

- (1) The Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic shall -
- (a) arrange printing of sufficient number of ballot papers;
 - (b) prepare detailed provisions governing the tasks of the municipalities and local bodies of state administration in
 - 1. establishing election wards;
 - 2. preparing the electoral registers;
 - 3. securing and furnishing of the polling stations;
 - 4. retaining ballot papers and other election documentation in deposit.
 - (c) provide the sample forms and envelopes for the election and arrange their printing.

(2) The Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic shall issue the methodology of processing of election returns by agreement with the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic.

Article II

The Act 99/1963 Coll., Code of Civil Procedure – Act No 36/1967 Coll., Act 158/1969 Coll., Act 133/1982 Coll., Act 180/1990 Coll., Act 328/1991 Coll., Act 519/1991 Coll., Act 263/1992 Coll., Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 5/1993 Coll., Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 46/1994 Coll., Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 190/1995 Coll., Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 232/1995 Coll., Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 233/1995 Coll., Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 22/1996 Coll., and the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 58/1996 Coll. is amended as follows:

Section 200 (gb) shall be followed by Section 200 (gc), which including the heading shall read as follows:

”Section 200 (gc)
Proceeding in the Matters of Nomination Papers Registration

(1) Where the Election Commission, competent pursuant to a special law^{34e)}, decides to cross off a candidate for elections to the bodies of self-government region, or refuses to register a nomination paper, the involved political party or independent candidate may file with the District Court in the seat of the Regional Election Commission, within 24 hours from the delivery of the decision of the Regional Election Commission, a motion to issue a decision on the obligation of the Regional Election Commission to leave the candidate on the nomination paper or to perform registration of his nomination paper.

(2) The parties to the case are: the political party concerned, the candidate concerned, and the Regional Election Commission.

(3) The court shall make a decision within three days from filing the motion.”.

Footnote ^{34e)} reads as follows:
„³⁴⁾ Section 15 (3) and Section 20 (20) of the Act No. 303/2001 Coll., on Elections of the Bodies of Self-government Regions and on Amendment to the Code of Civil Procedure.”.

Article III
Effect of the Act

This Act shall come into effect on the day of its Proclamation.

Rudolf Schuster, in his own hand
Jozef Migaš, in his own hand
Mikuláš Dzurinda, in his own hand

**Annex
to the Act No. 303/2001 Coll.**

**ELECTION DISTRICTS, NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS
TO BE ELECTED IN THEM, AND THE SEATS OF THE REGIONAL ELECTION
COMMISSIONS AND DISTRICT ELECTION COMMISSIONS**

BRATISLAVA SELF-GOVERNMENT REGION

**Seat of the Regional Election
Commission -**

Number of members elected

**Regional Office Bratislava
in a constituency**

Constituency No. 1 District Bratislava I Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Bratislava I	35
Constituency No. 2 District Bratislava II Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Bratislava II	8
Constituency No. 3 District Bratislava III Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Bratislava III	5
Constituency No. 4 District Bratislava IV Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Bratislava IV	7
Constituency No. 5 District Bratislava V Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Bratislava V	10
Constituency No. 6 District Malacky Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Malacky	5
Constituency No. 7 District Pezinok Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Pezinok	4

Constituency No. 8 District Senec Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Senec	4
Total number of members:	46

TRNAVA SELF-GOVERNMENT REGION

Seat of the Regional Election Commission -

Number of members elected

Regional Office Trnava in a constituency

Constituency No. 1 District Dunajská Streda Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Dunajská Streda	8
Constituency No. 2 District Galanta Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Galanta	7
Constituency No. 3 District Hlohovec Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Hlohovec 3	3
Constituency No. 4 District Bratislava Piešťany Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Piešťany	5
Constituency No. 5 District Senica Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Senica	5
Constituency No. 6 District Skalica Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Skalica	3
Constituency No. 7 District Trnava Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Trnava	9
Total number of members:	40

TRENČÍN SELF-GOVERNMENT REGION**Seat of the Regional Election****Commission -****Number of members elected****Regional Office Trenčín****in a constituency**

Constituency No. 1 District Bánovce nad Bebravou Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Bánovce nad Bebravou	3
Constituency No. 2 District Ilava Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Ilava	5
Constituency No. 3 District Myjava Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Myjava	2
Constituency No. 4 District Nové Mesto nad Váhom Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Nové Mesto nad Váhom	5
Constituency No. 5 District Partizánske Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Partizánske	4
Constituency No. 6 District Považská Bystrica Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Považská Bystrica	5
Constituency No. 7 District Prievidza Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Prievidza	10
Constituency No. 8 District Púchov Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Púchov	3
Constituency No. 9	8

District Trenčín Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Trenčín	
Total number of members:	45

NITRA SELF-GOVERNMENT REGION

Seat of the Regional Election

Commission -

Number of members elected

Regional Office Nitra

in a constituency

Constituency No. 1 District Komárno Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Komárno	8
Constituency No. 2 District Levice Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Levice	9
Constituency No. 3 District Nitra Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Nitra	12
Constituency No. 4 District Nové Zámky Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Nové Zámky	11
Constituency No. 5 District Bratislava Šaľa Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Šaľa	4
Constituency No. 6 District Topoľčany Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Topoľčany	5
Constituency No. 7 District Zlaté Moravce Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Zlaté Moravce	3
Total number of members:	52

ŽILINA SELF-GOVERNMENT REGION**Seat of the Regional Election
Commission -****Regional Office Žilina
in a constituency**

Constituency No. 1 District Bytča Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Bytča	2
Constituency No. 2 District Čadca Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Čadca	7
Constituency No. 3 District Dolný Kubín Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Dolný Kubín	3
Constituency No. 4 District Kysucké Nové Mesto Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Kysucké Nové Mesto	3
Constituency No. 5 District Liptovský Mikuláš Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Liptovský Mikuláš	6
Constituency No. 6 District Martin Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Martin	7
Constituency No. 7 District Námestovo Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Námestovo	4
Constituency No. 8 District Ružomberok Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Ružomberok	4
Constituency No. 9	1

District Turčianske Teplice Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Turčianske Teplice	
Constituency No. 10 District Tvrdošín Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Tvrdošín	3
Constituency No. 11 District Žilina Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Žilina	12
Total number of members:	52

BANSKÁ BYSTRICA SELF-GOVERNMENT REGION

Seat of the Regional Election Commission -

Number of members elected

Regional Office Banská Bystrica in a constituency

Constituency No. 1 District Banská Bystrica Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Banská Bystrica	8
Constituency No. 2 District Banská Štiavnica Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Banská Štiavnica	1
Constituency No. 3 District Brezno Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Brezno	5
Constituency No. 4 District Detva Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Detva	3
Constituency No. 5 District Krupina Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Krupina	2
Constituency No. 6	5

District Lučenec Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Lučenec	
Constituency No. 7 District Poltár Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Poltár	2
Constituency No. 8 District Revúca Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Revúca	3
Constituency No. 9 District Rimavská Sobota Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Rimavská Sobota	6
Constituency No. 10 District Veľký Krtíš Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Veľký Krtíš	3
Constituency No. 11 District Zvolen Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Zvolen	5
Constituency No. 12 District Žarnovica Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Žarnovica	2
Constituency No. 13 District Žiar nad Hronom Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Žiar nad Hronom	4
Total number of members:	49

PREŠOV SELF-GOVERNMENT REGION

**Seat of the Regional Election
Commission -**

Number of members elected

Regional Office Prešov

in a constituency

Constituency No. 1 District Bardejov Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Bardejov	6
Constituency No. 2 District Humenné Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Humenné	5
Constituency No. 3 District Kežmarok Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Kežmarok	5
Constituency No. 4 District Levoča Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Levoča	2
Constituency No. 5 District Medzilaborce Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Medzilaborce	1
Constituency No. 6 District Poprad Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Poprad	8
Constituency No. 7 District Prešov Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Prešov	12
Constituency No. 8 District Sabinov Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Sabinov	4
Constituency No. 9 District Snina Seat of the District Election Commission –	3

District Office Snina	
Constituency No. 10 District Stará Ľubovňa Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Stará Ľubovňa	4
Constituency No. 11 District Stropkov Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Stropkov	2
Constituency No. 12 District Svidník Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Svidník	2
Constituency No. 13 District Vranov nad Topľou Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Vranov nad Topľou	6
Total number of members:	60

KOŠICE SELF-GOVERNMENT REGION

Seat of the Regional Election Commission -

Number of members elected

Regional Office Košice

in a constituency

Constituency No. 1 District Košice I Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Košice I	5
Constituency No. 2 District Košice II Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Košice II	6
Constituency No. 3 District Košice III Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Košice III	2
Constituency No. 4 District Košice IV Seat of the District Election Commission –	4

District Office Košice IV	
Constituency No. 5 District Greater Košice Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Greater Košice	8
Constituency No. 6 District Gelnica Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Gelnica	2
Constituency No. 7 District Michalovce Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Michalovce	8
Constituency No. 8 District Rožňava Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Rožňava	5
Constituency No. 9 District Sobrance Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Sobrance	2
Constituency No. 10 District Spišská Nová Ves Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Spišská Nová Ves	7
Constituency No. 11 District Trebišov Seat of the District Election Commission – District Office Trebišov	8
Total number of members:	57