

Calendar of Electoral Operations for the Presidential Elections in RDTL

The Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration – STAE, under the Provision 13, Law n. 7/2006, 28 December, taking into consideration the Decree of the President of the Republic, n. 1/2007, published in the Official Gazette on 8 February, 2007, announcing 9 April, 2007 as the day of the Presidential Elections, hereby, publicises the Calendar of Electoral Operations for the Presidential Elections in Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste:

	Occurrence	Legal Basis Law n. 7/2006	Date	Observations
Announcement of the Electoral Calendar				
1	The President of the Republic announces the date for the election	Art. 12, n. 1	Election date: 09 April, 2007	Published in the Official Gazette on 08/02/2007
2	STAE publishes the Calendar of Electoral Operations	Art.13	16/02/07	Eight days after the publication of the decree announcing the date of election
Presentation of Candidacies and Appeals to the Court.				
3	Presentation of the candidates to the President of the Court of Appeal.	Art.16	Until 28/02/07	The counting of the 20 days starts the day of the publication of the decree announcing the date of the election in the Official Gazette.
4	The President of the Court of Appeal selects by lottery the order of the candidates to appear on the ballot paper, publicises the results and sends a copy to the CNE and STAE.	Art.19	1/03/07	
5	The President of the Court of Appeal verifies the regularity of the process, the authenticity of the documents and the eligibility of the candidates.	Art. 20		
6	Time for any irregularities in candidates' documentation/application to be presented to Court upon notification to the candidates	Art. 20. n. 4.	Within 48 hours of the notification.	

	by the President of the Court of Appeal.			
7	The President of the Court of Appeal formally admits the candidates.	Art. 20 n. 5	10/03/07	10 days after the deadline for presentation of candidacies, 28 February..
8	Appeal to the President of the Court of Appeal to reconsider his decision.	Art. 13. Regulation on the Presentation of Candidacies.	1 day	The day is counted from the notification to the representatives of the candidates. (Art.20 n.5)
9	Appeal of the decision of the President of the Court of Appeal to the Plenary of the Court of Appeal.	Art. 21 n. 1	1 day	
10	Decision of the Appeal.	Art.21 n. 3	2 days	The Court of Appeal has 48 hours to come to a decision from the deadline for filing appeals with this court.
11	Publication of the formal decision on the final candidates accepted.	Art. 22 n. 1	immediate	On the same day as the preceding number (10)
12	Information to the public by STAE of the official candidates.	Art.22 n. 2	3 days	Publicised for 3 consecutive days after the communication of the preceding number.
13	Maximum time limit for candidates to withdraw their candidacy from the election.	Art. 24 n.1	6/04/2007	72 hours before the date of the election.
Formation of the Voting Centres and Polling Stations				
14	STAE determines the number and the location of the functioning Voting centres and polling stations and publicises this.	Art. 31 n.3	09/03/07	Until 30 days before the date of the election.
Electoral Campaign				
15	Period of the Electoral Campaign	Art. 27	From 23/03/07 to 06/04/07	Duration of 15 days which ends 2 days before the date of the election.
Election and Determination of the Results				
16	Day of the Election from 0700 hrs to 1600	Art. 32	09/04/07	

	hrs.			
17	Commencement of the counting of the votes. Sending of the ballot boxes to the District centres for counting.	Art. 44 n. 1	09/04/07	After the closing of voting.
18	Counting in districts begins and minutes/documentation of polling is sent. (i.e. invalid votes, protests and complaints that exist)	Art. 45	11/04/07	Two days from the date of the election.
19	National counting.	Art.46	From 11/04/07 to 14/04/07	72 hours of counting.
20	CNE publicises the initial provisional results at their office with a copy to STAE and the media.	Art 46. n. 2	14/04/07	
21	Appeal of the provisional results.	Art 47. n. 1	15/04/07	24 hours from the time of publication.
22	Decision of the Appeal.	Art 47. n.1	16/04/07	
23	CNE forwards the results to the Court of Appeal, in the case that there is no appeal.	Art 47. n. 2	immediately	After deadline has passed or after the decision.
24	The Court of Appeal analyses the documentation sent by the CNE, validates the results and announces a result along with the number of registered voters, actual voters, invalid votes and number of votes attributed to each candidate.	Art. 48.	72 hours	Counted from the time the Court of Appeal receives the documentation.
25	The CNE sets a new date of election in the case that any of the following occurred: polling station no able to be opened, some kind of disturbances which interrupted electoral operations for more than 2 hours or any kind of disaster/conflict on the day of the elections or three days before.	Art. 41 n. 2	16/04/07	The same day of the week (i.e. Monday), on which elections were held, one week later.
In the case that it is necessary to have a second round of elections between the two candidates with the most votes (Art. 11., Law n. 7/2006) a new calendar will be announced and publicized in the Official Gazette, in accordance with the Electoral Laws.				