Annex to the Resolutions of the

Central Election Commission of the Republic

 of Uzbekistan No. 1171 dated June 28, 2022

**Regulations**

 **on Referendum Districts and Referendum District Commissions**

These Regulations, in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” shall determine the formation of referendum districts, approval of the composition of District Referendum Commissions (hereinafter referred to as the “District Commissions”) and the activities of District Commissions.

**Chapter I. Formation of referendum districts**

1. Referendum districts shall be formed by the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the Central Election Commission) within the boundaries of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regions, and the city of Tashkent.

2. The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, khokimiyats of regions and Tashkent city shall submit information on the location of buildings and addresses of District Commissions to the Central Election Commission within three days from the day of publication of the decision on calling the referendum.

3. The Central Election Commission shall, no later than five days after the publication of the decision on calling the referendum, shall issue a Resolution approving the list of referendum districts indicating their borders, the number of citizens entitled to participate in the referendum (based on the Single Electronic List of Voters by referendum District), and the addresses of buildings where District Commissions are located as submitted documents indicate.

This Resolution of the Central Election Commission shall be published on its official website on the same day. The Resolution may also be published in other sources.

**Chapter II. Formation of District Commissions**

4. Candidates for members of District Commissions shall be discussed at the meetings of Jokargy Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, Regional and Tashkent City Kengashes (Councils) of People's Deputies and recommended for approval by the Central Election Commission within seven days after the announcement of the decision on calling of the referendum.

Resolutions of the Jokargy Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional and Tashkent city Kengashes (Councils) of People's Deputies on the recommendation of candidates to the District Commission shall be sent to the Central Election Commission.

5. The District Commission shall be formed by the Central Election Commission no later than ten days after the publication of the decision on the calling of the referendum and shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, and eight to eighteen other members of the Commission.

The Resolution of the Central Election Commission on approving the composition of the District Commissions shall be published on the official website of the Commission on the same day. The Resolution may also be published in other sources.

**Chapter III. Requirements for members of District Commissions**

6. Members of the District Commission may be citizens over twenty-one years of age, with secondary or higher education, as a rule, with experience in preparing and holding elections and referendums, who have authority among the population.

Members of other Referendum Commissions, political parties, regional, district, and city khokims, officials of prosecutor's offices and courts, and members of citizens' action groups may not be members of the District Commission.

7. In forming the members of the District Commission, special attention shall be paid to the following:

citizens with experience in preparing and holding elections and referendums, who have authority among the population;

representatives of non-governmental non-profit organizations and other civil society institutions;

persons with legal knowledge and qualifications (legal advisors, attorneys, etc.);

specialists with knowledge of foreign languages.

8. It is recommended to have at least two persons (primary and backup) with knowledge and practical skills in information and communication technologies in each District Commission to work with the Information Management System of the electoral process (hereinafter referred to as the IMSEP) and the Single Electronic List of Voters (hereinafter referred to as the SELV).

9. When forming Referendum Commissions, special attention should be paid to ensuring equal representation of women and men, including in leadership positions.

**Chapter IV. Membership in District Commissions**

10. A member of the District Commission shall be issued a Certificate of Authorization as shown in Annex No. 1 to these Regulations.

The Certificates of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, and members of the District Commission shall be signed by the Chairperson of the Central Election Commission and certified by the stamp of the Central Election Commission.

11. The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, or one of the other members of the Commission, in accordance with the decision of the District Commission, may be released from work or official duties during the preparation and holding of the referendum with the retention of the average monthly wage.

12. A member of the District Commission, while serving on the District Commission in the performance of state or public duties, shall enjoy the guarantees provided by the Labor Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

13. Under the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, a member of the District Commission may be relieved of his/her duties by a Resolution of the Central Election Commission in the following cases:

pursuant to an application submitted in person to the Central Election Commission on resignation;

in case of violation of the requirements of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” or systematic neglect of their duties.

In this case, the fact of violation of the requirements of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” or systematic neglect of duties by a member of the Commission shall be documented by an act of the District Commission, where he/she is a member.

14. In cases of removal of a member of the District Commission from the Commission or increasing the number of members of the District Commission, a new member of the District Commission shall be approved as prescribed by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” and these Regulations.

**Chapter V. Powers of District Commissions**

15. The District Commissions shall:

supervise the implementation of the Law “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” on the territory of the relevant District and ensure its uniform application;

form referendum precincts; set their numbering by District; publish their lists with addresses;

form Precinct Commissions for holding the referendum (hereinafter referred to as the Precinct Commissions) and publish information about their composition, location, and telephone numbers;

coordinate the activities of Precinct Commissions;

provide organizational and methodological assistance to the Precinct Commissions, provide them with legislation on the referendum, including resolutions, regulations, instructions, and other documents of the Central Election Commission;

distribute funds to Precinct Commissions, oversee the provision of Precinct Commissions with premises, transport, and means of communication, and consider other issues of material and technical support for the referendum in the respective District;

supervise the formation of lists of voting citizens and their presentation for public scrutiny;

provide Precinct Commissions with voting ballots;

issue mandates to observers from political parties, citizens' self-governance bodies, and citizens' action groups (hereinafter referred to as the local observers) using the pro-forma provided in Annex No. 2 to these Regulations;

conduct events related to the preparation and holding of the referendum (training sessions, seminars, conferences, round tables, etc.) for referendum participants, including members of Precinct Commissions;

organize the activities of the Press Center at the District Commission;

assist the media in carrying out activities aimed at explaining the content of the issue put to referendum;

hear reports from representatives of local state authorities, heads of public associations, enterprises, institutions, and organizations on issues related to the preparation and holding of the referendum;

determine the results of voting in the respective District and transmit this data to the Central Election Commission;

consider appeals of voting citizens and other participants of the referendum and make decisions on them, except for complaints about the actions and decisions of Referendum Commissions;

exercise other powers in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” and other legislative acts.

16. Chairperson of the District Commission shall:

manage the activities of the District Commission;

convene meetings of the District Commission, preside over them, and determine the procedure for holding them;

distribute the duties among the members of the Commission;

invite representatives of state authorities, political parties, and other public associations, organizations, and other officials to participate in the meetings of the District Commission;

represent the District Commission in relations with state authorities, international organizations, and public associations;

arrange for the equipment of the District Commission building;

sign the Protocol of the District Commission, the certificates of the chairpersons of the Precinct Commissions, local observers, and other acts;

distribute received from physical and legal persons appeals among the members of the Commission for consideration;

determine the tasks of the members of the District Commission on Election Day;

represent the Commission in its work with local observers, as well as observers from other states and international organizations;

when detecting offenses in the process of preparing and holding a referendum, collect materials related to the offense and submit them to the court or law enforcement agencies;

distribute the funds allocated from the budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan to ensure the activities of the Precinct Commission, among the Precinct Commissions and oversee the intended use of these funds;

inform the Central Election Commission about the voting process and the results of the referendum in the District;

exercise other powers in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, as well as these Regulations.

Should the Chairperson of the District Commission be unable to exercise his/her powers, or should he/she be absent, his/her functions shall be assumed by the Deputy Chairperson or by one of its members by a decision of the District Commission.

17. Deputy Chairperson of the District Commission shall:

act as Chairperson of the District Commission should the Chairperson of the District Commission be unable to exercise his or her powers;

coordinate the activities of the Commission's members;

organize professional development of members of the District Commission and methodological support of their activities;

establish contacts with representatives of the mass media and organize comprehensive coverage of the Commission's activities;

organize the registration of local observers, mass media representatives, as well as observers from other states and international organizations based on the documents provided by the relevant Referendum Commission;

receive individuals and legal entities, as well as their representatives, and arrange for consideration of their appeals in the prescribed manner;

ensure execution of the Commission's resolutions with the involvement of the members of the District Commission;

execute the orders of the Chairperson of the District Commission;

give instructions to other members of the District Commission within the limits of their authority;

exercise other powers in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” and these Regulations.

Should the Deputy Chairperson of the District Commission be unable to exercise his/her powers, or should he/she be absent, the functions of the Deputy Chairperson shall be assigned to the Secretary of the Commission or one of its members by a decision of the District Commission.

18. Secretary of the District Commission shall:

act as the Deputy Chairperson of the District Commission should the Deputy Chairperson of the District Commission be unable to exercise his/her powers;

organize meetings of the District Commission, prepare draft resolutions and other documents on issues under discussion;

notify the members of the District Commission of the time and place of the meeting of the Commission;

coordinate the activities of responsible members of the Precinct Commission related to the list of citizens who vote;

execute the orders of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the District Commission;

maintain documents related to the activities of the District Commission based on the nomenclature;

exercise other powers in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” and these Regulations.

Should the Secretary of the District Commission be unable to exercise his/her powers, or should he/she be absent, the functions of the Secretary shall be entrusted to a member of the District Commission by decision of the District Commission.

19. Member of the District Commission shall:

perform in a timely and efficient manner the functions assigned by the Chairperson of the District Commission, as well as other assignments of the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson;

participate in meetings of the District Commission;

ensure timely consideration of the appeals of individuals and legal entities entrusted to him/her;

ensure the timely and qualitative performance of the functions established by the Chairperson of the District Commission on Election Day;

immediately notify the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson in the event of violations in the preparation and holding of the referendum;

exercise other powers in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” and these Regulations.

20. The Secretary of the District Commission shall be entrusted with the following tasks to organize the use of IMSEP:

provide members of the Precinct Commission with the relevant information to access the IMSEP;

coordinate the work carried out by Precinct Commissions in the IMSEP.

21. The District Commission may engage specialists to assist in the activities of the District Commission using funds allocated to it from the State Budget or other means not prohibited by law, or on a volunteer basis. These specialists may not vote at meetings of the District Commission, determine voting results, or complete or sign the Protocol.

22. In accordance with Article 24 of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, the District Commission shall have the right to apply to state authorities and public associations, enterprises, institutions, organizations, and officials on issues related to the preparation and holding of the referendum. They shall consider the issue raised and respond to the District Commission not later than within three days.

23. State authorities and bodies of public associations, enterprises, institutions, organizations, and officials must assist the District Commissions in exercising their powers and provide them with the information required for their work.

**Chapter VI. Organization of the District Commissions' work**

24. The District Commission shall operate on the principles of legality, collegiality, transparency, and fairness.

25. The organizational form of the work of the District Commission shall be its meeting, which shall be held as necessary.

A meeting of the District Commission shall be deemed competent if attended by at least two-thirds of the total number of Commission members on the day of the meeting.

26. A meeting of the District Commission may be convened at the initiative of the Chairperson or the request of at least one-third of the total membership of the Commission.

27. The decision of the District Commission shall be made by open ballot by a majority vote of the total number of members of the Commission. In the case of a tie vote, the vote of the presiding officer shall be decisive.

28. The discussion of issues at meetings of the District Commission shall be open and public.

Protocol shall be taken at the meeting, which shall reflect the agenda, name, surname, and patronymic of the Commission members participating, the results of voting on each issue, and the resolution adopted. The Protocol shall be signed by the presiding officer and the Secretary.

The Protocol on the voting results for the District shall be signed by all members of the Commission who participated in the meeting.

The decisions, conclusions, and other acts adopted at the meeting, as well as individual opinions of the Commission members on a particular issue, shall be attached in writing to the Protocol.

29. The decision of the District Commission, adopted within the limits of its authority, shall be binding on the Precinct Commissions, as well as on all state authorities, political parties and other public associations, labor collectives, and military units, heads of enterprises, institutions, and organizations.

30. Members of the Central Election Commission, local observers, media representatives, observers from other states, and international organizations can participate in the meetings of the District Commissions.

Representatives of local government agencies, public associations, and others may be invited to the meetings.

31. The District Commission shall, upon approval of the Central Election Commission, perform the following activities:

within one day at the first organizational meeting of the District Commission shall consider the following issues:

approval of the work plan of the District Commission for preparing and holding the referendum;

distribution of duties among the members of the District Commission;

organization of daily reception of voting citizens by members of the District Commission;

organizing the shifts of the District Commission members.

perform the necessary organizational work to equip in the prescribed manner the building where the District Commission is located.

arrange events related to the preparation and holding of the referendum (training sessions, seminars, conferences, roundtables, etc.).

provide practical assistance to Precinct Commissions in organizing their work and equipping their buildings.

supervise the compilation of lists of voting citizens and their presentation for public scrutiny.

distribute and organize the delivery of ballots for voting at the Referendum Precincts.

32. The District Commission shall have a stamp approved in accordance with Annex No. 3 to these Regulations.

33. The Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the District Commission shall register and receive local observers, media representatives, and observers from other states and international organizations who have arrived at the District Commission on the basis of appropriate documents.

34. The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, or Secretary of the District Commission shall inform the Central Election Commission every hour about the progress of voting in the referendum District.

**Chapter VII. Equipping the buildings and premises of the District Commissions**

35. Public authorities, enterprises, institutions, and organizations shall be obliged to make available free of charge buildings, meeting rooms, premises, and equipment necessary for the preparation and holding of the referendum for the District Commissions.

District Commissions shall be provided with buildings of not less than eight rooms, as well as transport, communication facilities, and access to the Internet by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, khokimiyats of regions and the city of Tashkent.

36. The buildings where the District Commissions are located shall be adequately equipped and have the following:

The state flag of the Republic of Uzbekistan (above the building and indoors);

State Emblem of the Republic of Uzbekistan (inside the premises);

Signboard indicating the ordinal number and the name of the referendum District;

Lockable safe box or a metal cabinet;

Necessary furniture, office equipment (computer, laptop, printer, scanner, copier, UPS), telephone, TV;

At least two computers that meet the requirements of the IMSEP and the necessary equipment for them (UPS, printer, scanner, etc.), as well as an uninterrupted connection to the Internet, etc;

Video monitor, microphone and acoustic devices for videoconferencing;

A generating unit that produces alternative electricity;

Firefighting equipment.

The building where the District Commission is located and the walkways leading to it should be cleaned and repaired, with lighting fixtures installed.

37. The following information regarding the preparation and holding of the referendum shall be posted on the stands:

A poster about the date of the referendum (\_\_\_ days left before the referendum);

A map of the referendum District;

Information on the composition, work plan, and duty schedule of the District Commission;

Pages in social media, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the Central Election Commission, launched for appeals;

Telephone numbers of the regional court and prosecutor's office;

Explanatory materials concerning the referendum in the form of infographics and schematic illustrations.

38. The District Commission premises shall have the following:

Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Law “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, a set of legislative acts on the referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

Official publications (newspapers) of the Kengashes (Councils) of the Chambers of the Oliy Majlis and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

Materials on the issue put to a referendum, in the case of a draft law - its text;

Composition of the District Commission members, the work plan, and the duty schedule.

39. On the way to the District Commission, referendum District signs shall be posted in conspicuous places.

40. A sign with the ordinal number and the name of the referendum District using the pro-forma provided in Annex No. 4 to these Regulations shall be placed on the facade of the District Commission building; at the entrance to the building, there shall be sloping walkways (ramps) adapted to wheelchairs of persons with disabilities and they shall meet the established requirements (width not less than 90 centimeters, elevation angle not more than 300).

The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, khokimiyats of regions, and the city of Tashkent shall assist in repairing the buildings of District Commissions and in providing them with the necessary equipment.

41. The computers of the District Commissions shall be connected to the Internet with the support of the territorial offices of the Ministry for the Development of Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

42. Folders for the District Commission's paperwork:

A book and folder for resolutions, protocols, and acts of the District Commission;

Registration book and folder of incoming and outgoing documents, as well as appeals;

An observer's logbook.

 **Chapter VIII. Receipt and distribution of ballots**

43. Thirty days prior to the referendum, the District Commission shall request from the appropriate authorities data on the number of people by nationality living in the territory of the referendum District broken down by district and city.

Public authorities shall, within three working days, provide the District Commission with the requested information.

44. The District Commission shall summarize the information received and determine the need to prepare ballots in the languages spoken by a majority of the residents living in the referendum District by district and city.

45. The District Commission shall submit information on the required number of ballots for voting in other languages using the pro-forma provided in Annex No. 5 to these Regulations to the Central Election Commission twenty-five days prior to the referendum.

46. The form and text of the ballot shall be approved by the Central Election Commission.

47. Ballot papers shall be printed by the decision of the Central Election Commission at least twenty days before the referendum.

Ballot papers shall be issued in the state language and may also be issued in the languages spoken by a majority of the population of the referendum District as determined by the District Commission.

The Central Election Commission, through the District Commissions, shall provide the Precinct Commissions with a stencil for completion in Braille.

48. The District Commissions, in consideration of the number of people by nationality residing within the boundaries of the referendum precincts, shall distribute ballot papers in the respective languages to the Referendum Precincts.

49. District Commissions shall ensure delivery of the following to Precinct Commissions:

ballot papers in the amount of five percent of the total number of voting citizens of the Referendum Precinct, no later than three days before the start of early voting;

95.5 percent of the ballot papers no later than three days before Election Day.

The number of issued and received ballot papers shall be approved by the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the corresponding District and Precinct Commissions or by the Secretary of the Commission in the form of an act according to Annex No. 6 to these Regulations.

50. The number of ballot papers received by the Precinct Commission may not exceed the number of citizens included in the list of voting citizens in the Referendum Precinct by more than half a percent.

**IX. Determining the results of voting by District**

51. The District Commission shall begin accepting the Protocol on the results of the vote count from the Precinct Commissions after 8:00 p.m.

52. The Consistency Commission shall check whether the Precinct Commission Act is filled out correctly or incorrectly.

53. The District Commission, if at its meeting it finds discrepancies in the vote counting reflected in the Protocol of the Precinct Commission, shall propose to the Precinct Commission to eliminate them.

The Precinct Commission shall consider the identified discrepancies and eliminate them at its meeting as prescribed and submit the newly completed Protocol to the Precinct Commission.

54. Should the Precinct Commission Protocol be completed correctly, a member of the Precinct Commission immediately enters the corresponding figures into the table summarizing the results for the referendum District using the pro-forma provided in Annex No. 7 to these Regulations.

55. Local observers, representatives of mass media, as well as observers from other states and international organizations may be present when District Commissions accept Protocol on the results of vote counting from Precinct Commissions and in the process of determining the results of the voting in the referendum District.

Persons other than those permitted to be in the Consistency Commission building shall not be permitted to participate in this process.

56. Voting results for the referendum District shall be determined only based on submitted Protocol of Precinct Commissions.

The District Commission shall determine the following:

number of Referendum Precincts in the referendum District;

total number of voting citizens in the referendum District;

number of ballots received by the District Commission;

total number of unused and spoiled invalid voting ballots;

number of voting citizens who received ballots;

total number of voting citizens who took part in voting (including those who voted early);

total number of votes cast for an issue (document, law, or decision) put to a referendum;

total number of votes cast against the issue (document, law, or decision) put to a referendum;

number of ballots declared invalid.

57. The results of the voting in the District shall be determined at the meeting of the District Commission and entered in the Protocol drawn up using the pro-forma provided in Annex No. 8 to these Regulations.

The Protocol shall be signed by the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, and other members of the Commission and shall be submitted to the Central Election Commission.

When signing the Protocol, a member of the Commission who disagrees with the content of the Protocol on the results of the voting in the District shall have the right to attach his/her dissenting opinion to it.

A copy of these Protocol shall be promptly posted on the District Commission premises for public inspection for a period of not less than 48 hours.

The Central Election Commission may publish the preliminary and final results of the referendum District on its website.

**Chapter X. Consideration of appeals from individuals and legal entities**

58. Local observers, voting citizens, and other participants of the referendum (hereinafter referred to as the petitioners) may approach the Referendum Commissions with appeals, proposals, and complaints, either directly in person or through their representatives.

Appeals can be submitted orally, in writing, or electronically.

Appeals, regardless of their form and type, shall be of equal importance.

59. The appeal of a natural person must contain the surname, first name, patronymic of the natural person, and information about his/her place of residence.

The appeal of a legal entity must contain the full name of the legal entity, and information on its location (mailing address).

The appeals of a natural person or a legal entity must indicate the ordinal number of the District Commission, the position and (or) name of the official to whom the appeal is addressed, as well as the gist of the appeal.

Appeals may include an email address and contact phone numbers of the petitioners.

Appeals may be made in the state or other languages.

60. Petitioners shall be guaranteed the right to approach the District Commissions individually or collectively.

61. The right to petition shall be exercised voluntarily. No one shall be compelled to participate in actions in defense of or against any appeals.

The exercise of the right to petition must not violate the rights, freedoms, and legitimate interests of other individuals and legal entities, as well as the interests of society and the state.

62. No information about a petitioner's identity shall be disclosed without the written consent of the person concerned.

63. Appeals from individuals and legal entities shall be distributed by the Chairperson of the District Commission for consideration among the members of the Commission.

The District Commission shall, within the limits of its competence, consider appeals received by it during the referendum period from individuals and legal entities concerning violations of referendum legislation or other issues of referendum organization, except complaints about the actions and decisions of the Referendum Commissions.

In the process of considering appeals, there may be inspections.

Written answers shall be provided within three days and immediately in respect of appeals received less than six days before the referendum or on the day of voting.

If the issue raised in the appeals is resolved positively on the spot, a written response will not be provided with the consent of the petitioner.

64. Appeals must be recorded in the registration log.

Refusal to accept and register appeals shall not be allowed.

The Chairperson of the District Commission shall convene the District Commission to consider the appeal and make a decision on it within the time frame set forth in paragraph 63 of these Regulations, and shall hold its meeting. Persons concerned may be invited to the meeting.

Should the District Commission improperly refuse to accept or consider the appeal, or if the petitioner is dissatisfied with the outcome of the appeal, he or she may appeal to the court.

65. Appeals received by the District Commission with a mandate not including the resolution of the issues raised, within three days shall be sent to the appropriate authorities with notification to the person who sent the appeal.

The following shall not be subject to consideration:

anonymous appeals;

appeals submitted through representatives of individuals and legal entities in the absence of documents confirming their authority;

appeals that do not meet other requirements established by law.

If appeals are left without consideration, an appropriate report shall be drawn up and approved by the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the District Commission.

The petitioner shall be notified accordingly if the appeal is left without consideration due to the absence of documents confirming the authority of the petitioner's representative.

67. Persecution of petitioners, representatives thereof, and members of their families in connection with their appeals to public authorities, referendum commissions, and their officials to exercise or protect their rights, freedoms, and legitimate interests, as well as the expression of their opinions and criticism in their appeals shall be prohibited.

Persecution of the petitioners shall entail liability in accordance with the procedure established by law.

68. The members of the District Commissions shall inform the petitioner of the results of the review and the decision made.

69. Petitioners may appeal the decisions of District Commissions on the results of the consideration of appeals and other decisions within five days after they have been made.

70. The decision of the court shall be delivered to the relevant Referendum Commission and to the petitioner immediately after it has been ruled.

**Chapter XI. Liability for violation of referendum legislation**

71. Persons guilty of violating the law on referendum shall be held liable in accordance with the established procedure.

On the day of the referendum and the day before the beginning of voting the publication (promulgation) of the results of public opinion polls, forecasts of the results of the referendum, and other studies related to the referendum, including their placement in information networks, as well as the global information network Internet shall be prohibited.

72. Registration of administrative proceedings on offenses in the field of preparation and holding of a referendum shall be performed based on the Instruction on registration of cases of offenses in the field of organizing and holding of elections and referendum by Election Commissions and Referendum Commissions approved by the Resolution of the Central Election Commission No. 934 of September 11, 2019.

**Chapter XII. Retention of referendum documents and stamps**

73. Documents related to the preparation and holding of the referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be processed and deposited in accordance with the Instruction on the procedure for safekeeping, transfer to the archive, and destruction of documents related to the preparation and holding of elections and referendum, approved by the Central Election Commission Resolution No. 939 of September 19, 2019.

74. The District Commission shall deposit the stamp of the Commission used in the referendum with the Central Election Commission.

The state emblem, flag, booth, ballot box, and other tangible assets shall be handed over to the officials of the organizational and control group of the relevant district and city khokimiyats by virtue of an act and shall be kept under their responsibility.

**Chapter XIII. Final Provision**

75. District Commissions shall cease their activity after the official announcement by the Central Election Commission of the results of the referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

ANNEX №1. to the Regulations on Referendum Districts and Referendum District Commissions

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| **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*(surname, first name, patronymic)***MEMBER****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the District Referendum Commission****Chairperson of the** Photo**Central Election** **Commission** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(signature) (last name and initials)*«\_\_\_\_\_» \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ *(date of the CEC Resolution adoption)* STAMPValid only when providing a personal identification document |

ANNEX 2. to the Regulations on Referendum Districts and Referendum District Commissions

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| **MANDATE №\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*(surname, first name, patronymic)***OBSERVER****in the referendum District \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  *(District number and name)***from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *(name of the organization concerned)***Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the District Commission** *(signature) (full name)*Valid till «\_\_\_\_» \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_ Photo«\_\_\_\_» *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* 20\_\_\_ *STAMP* *(decision date)*Valid only when providing a personal identification document |

ANNEX NO. 3. to the Regulations on Referendum Districts and Referendum District Commissions

**Sample of the officail rubber stamp of the District Referendum Commission on holding the referendum**

**D-35mm**

**REFERENDUM O΄TKAZUVCHI TOSHKENT SHAHAR OKRUG KOMISSIYASI**



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The rubber stamp with the coat of arms of the District Referendum Commission is in the form of a circle 35 mm in diameter, the main circle at a distance of 18.5 mm from the center, and another circle at a distance of 1 mm. At the bottom of the second circle, there is an inscription “REFERENDUM O'TKAZUVCHI TOSHKENT SHAHAR OKRUG KOMISSIYASI 14”\*. Below this text, there is another inner circle, which depicts the State Emblem of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

*\* The name and ordinal number of the District Referendum Commission shall be approved by the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan.*

ANNEX NO. 4. to the Regulations on Referendum Districts and Referendum District Commissions

**Referendum District signboard**

**TASHKENT CITY REFERENDUM DISTRICT NO. 14**

60 cm

 100 cm

ANNEX 5. to the Regulations on Referendum

 Districts and Referendum District Commissions

**Distribution of publication of ballots in Uzbek, Russian, and Karakalpak languages**

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| **№** | **Region name** | **in Uzbek** | **Percentage**  | **in Russian** | **Percentage** | **in Karakalpak language** | **Percentage** |
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 *(name of the County Commission)*

**Chairperson of the District Referendum Commission**

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 *(full name) (signature)*

ANNEX NO. 6. to the Regulations on Referendum Districts and Referendum District Commissions

**ACT OF ACCEPTANCE AND TRANSFER OF BALLOT PAPERS**

 **«\_\_\_» \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(address)*

District Commission \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(name of the District Commission)*

handed over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of ballot papers \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Precinct Commission.

Ballot papers handed over by:

**Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Secretary of the District Commission** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *(name of the District Commission)*

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 *(signature) (full name)*

Ballot papers accepted by:

**Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Secretary of the Precinct Commission** \_\_\_\_\_\_

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 *(signature) (full name)*

ANNEX NO. 7. to the Regulations on Referendum Districts and Referendum District Commissions

**TABLE of result summaries by referendum District \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**of the District Referendum Commission**

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| **ORDINAL NUMBER OF THE REFERENDUM PRECINCT** | **1.** | **2.** | **3.** | **4.** | **5.** | **6.** | **7** | **8** | **9** |
| **Total number of voting citizens in the Referendum Precinct** | **Number of ballots received by the Precinct Commission** | **Number of voting citizens who received ballots** | **Number of citizens who voted early** | **Number of citizens who took part in voting (ballots in ballot boxes)** | **Total number of unused and spoiled invalid ballots** | **Number of votes cast for the referendum issue** | **Number of votes cast against the referendum issue** | **Total number of ballots declared invalid** |
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| **Results by referendum District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

ANNEX NO. 8. to the Regulations on Referendum Districts and Referendum District Commissions



**REFERENDUM OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

 «\_\_» \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_

**PROTOCOL OF THE**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **DISTRICT REFERENDUM COMMISSION ON VOTING RESULTS BY REFERENDUM DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ District Referendum Commission, in accordance with Articles 20, 37 of the Law “On Referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan” based on the Protocol in all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ precincts of the referendum District determined the results of the vote tabulation by referendum District as follows:

1. Total number of voting citizens in the referendum District \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of ballots received by the District Commission \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of early voters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of voting citizens who received ballot papers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Number of citizens who participated in voting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Total number of invalid, unused and spoiled ballots \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| 7. | Number of votes cast for the referendum issue |  |
| 8. | Number of votes cast against the referendum issue |  |

9. Number of ballots declared invalid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Chairperson of the Commission** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *(surname, first name, patronymic) (signature)*

**Deputy Chairperson of the Commission** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Secretary of the Commission** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Commission members:**

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Protocol drawn up on «\_\_\_\_» \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_ Stamp

 *NOTE!*

*After completing the Protocol, its first copy shall be submitted to the Central Election Commission in accordance with the established procedure.*

*The list of observers from political parties, citizens' self-governance bodies, and citizens' action groups, as well as representatives of mass media, observers from other states, and international organizations present at the moment of determining the voting results shall be attached to the first copy of the Protocol.*

*The second copy of the Protocol shall be accompanied by the dissenting opinion of the Commission members (if any), complaints received by the Commission about the deficiencies in voting or vote counting, and the Commission's opinions on those complaints. The number specified in paragraph 5 of the Protocol shall be equal to the sum of the numbers in paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 (paragraph 5 = paragraph 7 + paragraph 8 + paragraph 9).*