

Instruction
on the rules for nomination of the candidacy on own initiatives of citizens,
establishment of voters' initiative groups and candidate nomination by them in
Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan

During Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, candidate nomination on own initiatives of citizens or by the voters initiative groups established by citizens having active suffrage shall be regulated by Articles 53, 146 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and according to the Instruction.

1. General provisions

1.1. During elections on the constituency candidates shall be nominated after the official publication of the decision on appointment of these elections.

1.2. Candidates to deputy may be nominated on own initiatives of the citizens who possess eligibility and who meet the requirements of Article 85 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, by voters' initiative groups, as well as by political parties and blocs of political parties.

2. The citizen who nominated their candidacy on own initiative (or their authorized representative) shall provide the relevant Con.EC with the following documents:

2.1. notification on candidate nomination (Appendix # 1);

2.2. Application on commitment compiled in conformity with the requirements of Article 53 of Election Code (Appendix #2 made to the Instruction) (the application should contain the nominated candidate's name, surname, patronymic, date of birth, address of residence, education, serial number of ID card or its substitute document, place of post (if there is not any, then type of activity), accusation, citizenship and information on commitment before other states if exists, as well as his/her commitment on the termination of the activity which does not suit with the post if elected);

2.3. If the candidate appoints an authorized representative, then powers of attorney of the authorized representative approved in notary order (Appendix # 3);

2.4. If the candidate included information on the political affiliation in his application, then he/she shall submit the document that approves it (*In this case, the candidate shall agree with the relevant election commission to name the political party with the title consisting of not more than 5 words. If the political party indicated in the application dismissed the candidate from its party and sent notification to the relevant election commission, after receiving this notification, the candidate shall not be allowed to use the name of this political party*);

2.5. The written notification on receiving documents submitted to the Con.EC shall be provided to the candidate who submitted these documents or his/her authorized representative (Appendix # 4);

2.6. The documents submitted to the Con.EC shall be considered within 5 days and decision on the approval or refusal from the candidate nomination shall be provided to the candidate or his/her authorized representative.

3. Establishment of voters' initiative groups and nomination of candidates to deputy

3.1. Each citizen or citizens with election right can establish voters' initiative groups consisting of no less than 50 persons. With this aim, they must conduct their session. The fact that the voters intending to establish initiative group live in the relevant areas of the constituency, should be adopted as a basis. It is allowed to apply in written form to the municipality or executive authority within the territory by citizen or citizens intending to establish initiative group to allocate place for holding sessions. The meeting of the voters' initiative group can be conducted in voters' places of residence, in areas and buildings of executive authorities and municipalities, as well as of legal entities. After determining the appropriate place, the voters intending to establish initiative group shall be informed about the allocated place and time of the session.

3.2. The following issues shall be discussed in the session:

3.2.1. establishment and naming of voters initiative group;

3.2.2. determination of the person (representative of the initiative group) who will represent the group (this person may be chairman or secretary of the session);

3.2.3. nomination of candidate to deputy;

3.2.4. apply to the Constituency Election Commission (Con.EC) on the approval of candidate nomination.

3.3. Decision shall be adopted on each discussed issue after putting in the agenda of the session and session minutes shall be compiled. The session minutes shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of the session. The session minutes may also be stamped by these organizations, as well as legal entities possessing the place of conducting session.

3.4. The relevant Con.EC shall be provided with the following documents for the nomination of the candidate by the voters initiative group:

3.4.1. session minutes on the establishment of voters initiative group and candidate nomination (Appendix # 5);

3.4.2. notification on the initiative of candidate nomination (Appendice # 6);

3.4.3. Application on commitment compiled in conformity with the requirements of Article 53 of Election Code (Appendix #2 made to the Instruction) (the application should contain the nominated candidate's name, surname, patronymic, date of birth, address of residence, education, serial number of ID card or its substitute document

,place of post (if there is not any, then type of activity), accusation, citizenship and data on commitment before other states if exists, as well as his/her commitment on the termination of the activity which does not suit with the post if elected);

3.4.4 If candidate appoints an authorized representative, then powers of attorney of the authorized representative approved in notary order (Appendix # 3);

3.4.5. If the candidate included information on his/her political affiliation in his application, then he/she shall submit the document that approves it (In this case, the candidate shall come to an agreement with the relevant election commission to name the political party with the name consisting of not more than 5 words. If the political party indicated in the application dismissed the candidate from its party and sent notification to the relevant election commission, after receiving this notification, the candidate shall not be allowed to use the name of this political party);

3.5. The written notification on receiving documents submitted to the Con.EC shall be provided to the candidate who submitted these documents or his/her authorized representative to the authorized representative of voters' initiative group (Appendix # 4);

3.6. The documents submitted to the Con.EC shall be considered within 5 days and decision on the approval or refusal to the candidate or to him/her nomination shall be provided to the representative of the voters' initiative group.
