

REGULATION
for the working group established for checking the accuracy
of the information in the signature sheets and other election
documents submitted to election commissions

Rights, duties and activity rules of the Working Group established for checking the accuracy of the information included in signature sheets and other election documents submitted to the relevant election commission for the candidate's registration (hereafter referred to as – Working Group) shall be determined by Article 59 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and this Regulation.

1. General provisions

1.1. Working Group functions pursuant to Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereafter referred to as Election Code) and normative acts adopted by Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereafter referred to as CEC).

1.2. Working Group shall be established by the relevant election commission to check the accuracy of the information in election documents and signature sheets pursuant to Article # 59.2 of the Election Code.

1.3. The Working Group shall include experts of the Court Expertise of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ministries of Finance, Interior Affairs and Tax, State Committee on Property Issues of the Republic of Azerbaijan (State Register Service of Real Estate Management under Committee) State Statistics Committee and etc. of the Republic of Azerbaijan and other organizations.

2. The rule for formation of Working Group and term of office

2.1. The Working Group shall be established by the decision of the relevant election commission.

2.1.1. The term of office of the Working Group shall commence since its establishment and end by implementing the duties charged upon him/her according to the Law and the Instruction.

2.2. The Working Group is headed by the member having a decisive right of the relevant election commission.

2.3. The members of the Working Group are assigned upon agreement with heads of relevant state bodies and they implement their activities being temporarily diverted from their permanent working-place still being paid their salaries and other payments.

2.4. Members of the Working Group shall get the salary at the amount defined by the commission according to the labor contract signed with the relevant election commission during the period of acting.

3. Rights and duties of the Working Group

3.1. The Working Group shall have the following rights:

3.1.1. To require and obtain information from the following subjects within its authority in order to ensure fair inspection;

3.1.1.1. From the candidate, authorized representatives of political party, blocs of political parties, persons collecting signatures, voters on matters;

3.1.1.2. From the relevant state bodies, municipalities and other institutions;

3.1.2. The relevant body should give official response according to the inquiry within 3 days, but if there are less than 40 days up to the Election Day, then not later than 1 day.

3.2. The Working Group shall have the following duties:

3.2.1. to ensure checking the accuracy of the information included in the submitted signature sheets and election documents and providing separate opinions on them;

3.2.2. to submit a protocol on the results of checking signature sheets of each candidate, which the opinions of experts and specialists and the checklist are attached, separately compiled and signed by the head of the Working Group to the election commission;

3.2.3. to submit the copy of the protocol (if voters' signatures at necessary number is lacked while checking signatures, then the copy of the checklist on the results of checking) to the candidate or his/her authorized representative, authorized representatives of political party, bloc of political parties within 24 hours prior to the commencement of the session of the relevant election commission.

Note: *Opinions of the specialists of the Working Group is adopted as a basis verifying the accuracy of the information included in signature sheets and other election documents.*

4. Rights and duties of the head of Working Group

4.1. Head of the Working Group shall have the following rights:

4.1.1. To organize the work of the Working Group, to require and obtain documents by making inquiries to the involved organizations with the permission of the election commission;

4.1.2. To distribute responsibilities among the group members, set assignments for the involved specialists and controls their implementation.

4.2. Head of the Working Group shall have the following duties:

4.2.1. To compile protocol about the results of checking of the signature sheets of each approved candidate, sign it and introduce to the election commission for adopting relevant decision.

4.2.2. To ensure the cooperative activity of the Working Group with the election commission;

4.2.3. To sign the protocols and other documents on the result of checking;

4.2.4. To make report on the activity of the Working Group at request of the election commission.

5. Final provisions

5.1. Since the enforcement of this Regulation, the “Regulation for the Working Group established for checking the accuracy of the information in the signature sheets and other election documents submitted to election commissions” approved by Decision # 6/23-2 dated July 4, 2008 of the Central Election Commission shall be considered invalid.
