

ABBOZZ TA' LIGI
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Att biex jemenda l-Att dwar l-Elezzjonijiet Generali -Kap 354

IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorita' ta' l-istess, hareg b'ligi dan li gej:

1. Dan l-Att jissejjah l-Att tal-2002 biex jemenda l-Att dwar l-Elezzjonijiet Generali, u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem bhala haga wahda mal-Att dwar l-Elezzjonijiet Generali, Kap 354, hawnhekk izjed 'il quddiem imsejjah il-ligi principali.
2. L-artiklu 2 tal-ligi principali għandu jkun emendat kif gej:
 - (a) Fit-test Malti biss, minflok id-definizzjoni "dokument għall-votazzjoni", wara li jithassar il-kliem kollu, jidhol il-kliem li gej; "avviz għall-votazzjoni" ifisser dak l-avviz li għandu jintbagħat lill-eletturi taht l-artiklu 46 ta' dan l-Att;
 - (b) Fit-tifsira tal-kliem "kaxxa tal-voti" minnufih wara l-kelma "l-eletturi" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "huma obbligati";
 - (c) Fit-tifsira tal-kliem "timbru ufficcjali" minnufih wara l-kliem "Assistenti Kummissjonarji" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "li jkunu ntagħzlu minn fost dawk nominati minnhom rispettivament,"; kif ukoll fit-test Malti minflok il-kliem "karta ta' votazzjoni" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "polza ta' votazzjoni".
 - (d) Fit-tifsira tal-kliem "post tal-votazzjoni" minflok il-kliem "jew struttura," għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "jew struttura, salv dak li jingħad fl-artiklu 66 ta' dan l-Att";
 - (e) Għandha tidhol id-definizzjoni għida tal-kelma "isem" li gejja : "isem" tfisser isem u kunjom".
3. Fl-artiklu 7 tal-Ligi principali, fis-subartiklu (1) tiegħu, fl-aħhar, minflok il-kliem "ufficju elettorali," għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "ufficju elettorali, inkluz t-twettiq tad-decizjonijiet kollha tal-Kummissjoni Elettorali.
4. L-Artiklu 10 tal-Ligi principali għandu jkun emendat kif gej:
 - (1) fis-subartiklu (2) tiegħu fit-test Malti biss, wara l-kliem "seduti kollha" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "mizmuma mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali."
 - (2) (a) fis-subartiklu (3) tiegħu fit-test Malti biss wara l-kliem "li jaraw" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "u jingħataw"
 - (b) fis-subartiklu (3) tiegħu minflok il-kliem "fkull hin," għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "illi jkunu presenti fl-

istess ufficju elettorali. Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha l-obbligu li taghti lid-delegati kull dokumentazzjoni mizmuma fl-istess ufficju elettorali, u dan anke permezz ta' mezzi elettromanjetici. Dan id-dritt tad-delegati tal-partiti hu limitat biss b'dak li jinghad fis-subartiklu (6) ta' dan l-istess Artiklu."

- (3) Fis-subartiklu (5) tieghu fit-test Malti biss wara l-kliem "u jiksbu" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "billi jinghataw"
 - (4) Fis-subartiklu (6) tieghu wara l-kliem "l-adozzjoni tal-eletturi" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "kif ukoll ir-ritratti tal-eletturi u tan-nies li ghandhom karta tal-identita'."
5. FI-artiklu 11 tal-Ligi principali, fis-subartiklu (3) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "eligibbli ghall-vot." Ghandhom jidhlu kliem "eligibbli ghall-vot. B'mod partikolari il-Kummissjoni Elettorali hija marbuta li ttassigura illi r-Registru Elettorali jkun jinkludi biss dettalji dwar dawk il-persuni li jissodjawn ir-rekwiziti kollha tal-vot, hekk kif stabbilit fil-Kostituzzjoni ta' Malta u b'dan l-Att"
6. L-artiklu 13 tal-Ligi principali ghandu jigi emendat kif gej:
- (1) Fis-subartiklu (4) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "kull persuna ohra li tkun tinteressaha dik l-applikazzjoni jew dak l-appell" ghandu jidhlo dan li gej: "lix-xhieda hawn fuq imsemmija. L-Ufficjal Revizur ghandu wkoll jordna biex l-applikant jew l-appellant, il-Kummissjoni Elettorali u kull xhud iehor jidher biex jaghti x-xhieda tieghu quddiem l-Ufficjal Revizur fil-jum stabbilit. L-Ufficjal Revizur ghandu, meta jistabilixxi l-jum gha-smiegh, jiehu in konsiderazzjoni wkoll li ghandu jinghata zmien bizzzejjed sabiex il-process tas-smiegh ikun jista' jigi ezawrit u lid-decizjoni moghtija jkun jista' jinghatalha effett fir-Registru Elettorali kurrenti, u dan qabel ma jiskadi t-terminu stabbilit fl-Artiklu 42 ta' dan l-Att."
 - (2) Minflok is-subartiklu (9) tieghu ghandhom jidhlo dan li gej: "(9) Fil-kas ta' applikazzjoni jew appell imsejsa fuq inabilita' tal-mohh, l-Ufficjal Revizur jew il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandhom, ghad li jkun assenti l-applikanti jew l-appellant jew l-avukat, il-prokuratur legali jew persuna ohra li tkun qed tirrappresentah, jirreferu l-applikazzjoni jew l-appell lill-Bord Mediku ghad-decizjoni tieghu."
7. FI-artiklu 16 tal-ligi principali, fis-subartiklu (1) tieghu ghandu

jizdied il-proviso gdid li gej : "B'dan pero` li kull min, ghalkemm jidher registrat bhala elettur, jivvotaw, wara li jkun tilef il-kwalifika tieghu ta' elettur. Kemm taht l-Artiklu 57 tal-Kostituzzjoni, jew kien kwalifikat taht l-Artiklu 58 tal-Kostituzzjoni, jew taht il-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att, ikun hati ta' reat, u jehel, meta jinstab hati l-pieni stabbiliti ghar-reati fl-Artiklu 112".

8. Fl-artiklu 19 tal-ligi principali, immedjatament wara is-subartiklu (2) tieghu, ghandu jidhol is-subartiklu (3) gdid li gej"
"(3)Dawn l-investigazzjonijiet ghandhom isiru mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali fuq inizjattiva taghha stes kull meta hi stess tinduma, jew tingibdilha l-attenzjoni li hemm xi dubji dwar ir-registrazzjoni ta' xi elettur. L-istess investigazzjonijiet ghandhom isiru wkoll mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali fuq talba ta' xi wiehed mid-delegati tal-partiti. F'kull kaz ghandu dejjem jithejja rapport bil-miktub mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali, liema rapport ghandu jservi wkoll ghall-appelli quddiem l-Ufficcjal Revizur, kif stabbilit aktar 'il quddiem f'Taqsimha VII ta' dan l-istess Att. Kopja ta' dawn ir-rapporti ghandha dejjem tinghata lid-delegati tal-partiti."
9. Fl-artiklu 20 tal-ligi principali, fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu, minflok il-keima "ghandu" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "ikun obligat illi".
10. Fl-artiklu 21 tal-ligi principali, is-subartiklu (2) tieghu ghandu jigi numerat mill-gdid bhala (3), u immedjatament wara s-subartiklu (1) tieghu ghandu jidhol is-subartiklu (2) gdid li gej"
"(2)Kull min jidhiru li jikkwalifika taht xi ezenzjoni imsemmija fil-paragrafi (iv) sa (vii) fil-proviso tal-Artiklu 57 tal-Kostituzzjoni, ghandu japplika ghar-registrazzjoni ghand il-Kummissjoni Elettorali, skond il-formula li tinstab fl-Iskeda Sittax ma' dan l-Att, msejsa bid-dokumenti awtentici minn dik l-istituzzjoni li tissemma f'xi wahda minn dawk l-ezenzjonijiet biex jiggustifika r-raguni ghala jinsab temporanjament barra minn Malta. Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha tezamina x-xhieda qabel taghti l-ezenzjoni u tirregistra l-elettur. Kopji tal-dokumenti presentati mill-applikant ghandhom jinghataw lid-delegati tal-partiti mhux anqas minn hmistax-il jum qabel l-Kummissjoni Elettorali tasal ghad-decizjoni taghha. F'kaz li d-dritt ta' persuna, li nghatat l-ezenzjoni skond id-disposizzjonijiet imsemmija, jkun kontestat, il-piz tal-prova jaqa' fuq il-persuna hekk ezentata li

tipprova b'dokumenti awtentici li hija legalment intitolata ghall-ezenzjoni. "

11. FI-artiklu 24 tal-ligi principali, wara l-kelma "għandha" jizdiedu l-kliem ",wara l-gbir tal-provi meħtieġa,".
12. L-artiklu 26 tal-ligi principali għandu jkun emendat kif ġej:
 - (1) Fil-proviso għas-subartiklu (1) tiegħu minflok il-kliem "sebat ijiem" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "għaxart ijiem"; u wara l-proviso għandu jidhol il-proviso gdid li ġej:

"B'dan li kopja ta' kull avviz imsemmi hawn fuq għandu jintbagħat ukoll lid-delegati tal-partiti."
 - (2) Fis-subartiklu (3) tiegħu, għandu jidhol il-proviso gdid li ġej:

"Fin-nuqqas tan-notifika tal-avvizi kif imsemmija fis-subartikli (1) u (3), il-Kummissjoni Elettorali għandha tippubblika l-istess avviz fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern u fil-gazzetti kollha lokali ta' kuljum u ta' darba fil-gimgha, sew dawk pubblikati bil-Malti u sew dak pubblikati bil-Ingliż; u pubblikazzjoni bħal din għandha titqies bħal n-notifika meħtieġa għall-finijiet ta' dan l-Artiklu, u l-Kummissjoni Elettorali għandha tghaddi għat-thassir tar-registrazzjoni tal-elettur koncernat għeluq għaxart ijiem mid-data tal-aħħar pubblikazzjoni."
 - (3) Fis-subartiklu (4) tiegħu, flok il-kliem "għandha wkoll tibgħat" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "tista' wkoll tibgħat".
 - (4) Immedjatament wara s-subartiklu (4) tiegħu għandu jidhol is-subartiklu (5) gdid li ġej:

"(5) Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali għandha tippubblika fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern, u fil-gazzetti lokali kollha ta' kuljum u ta' darba fil-gimgha, sew dawk pubblikati bil-Malti u sew dawk pubblikati bil-Ingliż, lista ta' dawk l-eletturi li isimhom ikun thassar mr-Registru Elettorali."
13. FI-artiklu 28 tal-ligi principali fl-aħħar tiegħu għandu jizdied dan li ġej : "Din l-informazzjoni għandha tingħata wkoll f'forma elettro-manjetika."
14. FI-artiklu 29 tal-ligi principali l-kliem "dwar il-jedd ta' pesuna li tkun registrata bħala elettur" għandhom jinqatgħu; u fl-aħħar tiegħu għandu jizdied li ġej : "Din l-informazzjoni għandha tingħata wkoll f'forma elettro-manjetika."

15. FI-artiklu 31 tal-Ligi principali, is-subartiklu (2) tieghu fit-test Malti biss minflok il-kelma "dokument" ghandha tidhol il-kelma "l-karta" ; u fiz-zewg testi, fl-ahhar tal-istess ghandu jidhol dan li gej : "Ir-Registru Elettorali ghandu jkollu taqsima ohra li fiha jkun hemm registrati l-eletturi li jgawdu mill-ezenzjonijiet skond kif migjuba f'l-Artikolu 57 ta' l-Kostituzzjoni ta' Malta."
16. FI-artiklu 32 tal-ligi principali, fl-ahhar tal-proviso tieghu ghandu jzied dan li gej : "Kull elettur li jkun tilef xi wahda mill-kwalifiki tal-vot kif stabbiliti fil-Kostituzzjoni jew f'dana l-istess Att, ma jkollux id-dritt illi jivvota, minkejja li d-dettalji tieghu jkunu jidhru fir-Registru Elettorali. Minkejja kull dispozizzjoni ohra f'dan l-Att, l-ebda persuna li isimha jidher fuq ir-Registru Elettorali kif rivedut, ma tista' tigi mizmuma milli tivvota".
17. FI-artiklu 35 tal-ligi principali, minflok il-kliem "il-htigiet ta' dan l-Att." Ghandhom jidhru l-kliem "il-htigiet ta' dan l-Att u tal-Kostituzzjoni ta' Malta."
18. FI-artiklu 38 tal-ligi principali il-kliem kollu wara l-kliem "wiehed u ghoxrin jum" ghandhom jithassru u minflok jidhru l-kliem "qabel il-jum stabbilit ghal-votazzjoni. Appell ghandu jkun milqugh biss sakemm l-appellant ikun jikkwalifika ghal-vot fil-jum li ressaq l-appell tieghu."
19. FI-artiklu 41 tal-ligi principali ghandu jidhol il-proviso gdid li gej : "B'dan, pero', li f'dawk il-kazijiet fejn il-Kummissjoni Elettorali tonqos li tipproma b'mod konklusiv li l-elettur ghadu haj u jikkwalifika ghal-vot, u la l-elettur u l-anqas hadd ma jidher biex jikkontesta l-appell, l-Ufficjal Revizur ghandu jilqa' l-appell."
20. L-artiklu 46 tal-ligi principali ghandu jigi sostwit b'dan li gej:
" 46.(1) Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha, fi zmien mhux aktar tard mill-ghaxar jum wara l-pubblikazzjoni tar-writ, tibghat, b'mod ufficjali, permezz tas-servizz postali, u dan skond l-ahhar indirizz maghruf mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali, lil

kull elettur li ismu jkun jidher fl-ahhar Registru Elettorali rivedut, dokument, f'dan l-Att msejjah "avviz ghall-votazzjoni" skond il-forma msemmija fis-Seba' Skeda li tinsab ma' dan l-Att. Dan id-dokument ghandu jindika d-dettalji tal-elettur, il-post tal-votazzjoni u l-kamra tal-votazzjoni fejn l-elettur ikun jista' jivvota, u l-jum u l-hin li fih ghandha ssir il-votazzjoni. Ghandu jkun hemm indikazzjoni lill-elettur dwar il-validita' jew le tal-karta ta' identita' tieghu ghal fini ta' votazzjoni, u l-post u l-hinijiet fejn din l-istess karta ta' identita' tkun tista' tiggedded.

B'dan izda, li kull meta l-karta ta' identita' ta' xi elettur tkun tiskadi wara li jigi ppubblikat ir-"writ", din l-istess karta ta' identita' ghandha titqies valida ghal finijiet ta' votazzjoni." Dawn l-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni ghandhom jigu numerati b'mod konsekuttiv, b'dan li kull avviz ikollu numru distint stampat fuq quddiem;

Izda, kull meta l-Kummissjoni Elettorali tkun sodisfatta li persuna li jsimha jkun jidher fir-Registru Elettorali tkun mejta, l-avviz ghall-votazzjoni relattiv m'ghandux hekk jintbaghat.

Izda, wkoll, kull meta l-Kummissjoni Elettorali m'ghandhiex tibghat avviz ghall-votazzjoni li xi elettur li l-Kummissjoni Elettorali ma jkolliex ritratt fotografiku tieghu, u dwar dawk l-eletturi, il-Kummissjoni ghandha timxi skond din il-procedura li gejja:

- (i) fi zmien tlett ijiem mill-pubblikazzjoni tar-"Writ" l-Kummissjoni ghandha tippubblika fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern lista ta' l-eletturi msemmija li tkun turi l-isem, kunjom, residenza u numru tal-karta tal-identita' taghom.
- (ii) fi zmien ghaxart ijiem mill-pubblikazzjoni tar-"Writ", il-Kummissjoni ghandha tibghat lill-istess eletturi msemmija, fl-ahhar indirizz maghruf mill-Kummissjoni, ittra bis-servizz postali, fejn tigi mfissra l-ipozizzjoni ta' dak l-elettur f'dak il-waqt"

"(2) Fil-gurnata tal-pubblikazzjoni tar-"writ", ghandha tintbaghat ittra, bis-servizz postali fl-ahhar indirizz maghruf mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali, lil kull elettur li ismu jkun jidher fuq ir-Registru Elettorali, u li sa dak in-nhar, ikun fil-pussess ta' karta ta' identita' li tkun skaduta, b'dan illi jigi nformat dwar l-importanza li tiggedded l-istess karta ta' identita', u l-post u l-hinijiet provduti ghall-istess tigidid. Il-lista ta' dawn l-eletturi ghandha tigi ppubblikata wkoll fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern u kopja ta' l-istess ghandha tinghata lid-Delegati tal-partiti,

anke permezz ta' mezzi elettro-manjetici.

(3) Il-partiti politici ghandhom jinghataw kull facilita' ragonevoli li josservaw l-istampar tal-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni kollha, li jivverifikaw l-ezattezza taghhom u b'mod generali li jassiguraw li jigu stampati biss l-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni ta' elettori li jkollhom jedd ghalihom.

Il-Kummissjoni ghandha wkoll tistampa fuq id-dokument ghall-votazzjoni dak il-kodici ta' sigurezza ragonevoli li jista hekk jintalab mill-partiti politici u hekk kif il-Kummissjoni jista jidhrilha li jkun sew, b'dan illi l-partiti politici ghandhom jikkonsenjaw dak il-kodici ta' sigurezza lill-Kummissjoni immedjatament qabel ma jinbeda l-istampar tal-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni jew mhux aktar tard minn dak iz-zmien, li ma jkunx aktar minn erbgha u ghoxrin siegħa qabel l-istampar, li l-Kummissjoni tista tistabbilixxi minhabba esigjenzi teknici; id-delegati ghandhom jinghataw ukoll il-facilita' li jivverifikaw l-ezattezza taghhom anki permezz ta' dummy run tal-process u ta' audit trails li jstabbilixxu l-validita' tas-sistema f'kull hin tal-process u jinghatalhom kopja ta' l-audit trail.

(4) Il-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni stampati skond is-subartiklu ta' qabel ta' dan l-artikolu ghandhom, sakemm dawn jinghataw lill-elettori, jinzammu f'kaxex sigillati tas-sigill tal-Kummissjoni. Id-delegati tal-partiti jkollhom il-jedd jagħmlu s-sigilli taghhom fuq dawk il-kaxex u li jkunu prezenti kull meta dawk is-sigilli jinkisru. Dan l-artikolu ghandu japplika wkoll mutatis mutandis għal dawk il-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni li jibqgħu ma jitqassmux, skond is-subartikolu (4) ta' dan l-artikolu, meta jinhargu l-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni skond is-subartikolu (6) ta' dan l-artikolu, u għal dawk il-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni li jibqgħu ma jitqassmux.

(5) L-avviz għall-votazzjoni għandu jigi nnotifikat lil kull elettur permezz tas-servizz postali fl-aħhar indirizz magħruf mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali".

(6) Kull min ikun fil-pussess ta' karta ta' identita' skaduta, jista' sal-Hamis fit-tlieta ta' wara nofs in-nhar, ta' qabel il-gurnata tal-votazzjoni, igedded l-istess karta ta' identita' fl-Ufficcju Elettorali. Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali hija obligata li tipprovi servizz adegwat, permezz ta' l-Ufficcju Elettorali, sabiex dawk l-elettori kollha li jkunu jridu jgeddu l-karta ta' identita' taghhom, ikunu jistghu jagħmlu dan bl-akbar efficjenza possibbli. Mit-thabbir tar-writ, sal-jum ta' Hadd ta' qabel jum il-votazzjoni, il-hinjiet li matulhom l-elettori jkunu jistghu igeddu l-karta ta' l-identita' taghhom għandu jestendi bejn it-tmienja ta' filghodu u t-tmienja ta' filghaxija, b'dan

izda li mill-gurnata tat-Tnejn sal-gurnata ta' l-Erbgha, li jigu ezatt qabel il-jum tal-votazzjoni, is-servizz ta' tigidid tal-karta' ta' identita' ghandu jigi estiz sa nofs il-lejl.

(7) Is-servizz imsemmi fi-subartiklu ta' qabel dan ghandu japplika wkoll ghal kull elettur li jkun tilef, insterqitlu jew iddistrugga l-karta tal-identita' tieghu. Il-Kummissjonarji, jew persuni mahtura mill-Kummissjoni sabiex jaghmluha ta' Kummissjonarji, jistghu jezaminaw bil-gurament kull persuna li hekk tidher quddiemhom.

(8) Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali, permezz tal-Ufficju Elettorali ghandha tipprovdi personal adegwat sabiex kull persuna li tkun registrata f'dar ta' mistrieh jew li tkun qieghda fi sptar jew li tkun tbatu minn xi disabilita' jew li tkun tinsab dejjem fis-sodda jew li tkun b'mod iehor inkapaci uli jkollha l-karta ta' l-identita' mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali fl-indirizz ta' fejn l-elettur ikun rikoverat.

(9) Kull min ikun fil-pussess ta' karta ta' identita' skaduta, jista' sal-Hamis fit-tlieta ta' wara nofs in-nhar, ta' qabel il-gurnata tal-votazzjoni, igedded l-istess karta ta' identita' fl-Ufficju Elettorali. Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali hija obbligata li tipprovdi servizz adegwat, permezz ta' l-Ufficju Elettorali, sabiex dawk l-eletturi kollha li jkunu jridu jgeddu l-karta ta' identita' taghhom, ikunu jistghu jaghmlu dan bl-akbar efficenza possibbli.

Mit-thabbir tar-writ, sal-jum ta' Hadd ta' qabel jum il-votazzjoni, il-hinijiet li matulhom l-eletturi jkunu jistghu igeddu l-karta ta' l-identita' taghhom ghandu jestendi bejn it-tmienja ta' filghodu u t-tmienja ta' filghaxija, b'dan izda li mill-gurnata tat-Tnejn sal-gurnata ta' l-Erbgha, li jigu ezatt qabel il-jum tal-votazzjoni, is-servizz ta' tigidid tal-karta' ta' identita' ghandu jigi estiz sa nofs il-lejl".

21. L-Artiklu 47 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun sostitwit b'dan li gej:

"47(1) Dawk l-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni li ghal xi raguni jigu ritornati lura fl-Ufficju Elettorali ghandhom jigu migbura bhala lista wahda u l-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha tara jekk jezistix indirizz aktar ricenti ghal dawk l-istess eletturi, u jekk fl-affermattiv, il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha terga tibghat l-avviz ghall-votazzjoni fl-indirizz il-gdid. Kopja ta' din il-lista ghandha tinghata lid-Delegati tal-partiti anke f'forma elettro-manjetika.

(2) Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha wkoll tghaddi lid-

Delegati tal-partiti lista elettorali shiha, li ghandha tinkludi d-dettalji kollha, nkluz l-isem u l-indirizz u n-numru tal-Karti ta' l-identita' ta' kull elettur registrat fir-Registru Elettorali, kif ukoll il-post tal-votazzjoni u l-kamra tal-votazzjoni, kif ukoll in-numru konsekuttiv u n-numru tar-registrazzjoni tal-votant ta' kull elettur imsemmi. Din il-lista ghandha tinghata wkoll f'forma elettur-manjetika.

(3) Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha tghaddi wkoll kopja tal-lista elettorali shiha bid-dettalji kif migjuba fis-sub-artikolu ta' qabel dan, lil kull Kunsill Lokali u din il-lista ghandha tinghata wkoll f'forma elettro-manjetika.

L-istess Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandu jkollha fl-Ufficju taghha stess, lista elettorali kompluta, kemm f'format stampat kif ukoll elettroniku, u ghandha tipprovdi facilitajiet bizzzejjed fil-Ufficju Elettorali, permezz ta' personnel u numru ta' 'helplines', u dan sabiex iservu ta' ghajnuna lil elettori li jkunu fil-bzonn ta' nformazzjoni ghall-finijiet ta' votazzjoni."

22. L-Artiklu 48 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun emendat kif gej:
- (1) Minflok is-subartiklu (1) tieghu ghandu jidhol dan li gej :"(1) Mhux aktar tard mill-gurnata tal-Gimgha sew sew qabel ma tibda l-votazzjoni, l-Kummissjonarji ghandhom jiehdu hsieb li jippubblikaw fil-gazzetta lista li tkun turi l-ismijiet, in-numri ta' karta ta' identita', l-indirizzi fejn irregistrati fuq ir-Registru Elettorali, l-post tal-votazzjoni u l-kamra tal-votazzjoni ta' dawk l-elettori li jkunu baqghu ma geddewx il-karta ta' identita' taghom."
 - (2) Fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu minflok il-kliem "il-hrug tal-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni skond is-subartiklu (6) tal-Artiklu 46 u l-Artiklu 47" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "il-proceduri msemmija fl-Artiklu 46."
23. Fl-artiklu 49 tal-ligi principali, fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu, ghandu jithassar il-kliem "kemm ikun prattikament possibbli"; u fis-subartiklu (9) tieghu minflok il-kelma "quddiem" ghandha tidhol il-kelma "wara".
24. Fl-artiklu 51 tal-ligi principali, fl-ahhar tas-subartiklu (1) tieghu ghandhom jizdied dan li gej : "Rappresentant ta' kandidat ghandu jitqies bhala debitament awtorizzat mill-kandidat biex jirrepresentah, jekk ikollu awtorizzazzjoni bil-miktub moghitja mill-kandidat ghal dan il-ghan."

25. L-artiklu 57 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun emendat kif gej:
- (1) Fis-subartiklu (1) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "wiehed u nofs" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "wiehed u terz"; u fl-ahhar tieghu, minflok il-kliem "minn fost dawk il-persuni." ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "minn fost dawk il-persuni. B'dan illi f'kull kamra tal-votazzjoni jkun hemm presenti Assistent Kummissjonarju Elettorali wiehed minn fost dawk nominati minn kull partit politiku."
 - (2) Fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu:
 - a. wara l-kliem "kamra tal-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "jew ta' kamra tal-votazzjoni partikulari."
 - b. Fit-test Malti biss wara l-kliem "id-dritt li jindikaw" ghandha tidhol il-kelma "liema".
 - c. Fl-ahhar tas-subartiklu ghandu jizjed dan li gej: "Il-Partiti politici jkollhom id-dritt li jissottomettu huma stess l-applikazzjonijiet li tkun harget il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghal dan il-ghan, u dan skond it-terminu stabbilit fis-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-istess artikolu, u dan dejjem sakemm il-persuna nominata tkun iffirmit dik l-istess applikazzjoni sottomessa mill-Partiti. Kull partit politiku jista' wkoll jindika f'liema kamra tal-votazzjoni ghandu jservi kull Assistent Kummissjonarju nominat minnu; sakemm dan ma jkunx hekk skwalifikat milli jservi skond id-dispozizzjonijiet ta' dan l-istess Att".
 - (3) Fis-subartiklu (6) tieghu, fl-ahhar ghandu jizjed dan li gej : "l-Assistenti Kummissjonarji nominati mill-Partiti politici ghandhom id-dritt jissorveljaw il-process tal-votazzjoni u li dan qed jitmexxa b'mod regolari."
26. Fl-Artiklu 58 tal-ligi principali, fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu minflok il-kliem "ikun se jattendi" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem, "ikun se jattendi, u min ikun innominah."
27. L-Artiklu 59 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun emendat kif gej:
- (1) Fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu, wara l-kliem "delegati tal-partiti" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "jew rapprezentant taghhom mahtur ghal dan il-ghan."
 - (2) Fis-subartiklu (7) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "dak il-partit" ghandu jidhol dan li gej: "dak il-partit, B'dan, izda, li kull Partit politiku jkollu d-dritt li jissositwixxi Assistenti Kummissjonarji assenjati fi kmamar tal-

votazzjoni, b'ohrajn minn fost dawk nominati minnu fit-terminu stabbilit fl-Artikolu 57 (1), sakemm dan in-numru ma jkunx jaqbez l-ghaxra fil-mija tan-numru tal-kmamar tal-votazzjoni".

28. L-Artiklu 60 ghandu jkun sostitwit b'dan li gej :
"60.(1) F'kull post tal-votazzjoni, il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha tahtar, minn fost dawk l-Assistenti Kummissjonarji "rizerva", hekk nominati fil-listi sottomessi mill-Partiti, kif ukoll mill-istess listi nominati f'isem il-Kummissjoni Elettorali, rapprezentant wiehed minn kull partit li jkun qieghed jikkontesta l-elezzjoni f'dak id-distrett, kif ukoll wiehed f'isem il-Kummissjoni Elettorali, sabiex iservu ta' "help desk" bhala ghajnuna lill-votanti, f'kaz li xi votant ikollu bzonn indikazzjoni dwar f'liema kamra jkun irid jivvota. B'dan izda, li kull partit ikollu jedd li jaghzel hu mill-lista ta' l-Assistenti Kummissjonarji tieghu, rizerva jew le sottomessa mill-istess Partit skond it-termini stabbiliti taht l-Artikolu 57 (1) min ghandu jservi ghal dan il-ghan kif ukoll f'liema post tal-votazzjoni, ghandhom iservu dawn l-Assistenti Kummissjonarji.

(2) Dawn l-Assistenti Kummissjonarji Elettorali mahtura ghal dan il-ghan ghandhom jinghataw mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali, lista elettorali, li tista' tkun ukoll f'forma elettro-manjetika, u li ghandha tinkludi dawk l-eletturi kollha li jkollhom il-jedd jivvotaw f'dak il-post tal-votazzjoni partikolari

Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha tipprovdi lil dawn l-Assistenti Kummissjoanrji Elettorali, bil-facilitajiet sabiex ikunu jistghu jservu bhala 'help desk' u kif ukoll linja telefonika diretta ma' l-Ufficcju Elettorali li tkun dedikata ghax-xoghol rikjest f'dan l-Artikolu.

Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha tipprovdi 'help desk' simili fl-Ufficcju Elettorali.

(3) L-Assistenti Kummissjonarji Elettorali mahtura ghal dan il-ghan ghandhom ikunu taht it-tmexxija tar-rapprezentant tal-Kummissjoni Elettorali. Dan, izda, m'ghandu jnaqqas l-ebda dritt ta' l-Assistenti Kummissjonarji Elettorali nominati mill-partiti politici li jissorveljaw dan il-process u li jaraw li jkun qieghed jitmexxa b'mod regolari.

L-Assistenti Kummissjonarji Elettorali mahtura ghal dan il-ghan, m'ghandhomx javvicinaw lill-eletturi li jkunu dehlin jivvotaw, izda ghandhom jintervjenu biss jekk mitluba mill-

istess elettori."

29. L-Artiklu 61 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun emendat kif gej:
- (1) fis-subartiklu (3) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "l-isem, l-indirizz u l-karta tal-identita`" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "l-isem u l-karta tal-identita`"
 - (2) fis-subartiklu (3) tieghu fl-ahhar ghandu jzjed dan li gej: "Kull partit ikun jista', sa nofs in-nhar tal-jum tal-Hamis qabel il-votazzjoni, jaghmel tibdil, fl-agenti nominati minnu, sakemm dan it-tibdil ma jkunx ta' aktar minn ghaxra fil-mija tat-total kollu tal-agenti nominati mill-istess partit. Minkejja d-disposizzjonijiet l-ohra ta' dan l-Att, fejn isir tibdil bhal dan, il-Kummissjoni Elettorali tkun obbligata li tinnotifika lill-partiti politici l-ohra minnufih, liema partiti ohra jkollhom il-jedd li jressqu l-oggezzjonijiet taghhom bil-miktub dwar dan it-tibdil sad-disgha ta' fil-ghaxija tal-Hamis, l-istess jum. Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha d-dmir li tezamina dawn l-oggezzjonijiet u tiddeciedi dwar l-istess sa nofs il-lejl tal-istess jum."
30. FI-Artiklu 61A tal-ligi principali fis-subartiklu (4) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "l-ismijiet, l-indirizzi u n-numri tal-karta tal-identita`," ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem " l-ismijiet u n-numri l-karta tal-identita` ,"
31. FI-Artiklu 62 tal-ligi principali minflok il-kliem "agent elettorali" kull fejn jirrikorru ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "agent tat-trasport".
32. FI-Artiklu 63 tal-ligi principali
- (1) fis-subartiklu (1) tieghu minflok il-kliem "l-agenti elettorali u ta' partit" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "l-agenti tat-trasport u tal-partit"
 - (2) Minflok is-subartiklu (2) tieghu ghandu jidhol dan li gej: "(2) Il-Kummissjoni ghandha tghaddi lil kull partit politiku li jitlob il-listi tal-agenti kollha prezentati mill-partiti politici l-ohrajn kollha u minn min gew nominati u dan fi zmien jumejn minn meta jaslulha l-listi, u l-partiti politici jistghu jaghmlu l-oggezzjonijiet taghhom fi zmien erbat ijiem."

33. FI-artiklu 64 tal-ligi principali, is-subartiklu (1) ghandu jkun emendat kif gej:
- (1) fil-paragrafu (a) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "kull partit politiku." ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "kull partit politiku, jew minn persuna oħra nominata bil-miktub mill-istess partit politiku."
 - (2) Fil-paragrafu (b) tieghu, il-kliem "li jitolbu bil-miktub li jkollhom dawk il-listi" u "tad-dokument tal-votazzjoni" ghandhom jithassru.
 - (3) Fil-paragrafu (d) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "dokument tal-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "karta tal-identita` valida".
 - (4) Immedjatament wara l-paragrafu (d) tieghu ghandu jidhol il-paragrafu (e) gdid li gej:
"(e) Dawn il-listi ghandhom ikun stampati fuq karta tas-sigurta' li tkun tassigura li ma jkunux jistghu jigu mbaghbsa jew ikkupjati."
34. FI-Artiklu 66 tal-ligi principali minflok il-kliem "tul dik id-distanza" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "f'distanza ta' hamsin metru mill-entrata li tkun qed tintuza f'dik il-votazzjoni sabiex jinghata access ghal dak il-post tal-votazzjoni, kif deskritt fl-Artiklu 2 ta' dan l-Att."
35. L-Artiklu 68 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun emendat kif gej:
- (1) Fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu, il-kliem tal-ahhar sentenza ghandhom jithassru u minflokhom jidhol dan li gej :
"Dawn ir-ritratti m'ghandhomx jeccedu daqs massimu ta' sbatax-il centimentru bi tlieta u ghoxrin centimetru."
 - (2) Fis-subartiklu (4) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "lill-elettur li jkun qiegħed jitfa' l-polza tal-votazzjoni tieghu gewwa fiha" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "it-timbru ufficcjali tal-Kummissjoni fuq il-polza tal-votazzjoni li kull elettur ikun se jitfa' fil-kaxxa tal-votazzjoni."
 - (3) Fis-subartiklu (7) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "materjal trasparenti, sakemm dan ikun teknikament possibbli." Ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "materjal trasparenti."
36. FI-Artiklu 69 tal-ligi principali, fl-ahhar tieghu ghandu jizded dan li gej : "L-istess dritt jista' jigi esercitat mill-Assistenti Kummissjonarji Elettorali nominati minn kull partit."
37. L-Artiklu 70 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun emendat kif gej:
- (1) Minflok is-subartiklu (1) tieghu ghandu jidhol dan li

gej : "(1)Kull elettur li jkun irid jivvota ghandu jattendi fil-kamra tal-votazzjoni ,indikata lilu fl-avviz tal-votazzjoni li jkun ircieva, u ghandu jikkonsenja l-karta tal-identita` valida tieghu lil wiehed mill-Assistenti Kummissjonarji Elettorali f'dik il-kamra tal-votazzjoni, tul il-hinjiet stabbiliti ghall-votazzjoni."

- (2) Fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu minflok il-kliem "id-dokument tal-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "il-karta tal-identita` valida taghha "
- (3) Fis-subartiklu (4) tieghu minflok il-kliem "id-dokument tal-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "tal-karta tal-identita` valida".
- (4) Minflok is-subartiklu (9) tieghu ghandu jidhol dan li gej: "(9) Bla hsara ghal dak li jinghad fl-Artiklu 77 ta' dan l-Att l-ebda elettur ma jithalla jivvota hlief fil-kamra tal-votazzjoni specifikata fl-avviz ghall-votazzjoni li jkun ircieva."

38. Fl-Artiklu 72 tal-ligi principali, minflok il-kelma "tnejn" ghandha tidhol il-kelma "tlieta"; u fl-ahhar tieghu ghandu jizdied il-proviso gdid li gej : "B'dan izda, jekk ma jkunx hemm tlett Assistenti Kummissjonarji Elettorali presenti fil-kamra ghal tul ta' aktar minn hames minuti, il-votazzjoni ghandha tkompli xorta wahda, sakemm izda jkun hemm dejjem zewg Assistenti Kummissjonarji Elettorali prezenti."

39. L-Artiklu 78 ghandu jigi emendat kif gej:

- (1) Fis-subartiklu (1) tieghu, minflok il-kliem "dokument tal-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "karti tal-identita` validi" ; u fl-ahhar ta' dan is-subartiklu ghandu jizdied dan li gej : " Il-karti ta' identita` validi ghandhom, mhux aktar tard mill-jum tat-Tnejn li jigi ezatt wara l-jum tal-votazzjoni, jitqassmu fl-Ufficji tal-kunsilli Lokali skond ir-registrazzjoni tal-eletturi, minn fejn ikunu jistghu jibdew jigu migbura mill-eletturi. Gheluq gimgha, dawk il-karti ta' identita` li ma jkunux gew migbura, ghandhom jintbghatu lill-eletturi bil-posta, skond l-indirizz muri fuq l-istess karti ta' identita` . " It-timbri ufficjali li jintuzaw mill-Assistenti Kummissjonarji Elettorali nominati mill-partiti politici ghandhom jinghataw lura lill-Partiti rispettivi mhux qabel jiskadu tletin gurnata mill-pubblikazzjoni tar-rizultat ta' l-elezzjoni, izda f'kull kaz, m'hux aktar tard minn erbghin gurnata mid-data tal-pubblikazzjoni ta' l-imsemmi rizultat."
- (2) Fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu minflok il-kliem "dokumenti tal-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "karti tal-identita` validi".
- (3) Fis-subartiklu (3) tieghu minflok il-kliem "dokumenti

ghall-votazzjoni lilhom moghtijin fil-waqt li jiddistingwu jekk dawn humiex ordinarji jew specjali," ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "karti tal-identita` validi moghtijin lilhom,;" u flok il-kliem "kandidat, jew agent tal-elezzjoni jew tal-partit" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem kandidat jew agent tal-partit".

(4) Fis-subartiklu (5) tieghu l-kliem "agenti tal-kandidati" ghandhom jithassru.

(5) Fis-subartiklu (6)(b) tieghu l-kliem "agenti tal-kandidati" ghandhom jithassru.

(6) Fis-subartiklu (6)(c) tieghu l-kliem "agenti tal-kandidati" ghandhom jithassru.

(7) Fis-subartiklu (6)(c)(i) tieghu minflok il-kliem "dokumenti ghall-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "karti tal-identita` validi".

(8) Fis-subartiklu (6)(c)(ii) tieghu minflok il-kliem "mal-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "mal-karti tal-identita` validi".

(9) Fis-subartiklu (6)(c)(iii) tieghu wara l-kelma "partikolaritajiet" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "inkluzi in-numri tal-karti tal-identita`".

10) Fis-subartiklu (6)(d) tieghu il-kliem "agent ta' kandidat" ghandhom jithassru.

40. FI-Artiklu 82 tal-ligi principali fis-subartiklu (1)(a) tieghu, wara l-kliem "ta' l-identita`," ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "il-validita` jew le tal-istess karta tal-identita`".

41. L-Artiklu 83 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun emendat kif gej : (1) Minflok is-subartiklu (1) tieghu ghandu jidhol dan li gej: "(1) L-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni" ta' dawk l-eletturi li jkunu registrati fi djar ta' l-anzjani ghandhom jitqassmu lill-istess eletturi personalment. Waqt dan it-tqassim, ic-Chairperson tas-sotto kumitat ghal Djar ta' l-anzjani ghandu jitlob il-karta ta' l-identita` lil kull elettur sabiex jivverifika il-validita` jew le ta' l-istess karta ta' identita`.

Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali hi obbligata li f'dak l-imkien, minnufih iggedded l-karti ta' l-identita` li jkunu skadew ta' kull elettur registrat fl-indirizz tad-dar ta' l-anzjani, kif ukoll ta' dawk li huma residenti, izda mhux registrati, f'dawn id-djar ta' l-anzjani.

L-eletturi jista' jaghzel li jikkonsenja l-avviz ghall-votazzjoni, kif ukoll il-karta ta' l-identita` tieghu lic-Chairperson tas-sotto kumitat sabiex jiehu hsiebhom fiz-zgur, u dak ic-Chairperson ghandu jikkonsenja lura l-avviz ghall-votazzjoni flimkien ma l-karta ta' identita` lill-elettur fil-jum stabbilit ghall-votazzjoni jew f'dak il-jum li jigi aktar qabel hekk kif l-elettur jista' jitlob li

jsir".

(2) Fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu, fit-test Malti biss, minflok il-kliem "dokumenti ghall-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "avvizi ghall-votazzjoni".

42. L-Artiklu 86 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun emendat kif gej:
- (1) Fis-subartiklu (2) tieghu l-kliem "u l-agenti taghhom" ghandu jithassar.
 - (2) Fis-subartiklu (6) tieghu minflok il-kliem "tal-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni li jitregghu lura mill-Assistenti Kummissjunarji." ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "tal-karti tal-identita` validi li jkunu gew konsenjati lill-Assistenti Kummissjunarji." ; u minflok il-kliem "li jkun fihom il-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "li jkun fihom il-karti tal-identita` validi".
 - (3) Fis-subartiklu (7) tieghu minflok il-kliem "li jkun fihom il-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "li jkun fihom il-karti tal-identita` validi".
 - (4) Fis-subartiklu (8) tieghu minflok il-kliem "kemm jista' jkun prattikament malajr" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "u dan ghandu jibda appena tiddahhal l-ewwel kaxxa tal-votazzjoni".
 - (5) Fis-subartiklu (10) tieghu l-kliem "u l-avvizi ghall-votazzjoni" ghandhom jithassru.

43. Fl-Artiklu 87 tal-ligi principali fis-subartiklu (4) tieghu l-kliem "tal-kandidati u" ghandhom jithassru.

44. L-Artiklu 89 tal-ligi principali ghandu jkun emendat kif gej:
- (1) Fis-subartiklu (1) tieghu minflok il-kliem "kandidati u l-agenti tal-kandidati "ghandha tidhol il-kelma "il-kandidati"
 - (2) Minflok is-subartiklu (2) tieghu, ghandu jidhol dan li gej : "(2) Kull partit politiku ghandu barra minn hekk ikollu l-jedd li jinnomina ghadd ta' agenti li jkun daqs tletin aktar mid-doppju tal-ghadd ta' kandidati presentati minnu sabiex jikkontestaw l-elezzjoni u dawk l-agenti f'kull waqt ikunu jistghu jidhlu f'dak l-imkien u fis-sala tal-ghadd tal-poloż tal-votazzjoni f'kull waqt. Dawk l-agenti minn hawnhekk il quddiem f'dan l-Att ghandhom jissejhu "agenti tal-ghadd".

Il-lista ta' dawk l-agenti ghandha tinghata lill-Kummissjoni mill-anqas wiehed u ghoxrin jum qbel ma tibda l-votazzjoni; il-Kummissjoni ghandha tinforma lill-paritit politic bl-agenti kollha hekk

nominati sabiex il-partiti politici msemija jista' jkollhom opportunita` li jressqu ilmenti quddiem il-Kummissjoni qabel ma din taccettahom jew tichadhom; l-agenti li jigu hekk nominati ghandhom ikunu ta' karattru tajjed u li jigu accettati mill-Kummissjoni.

Il-lista ta' dawk l-agenti ghandha, mill-anqas sebat ijiem qabel il-bidu tal-votazzjoni, tigi pubblikata mill-Kummissjoni fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern b'dan li turi l-isem, indirizz u l-karta tal-identita` ta' kull agent u tal-partit li jkun qiegħed jagħmel in-nomina tieghu;

B'dan, izda, li kull partit politiku ikun jista' sa nofsinhar tal-Hamis li jigu sew sew qabel il-jum tal-votazzjoni, jibdel sa mhux aktar minn ghaxra fil-mija ta' l-agenti ta' l-ghadd nominati minnu. Il-Kummissjoni Elettorali ghandha minnufih tinforma lill-Partiti l-oħra b'dan it-tibdil, b'dan illi l-Partiti l-oħra jkollhom zmien sad-disgha ta' fil-ghaxija ta' din il-gurnata msemija, sabiex iressqu l-oggezzjonijiet tagħhom mil-miktub, għal dawk it-tibdiliet li jkunu saru.

(3) Id-delegati ta' partit, kandidati u agenti tal-ghadd għandu jinhargilhom dokument ta' l-identita` li jkun juri d-dettalji meħtiega għall-agenti elettorali u dak id-dokument ta' l-identita` għandu jintlibes f'kull waqt meta dawn il-persuni jidhlu jeew ikunu gewwa ;- imkien jew bini fejn ikunu qegħdin jingħaddu l-poloż tal-votazzjoni. Dawn il-avvizi tal l-identita` għandhom ikunu stampati fuq karta tas-sigurta`, ikunu numertati u jkunu wkoll ta' għamla li jiddistingwu faċilment bejn il-karigi ta' delegati, sotto-delegati, kandidati u agenti tal-ghadd, u aktar minn hekk li jiddistingwu dawn il-karigi magħmula f'isem partit minn dawk ta' kull partit iehor."

45. FI-Artiklu 90 tal-ligi principali, fil-paragrafu (c) tieghu, wara l-kelma "tagħti" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "lid-delegati tal-partiti"
46. FI-Artiklu 93 tal-ligi principali l-kliem "l-agenti tal-kandidati" u "il-kandidat jew" għandhom jithassru.
47. FI-Artiklu 95 tal-ligi principali minflok il-kliem "kemm jista' jkun prattikament malajr wara li " għandha tidhol il-kelma

minnufih; u wara l-kliem "għandha tgħaddi biex" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "immedjatement tibda"; u minflok il-kliem "kemm jista' malajr" għandha tidhol il-kelma "immedjatement".

48. L-Artiklu 103 tal-ligi principali għandu jithassar.
49. FI-Artiklu 106 tal-ligi principali, fis-subartiklu (5) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "ta' dokumenti għall-votazzjoni u poloz tal-votazzjoni" għandhom jidhol l-kliem "tal-poloż tal-votazzjoni, u lista finali tal-karti tal-identita' mhux imgedda"
50. FI-Artiklu 107 tal-ligi principali, bis-subartiklu (4) tiegħu, il-kliem "agenti ta' kandidati" għandhom jithassru.
51. FI-artiklu 110 tal-ligi principali, minflok il-kelma "hamsin" għandha tidhol il-kelma "mitt".
52. FI-Artiklu 111 tal-ligi principali, minflok il-kelma "hamsin" għandha tidhol il-kelma "mitt".
53. L-Artiklu 112 tal-ligi principali għandu jkun emendat kif gej:
(1) Minflok il-kliem "dokumenti għall-votazzjoni, kull fejn jinstabu f'dan l-artiklu, għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "karta tal-identita'".
(2) Is-subartiklu (1) għandu jkun imhassar.
(3) Is-subartiklu (1)(j) għandu jkun rinumerat (1)(i), u l-kliem "jaf li" għandhom ikunu mhassra.
(4) Fis-subartiklu (1) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "il-multa u l-prigunerija flimkien" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "il-multa u l-prigunerija flimkien, sakemm ir-reat ma jkunx dak imsemmi fil-paragrafu (i), meta l-hati jista' jehel il-multa li ma taqbizx l-elf Lira Maltija jew prigunerija għal zmien ta' mhux aktar minn sena, jew dik il-multa u dik il-prigunerija flimkien."
54. FI-Artiklu 113 tal-ligi principali minflok il-kelma "mitt" għandha tidhol il-kelma "mitejn".
55. FI-Indici, fit-test, fin-noti marginali, u f'kull skeda tal-ligi principali, kull fejn fit-test Malti jinstabu l-kliem "dokument

ghall-votazzjoni" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "avviz ghall-votazzjoni", u fit-test Ingliz, minflok il-kliem "voting document" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "voting notice", u dan b'kull varjazzjoni grammatikali skond il-kaz.

56. FI-iSkeda Sebgha tal-ligi principali ghandhom jidhlu dawk il-kliem taht id-disinn :
"Il-karta ta' l-identita` tieghek hija valida / mhux valida.
Il-karta ta' l-identita` tista' tiggedded fil-granet
U l-hinjiet u fil-post"
57. Immedjatament wara l-iSkeda Hmistax tal-ligi principali ghandha tidhol l-iSkeda Sittax gdida li gejja:

"Skeda Sittax

Lill-Kummissjoni Elettorali
Kummissjoni Elettorali
Valletta.

(data)

Jien hawn taht iffirmat (*isem, kunjom, inidirizz barra, numru tal-passaport Malti*) qed naghmel it-talba tieghi halli nkun ezentat, skond l-Artiklu 57 tal-Kostituzzjoni ta' Malta, mill-htiega tar-residenza, kif kwalifikat, u dan kif jinghad fl-istess artiklu tal-Kostituzzjoni.

Din l-ezenzjoni qed tintalab ghar-ragunijiet

(*hawn jissemmew ir-ragunijiet ghall-ezenzjoni*)

B'xiehda tat-talba tieghi ghall-ezenzjoni qed ingib 'il quddiem wkoll id-dokumenti awtentici li gejjin, u cioe`:

(*lista ta' dokumenti b'tifsira qasira*)

Solenment niddikjara li l-informazzjoni moghtija hawn fuq hi sewwa u ezatta, u aktar minn hekk nikkonferma li l-ebda nformazzjoni ma kienet mohbija, u li naf u nifhem ir-responsabbilta` tieghi jekk naghmel dikjarazzjoni falza u li nista' nehel il-habs ghal dikjarazzjoni falza bhal din.

Minhabba dan li nghad, nitlob li nkun registrat bhala elettur f'Malta.

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(Kummissjonarju ghall-guramenti jew
Ufficjal Konsulari)

**A BILL
Entitled**

AN ACT to amend the General Elections Act (Cap 354)

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: -

1. This Act may be cited as the General Elections (Amendment) Act, 2002, and shall be read and construed as one with the General Elections Act (Cap 354), hereinafter referred to as the "principal law".
2. Section 2 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
 - (a) In the Maltese text only, the definition "dokument ghall-votazzjoni" shall be deleted and substituted by the following:- " "avviz ghall-votazzjoni" tfisser dak li ghandu jintbaghat lill-eletturi taht l-artiklu 46 ta' dan l-att.";
 - (b) In the definition of the words "ballot box" immediately after the word "voters" there shall be inserted the words "are bound";
 - (c) In the definition of the words "official mark" after the words "Assistant Commissioners" there shall be inserted the words "who had been appointed from amongst those nominated by them," ; and in the Maltese text only for the words "karta ta' votazzjoni" there shall be substituted the words "polza ta' votazzjoni";
 - (d) In the definition of the words "polling place", for the words "or structure;" there shall be substituted the words "or structure, saving the provisions of Section 66 of this Act."
 - (e) There shall be added the following new definition of the word "name" means name and surname";
3. In Section 7 of the principal law, in subsection (1) thereof, at the end thereof, for the words "Electoral Office." there shall be substituted the words "Electoral Office, and for the implementation of the decisions of the Electoral Commission."
4. Section 10 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
 - (1) In subsection (2) thereof, in the Maltese text only, after the words "seduti kollha" there shall be added

- “mizmuma mill-Kummissjoni Elettorali”
- (2) (a) In subsection (3) thereof in the Maltese text only after the words “li jaraw” there shall be inserted “u jinghataw”
(b) In subsection (3) for “at all times.” there shall be substituted the following:” who shall be in the same Electoral Office. The Electoral Commission shall have the duty to give to the delegates all documents held at the Electoral Office, and this even through electromagnetic means or computerised formats. The right hereby established is subject only to the limitations as stated in subsection (6) of this section.
 - (3) In subsection (5) in the Maltese text only after the words “u jiksbu” there shall be added the words “billi jinghataw”
 - (4) In subsection (6) after the words “adoption of voters” there shall be added “as well as the photographs of voters and of persons who hold an identity card.”
5. In Section 11, in subsection (3) thereof for the words “eligible to vote.”there shall be substituted the following: “eligible to vote, and in particular, the Electoral Commission is bound to ensure that the Electoral Register shall only include details of persons who satisfy all the requirements as voters, as laid down in the Constitution of Malta and in this Act.”
6. Section 13 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
- (1) In subsection (4) thereof, for the words “any other person whom such application or application concerns.” there shall be substituted the following: “on the witnesses indicated. The Revising Officer shall order that the applicant or the appellant, the Electoral Commission, and every witness shall appear to give evidence before the Revising Officer on the appointed day. The Revising Officer shall, in establishing the date for hearing, take into account that the time frame would allow for the conclusion of the hearing and for the decision to be given effect to in the current Electoral Register, and this before the time-limit established under Section 42 of this Act.”
 - (2) For subsection (9) thereof there shall be substituted the following:“(9)In the case of an application or appeal based on the grounds of mental infirmity, notwithstanding the absence of the applicant or appellant or of an advocate, legal procurator or other persons representing him, the application or appeal shall be referred, by the Revising Officer or the

- Electoral Commission, to the Medical Board for determination."
7. In Section 16 of the principal law, in subsection (1) thereof there shall be added the following new proviso : "Provided that any person, even though he is so registered as a voter, who shall vote, after having lost his qualification as a voter, whether under Section 57 of the Constitution, or has been disqualified under Section 58 of the Constitution or under the provisions of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction shall be subject to the punishments for offences laid down in Section 112.
 8. In Section 19 of the principal law, immediately after subsection (2) thereof there shall be inserted the following new subsection (3) :
"(3) Such investigations shall be carried out by the Electoral Commission, on its own initiative when it notices or its attention is drawn to the fact that the registration of a voter may not be regular. The Electoral Commission on the demand of a Party Delegate shall also make the same investigations. In any of these cases, a written report shall be prepared by the Electoral Commission, which report shall serve for any appeal before the Revising Officer, as laid down in Part VII of this Act. A copy of such reports shall always be delivered to the party delegates."
 9. In Section 20 of the principal law, in subsection (2) thereof, for the words "shall assist" there shall be substituted the words "shall be in duty bound to assist"
 10. In Section 21 of the principal law, subsection (2) thereof shall be renumbered as subsection (3), and immediately after subsection (1) thereof there shall be inserted the following new subsection (2):
"(2) Every person who considers that he qualifies for any exemption laid down in paragraphs (iv) to (vii) of the proviso to Section 57 of the Constitution, shall apply for registration to the Electoral Commission, in accordance with the form set out in the Schedule Sixteen to the Act, supported by authentic documents from the relevant institution as is referred to in any of the said exemptions to prove the grounds for the temporary absence of the applicant from Malta. The Electoral Commission shall examine the evidence before granting the exemption and registering the voter. Copies of documents filed by the applicant shall be delivered to the party delegates at least fifteen days prior to the reaching a decision by the Electoral Commission. When the right of a person, exempted according to the provisions already mentioned, is contested, the burden of proof shall

lie with the person exempted to prove on the basis of authentic documents that he is legally entitled to be so exempted. "

11. In Section 24 of the principal law, after the words "the Commission shall," there shall be inserted the words "after obtaining of the requisite proofs,"
12. Section 26 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
 - (1) In the proviso to subsection (1) thereof for the words "seven days" there shall be substituted the words "ten days"; and after the proviso there shall be inserted the following new proviso:

"provided further that copies of any notice mentioned above shall be delivered also to party delegates."
 - (2) In subsection (3) there shall be inserted the following new proviso : "Provided that in default of service as is mentioned in subsections (1) and (3) of this Section, the Electoral Commission shall publish any such notice in the Government Gazette and in all local papers, dailies and weeklies, whether published in Maltese or English, and such publication shall be deemed to be due service for the purposes of this Section, and the Commission shall proceed to the cancellation of the registration of the voter, after ten days from the last date of any such publication."
 - (3) In subsection (4) for the words "shall copy such letter" there shall be substituted the words "may copy such letter".
 - (4) Immediately after subsection (4) there shall be inserted the following new subsection (5):

"(5) The Electoral Commission shall publish in the Government Gazette, and in all local newspapers whether dailies or weeklies, and whether published in Maltese or English, a list of voters whose names have been expunged from the Electoral Register."
13. In Section 28 of the principal law, at the end thereof there shall be added the following : "Such information shall also be delivered in electromagnetic format."
14. In Section 29 of the principal law, the words "regarding the entitlement of a person to be registered as a voter" shall be deleted and at the end of this Section there shall be added the following: "Such information shall also be delivered in electromagnetic format."
15. In Section 31 of the principal law, in subsection (2) thereof in the Maltese text only, for the words "tad-dokument" there shall be substituted the word "tal-karta", and at the end of both texts there shall be inserted the following "The Electoral

Register shall have another part showing the registrations of voters who qualify under the exemptions as mentioned in Section 57 of the Constitution.”

16. In Section 32 of the principal law, at the end of the proviso there shall be added the following : “ Notwithstanding that an elector may have lost any one of the qualifications to be registered as a voter as established in the Constitution or under this Act, and shall not be entitled to vote even though his name appears on the Electoral Register, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any such person, whose name appears on the Revised Electoral Register, shall not be withheld from casting his vote.”
17. In Section 35 of the principal law, for the words in the proviso “requirements of this Act.” there shall be substituted the words “requirements of this Act and of the Constitution of Malta.”
18. In Section 38 of the principal law all the words after the words “twenty one days from” shall be deleted and substituted by the words “the date established for voting. Such an appeal shall only be allowed if the appellant is qualified to vote, on the date of the filing of his appeal.”
19. In Section 41 of the principal law to subsection (1) thereof there shall be added the following new proviso :” provided that in those cases where the Electoral Commission fails to prove conclusively that a voter is still alive and entitled to vote, and neither the voter nor any other person appears to contest the appeal, then the Revising Officer shall uphold the appeal. “
20. For Section 46 of the principal law there shall be substituted the following :
“46.(1) The Electoral Commission shall send, not later than ten days from the publication of the writ, through the postal service to the address last known to the Electoral Commission, to every voter whose name appears on the last revised Electoral Register, a notice, known in this Act as the “voting notice”, and this according to the form shown in the Seventh Schedule of this Act. This document shall show the personal details of the voter, the place of voting and the polling booth where the voter may cast his vote, and the day and times during which the voting is held:
Provided that when the Electoral Commission is satisfied that a person whose name appears on the Electoral Register is dead, the relative voting notice shall not be despatched: and

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Provided further that the Electoral Commission shall not send a voting notice to a voter, of whom the Commission does not possess a photograph, and in respect of such voters the Commission shall follow the procedure as follows:

- (i) within three days of the publication of the writ, the Commission shall publish in the Gazette a list of the said voters stating their name, surname, place of residence and identity card numbers;
- (ii) within ten days from the publication of the writ, the Electoral Commission shall send to any such voter a letter through the postal service, addressed to his address last known to the Commission, explaining the actual position at that point in time.

(2) On the date of the publication of the writ, the Electoral Commission shall despatch a notice through the post to the last known address of any elector who appears on the Electoral Register and whose identity card has expired before that day, informing him about the importance of renewing the identity card, and the place and times where and where the said renewal may be effected. A list of such voters shall be published in the Government Gazette and a copy shall be forwarded to the party delegates, and this also in electromagnetic format.

(3) The political parties shall be granted all reasonable facilities to watch the printing of all voting notices, to check the exactness thereof, and generally to ensure that only voting notices of voters entitled to receive them are printed. The Commission shall also print on the voting notice such security codes as are reasonably requested by the political parties and as the Commission may deem fit, provided that the political parties shall deliver such security code to the Commission immediately prior to the start of the printing of the voting notices or not later than such time, not being twenty-four hours prior to such printing, that the Commission may establish because of technical necessity; the party delegates shall be given the facility to verify the exactness thereof by means of a dummy run of the process and by means of an audit trial that establishes the validity of the system at any stage of the process and to be given a copy of the audit trial.

(4) The voting notices printed in accordance with the previous subsection of this Section shall, until such time as they are forwarded to voters, be kept in boxes sealed with the seal of the Commission. The party delegates shall have the right to affix their own seals to such boxes and to be present whenever such seals are to be broken.

(5) The voting notices shall be served on the voters through the postal service at the address of the voter last known to the Electoral Commission.

(6) Any person whose identity card has expired may, up to three o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday preceding the day of voting, renew his identity card at the Electoral Office. The Electoral Commission shall be bound to provide an adequate service through the Electoral Office, so that all those voters who require the renewal of their identity card may be served as efficiently as possible. From the date of the publication of the writ until Tuesday preceding the date of voting, the times during which voters may renew their identity cards shall be at least from eight o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night, and on the Wednesday following, until midnight.

(7) The service mentioned in the previous subsection shall also apply to any voter whose identity card was lost, stolen or destroyed. The Commissioners, or any other person appointed by the Commission to act instead of the Commissioners, may examine under oath any person that appears before them.

(8) The Electoral Commission shall, through the Electoral Office, provide adequate personnel so that any person, who is registered in an old people's home or is in hospital or suffers from any disability or who is bedridden or otherwise impeded and whose identity card has expired, may effect the renewal of the identity card at the place where that person ordinarily stays.

(9) The political parties shall be given the faculty to supervise the process mentioned in the preceding subsections."

21. Section 47 of the principal law shall be substituted by the following:

"47. (1) The voting notices which are returned as undelivered for whatever reason to the Electoral Office, shall be collected in a single list, and the Electoral Commission shall examine whether a more recent address exists for such voters, and if in the affirmative, the Electoral Commission shall immediately send such voting notices to the more recent address. A copy of the list mentioned above shall be given to the party delegates, and this also in electromagnetic format.

(2) The Electoral Commission shall also give to the party delegates a complete list of voters, which shall include all the details including the name and address, the identity card number of each voter registered in the Electoral Register, as well as the place of voting and the polling booth, as well as

the consecutive number and the registration number of each voter. This list shall also be provided in electromagnetic format.

(3) The Electoral Commission shall also provide a copy of the list mentioned in the preceding subsection with all the details therein mentioned to every Local Council, and this list shall also be provided in electromagnetic format.

(4) The Electoral Commission shall retain in its own offices a complete electoral list, both in printed format and in electromagnetic format, and shall afford sufficient assistance from the Electoral Office, through staff and a number of telephone helplines, to any voter requiring information in connection with voting."

22. In Section 48 of the principal law shall be amended as follows :
- (1) For subsection (1) thereof there shall be substituted the following:“(1) Not later than Friday preceding the day of voting, the Electoral Commission shall publish in the Gazette a list showing the names, identity card numbers, address as appearing on the Electoral Register, the place of voting and the polling booth, of all those voters who failed to renew their identity card.
- (2) In subsection (2) thereof for the words “the issuing of the voting notices in terms of subsection (6) of Section 46” there shall be substituted the words “ all the procedures mentioned in Section 46”
23. In Section 49 of the principal law, subsection (2) thereof the words “as far as is practically possible” shall be deleted, and in subsection (6) thereof for the word “opposite” there shall be substituted the word “behind”
24. In Section 51 of the principal law, at the end of subsection (1) thereof there shall be added the words “The representative of the candidate shall be deemed to be duly authorised by the candidate to represent him, if the authority is given in writing by the candidate for such purpose.”
25. In Section 57 of the principal law, shall be amended as follows
- (1)In subsection (1) thereof for the words “one and a half times” there shall be substituted the words “one and one third times”, and at the end thereof for the words “amongst such persons.” there shall be substituted the words “amongst such persons, provided that in every polling booth there shall be present at least one Electoral Commissioner appointed by each political party.”
- (2) In subsection (2) thereof:
- (a) after the words “polling place” there shall be added the words “or a particular polling booth”

- (b) In the Maltese text only after the words "id-dritt li jindikaw" there shall be inserted the word "liema"
 - (c) At the end thereof there shall be added : "A political party shall have the right to submit the applications issued by the Electoral Commission for the purposes herein mentioned, and this according to the provisions of subsection (1) of this Section; provided that in each and every case the person nominated signs the application submitted by the political party. The political party may further indicate in which polling booth any Assistant Electoral Commissioner, nominated by it, shall serve, and provided that he is not disqualified from so serving according to the provisions of this Act.
 - (3) In subsection (6) thereof there shall be added at the end the following: "The Assistant Electoral Commissioners appointed by the political parties shall have the right to supervise the voting process to ensure that this is being conducted in a proper manner."
26. In Section 58 of the principal law, in subsection (2) thereof, for the words "shall be in attendance." there shall be substituted the words "shall be in attendance, and who nominated them."
27. In Section 59 of the principal law,
- (1) in subsection (2) thereof, after the words "party delegates" there shall be inserted the words, "or their representative appointed for the purpose,".
 - (2) In subsection (7) thereof for the words at the end "of that party" there shall be substituted the following: "of that party; provided that every political party shall have the right to substitute Assistant Electoral Commissioners assigned to particular polling booths by others from among those appointed by it, according to the provisions of Section 57(1) of this Act, provided that such changes shall not exceed ten per centum of the number of polling booths."
28. Section 60 of the principal law shall be substituted by the following:
- "60. (1) In every polling place, the Electoral Commission shall appoint, from among those Assistant Electoral Commissioners appointed as "reserves" in the lists submitted by the political parties, as well as from the list of names so appointed by the Electoral Commission itself, one representative from each political party contesting an election in that division, as well as another one on behalf of

the Electoral Commission, to serve as a help desk to assist voters, in case any voter needs assistance to know to which polling booth he should proceed to vote; provided that every political party shall have the right to choose from its own lists of Assistant Electoral Commissioners, whether "reserve" or not, submitted by the party according to Section 57(1), as to who shall serve for such purpose, as well as in which polling place such Assistant Electoral Commissioners shall serve."

(2) These Assistant Electoral Commissioners appointed for this purpose shall be provided by the Electoral Commission with a voters' list, which may also be in electromagnetic format, and which shall include all the voters entitled to vote in that particular polling place. The Electoral Commission shall provide these Assistant Electoral Commissioners with all the facilities required to operate as a help-desk as well as with a direct telephone line with the Electoral Commission, which shall be purposely dedicated for the duties imposed by this Section. The Electoral Commission shall set up a similar help desk in its own offices.

(3) The Assistant Electoral Commissioners appointed for this purpose shall be under the charge of the representative of the Electoral Commission, provided that this shall in no way diminish the right of the Assistant Electoral Commissioners appointed by the political parties to supervise the voting process and to ensure that this is being conducted in a proper manner. The Assistant Electoral Commissioners appointed for this purpose shall not approach the voters on their way to voting, and shall only intervene if so requested by the voter himself."

29. Section 61 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
- (1) In subsection (3) thereof for the words "names, addresses and identity card" there shall be substituted the words "names and identity card".
 - (2) At the end of subsection (3) thereof there shall be added the following: "Every political party may, until noon of Thursday preceding the day of voting, effect changes in the agents appointed by it, provided that such changes shall not exceed ten per centum of the total number of agents appointed by that same party. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, where such changes are effected, the Electoral Commission shall immediately inform the other political parties, and the other political parties shall have the right to raise objections to such changes up to nine o'clock in the evening of the same day. The Electoral Commission shall consider and decide on these objections by midnight of the same

day.

30. In Section 61A of the principal law, in subsection (4) thereof, for the words "names, address and identity card" there shall be substituted the words "names and identity card".
31. In Section 62 of the principal law, for the words "election agent" there shall be substituted the words "transport agents", wherever they occur. Check
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32. In Section 63 of the principal law,
(1) In subsection (1) thereof for the words "election and party agents" there shall be substituted the words "transport and party agents"
(2) In subsection (2) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:
"(2) The Commission shall forward to each political party which asks for them the lists of all agents submitted by all the other political parties, and by whom they have been nominated within two days of the receipt thereof, and the political parties may make objections thereto within four days."
33. Section 64 of the principal law, subsection (1) thereof shall be amended as follows:
(1) In paragraph (a) thereof, for the words "each political party" there shall be substituted the words ",or a person appointed in writing by, each political party."
(2) In paragraph (b) thereof, the words "who ask for such lists in writing," and the words "of the respective voting document" shall be deleted.
(3) In paragraph (d) thereof, for the words "valid voting document " there shall be substituted the words "valid identity card".
(4) Immediately after paragraph (d) there shall be inserted the following new paragraph (e):
"(e) The list mentioned in the preceding paragraphs shall be printed on security paper to avoid reproduction or forgery."
34. In Section 66 of the principal law there for the words "within such distance " there shall be substituted the words "within fifty metres from the entrance to that polling place, as defined in Section 2 of this Act,"
35. Section 68 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
(1) in subsection (1) thereof, the last sentence at the end shall be substituted by the following : "These photographs shall not exceed the maximum

- dimensions of seventeen centimetres by twenty-three centimetres."
- (2) In subsection (4) thereof for the words "voter introducing the ballot paper into it." there shall be substituted the words "the official mark of the Electoral Commission on the ballot paper that a voter is about to introduce into the ballot box."
- (3) In subsection (7) thereof for the words "material, in as far as this is technically possible." there shall be substituted the words "material."
36. In Section 69 of the principal law, in subsection (4) thereof, there shall be added at the end the following: "The same right may be exercised by the Assistant Electoral Commissioners nominated by the political party."
37. Section 70 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
- (1) For subsection (1) thereof there shall be substituted the following: "(1) Any voter wishing to vote shall attend at the polling booth, specified in the voting notice received by him, and shall deliver his valid identity card to an Assistant Electoral Commissioner at such polling booth, during the hours appointed for voting."
- (2) In subsection (2) thereof for the words "the voting document" there shall be substituted the words "his valid identity card".
- (3) In subsection (4) thereof for the words "the voting document" there shall be substituted the words "his valid identity card".
- (4) For subsection (9) there shall be substituted the following: "(9) Saving the provisions of Section 77 of this Act no voter shall be allowed to vote except at the polling booth specified in the voting notice received by him."
38. In Section 72, in subsection (3) thereof, for the word "two" there shall be substituted the word "three", and at the end there shall be added the following new proviso:
- "Provided that, if the three Assistant Commissioners are not present in the polling booth for more than five minutes, the voting shall continue as long as there are at least two Assistant Commissioners present."
39. Section 78 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
- (1) In subsection (1) thereof, for the words "voting documents" there shall be substituted the words "valid identity cards", and at the end of this subsection there shall be added the following: "The identity cards shall, by Monday following the day of

voting, be delivered to the Local Councils, according to the registration of the voters from where they may be collected. After one week, any identity card which has not been collected, shall be despatched by post to the voter at the address appearing on such identity card. The official markers used by the Assistant Electoral Commissioners, nominated by the political parties, shall be delivered back to the respective political party not earlier than thirty days from the date of publication of the official result, but in no case later than forty days from such publication."

- (2) In subsection (2) thereof, for the words "voting documents" there shall be substituted the words "valid identity cards".
- (3) In subsection (3) thereof, for the words "voting documents delivered to them distinguishing as to whether they are ordinary or special" there shall be substituted the words "valid identity cards delivered to them"; and for the words "candidate, election or party agent" there shall be substituted the words "candidate or party agent".
- (4) In subsection (5) thereof the words "candidate's agent" shall be deleted.
- (5) In subsection (6)(b) thereof the words "candidate's agent," shall be deleted.
- (6) In subsection (6)(c) thereof the words "candidate's agent," shall be deleted.
- (7) In subsection (6)(c)(i) thereof for the words "voting documents" there shall be substituted the words "valid identity cards".
- (8) In subsection (6)(c)(ii) thereof for the words "voting documents" there shall be substituted the words "valid identity cards".
- (9) In subsection (6)(c)(iii) thereof after the words "particulars of the persons" there shall be added the words ",including their identity card numbers,"
- (10) In subsection (6)(d) thereof the words "candidate's agent," shall be deleted.

40. In Section 82, in subsection (1)(a) thereof after the words "identity card number, " there shall be inserted the words "and whether such identity cards are valid or not,"

41. Section 83 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
(1) For subsection (1) thereof, there shall be substituted the following: "(1) The voting notices of those voters who are registered in retirement homes shall be

delivered to the voters personally. During the distribution the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee in a retirement home shall request the production of the identity card to every voter in order to check the validity of the said identity card. The Electoral Commission shall be in duty bound, in such homes, to renew immediately identity cards, which have expired, whether the voter is registered on the address of the retirement home, or resident therein, even though not registered there.

The voter may consign the voting notice and the identity card to the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee for safekeeping, and the Chairperson shall deliver the voting notice together with the valid identity card to the voter on the day appointed for voting, or prior to this date at the request of the voter."

- (2) In subsection (2) thereof, in the Maltese text only for the words "dokumenti ghall
- (3) -votazzjoni" there shall be substituted the words "avvizi ghall-votazzjoni".

- 42. Section 86 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
 - (1) In subsection (2) thereof the words "and their agents shall be deleted.
 - (2) In subsection (6) thereof, for the words "voting documents returned by the Assistant Commissioners." there shall be substituted the words "valid identity cards delivered to the Assistant Commissioners." ; and for the words "containing voting documents" there shall be substituted the words "containing the valid identity cards".
 - (3) In subsection (7) thereof, for the words "containing voting documents" there shall be substituted the words "containing the valid identity cards".
 - (4) In subsection (8) thereof, for the words "as soon as practicable" there shall be substituted the words "as soon as the first ballot box arrives,".
 - (5) In subsection (10) thereof, the words "and the voting documents" shall be deleted.
- 43. In Section 87 of the principal law, in subsection (4) thereof, the words "candidates' agents and" shall be deleted.
- 44. Section 89 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
 - (1) In subsection (1) thereof for the words "candidates and

candidates' agents" there shall be substituted the word "candidates".

(2) For subsection (2) thereof, there shall be substituted the following: "(2) Every political party shall moreover have the right to nominate a number of agents equal to thirty more than double the number of candidates presented by it to contest the election and such agents shall at all times have access to the said building and to the counting hall at all times. These agents shall henceforth in this Act be referred to as "counting agents".

The list of such agents shall be presented to the Electoral Commission at least twenty one days prior to the start of the poll; the Commission shall inform the political parties of all the agents so nominated so that the said political parties may have an opportunity to make representations to the Commission before the same accepts or rejects them; the agents so nominated are to be of good character and acceptable to the Commission;

The list of such agents shall be published, at least seven days prior to start of the poll, by the Electoral Commission in the Government Gazette, indicating the name, address and identity card number of each agent and the party nominating them;

Provided that every political party may, up to midday of Thursday, preceding the day of voting, substitute counting agents, not exceeding ten per centum of the total, appointed by it. The Electoral Commission shall notify immediately the other political parties with such changes, and the said political parties shall have the right, till nine o'clock of the same evening, to raise objections in writing to any such change. The Electoral Commission shall examine and decide on such objections by midnight of the same day.

(3) In subsection (3) thereof, for the words "candidates, election agents and counting agents" there shall be substituted the words "candidates and counting agents"; and immediately at the end of this subsection there shall be added the following new provision : "These identity documents shall be printed on security paper, be numbered and shall be in such form as to be easily distinguishable as to whether the holder is a delegate, a deputy-delegate, a candidate, or a counting agent, and especially to distinguish the holders belonging to one of political party from those of another party."

45. In Section 90, in paragraph (c) thereof, immediately after the words "The Commission is furthermore bound to give"

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- 46. there shall be inserted the words "to the delegates of".
In Section 93, for the words "candidates, candidates' agents and the counting agents" there shall be substituted "candidates and counting agents"; and the words "candidate or" shall be deleted.
- 47. In Section 95, for the words "As soon as practical" there shall be substituted the word "Immediately"; and after the words "the Commission shall proceed" there shall be inserted the word "immediately"; and for the words "as soon as possible" there shall be substituted the word "immediately".
- 48. Section 103 shall be deleted
- 49. In Section 106, in subsection (5) thereof, for the words "of voting documents and ballot papers," there shall be substituted the words "of ballot papers, the final list of identity cards which had not been renewed,".
- 50. In Section 107 of the principal law, in subsection (4) thereof, the words "candidates' agents" shall be deleted.
- 51. In Section 110 of the principal law, for the words "fifty" there shall be substituted the word "hundred"
- 52. In Section 111 of the principal law, for the words "fifty" there shall be substituted the word "hundred".
- 53. Section 112 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:
 - (1) For the words "voting document", wherever they occur in this Section, there shall be substituted the words "identity card".
 - (2) Subsection (1)(i) shall be deleted.
 - (3) Subsection (1)(j) shall be renumbered as (1)(i), and the words "he knows that" shall be deleted.
 - (4) In subsection (1) thereof, for the words "both such fine and imprisonment." there shall be substituted the words "both such fine and imprisonment, unless the offence is that mentioned in paragraph (i), when the offender shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand Liri or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment."
- 54. In Section 113 of the principal law for the word "hundred" there shall be substituted the word "two hundred".

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- 55. In the Index, the text, marginal note and any Schedule in the principal law wherever the words "dokument ghall-votazzjoni" occur in the Maltese text, these shall be substituted by the words "avvizi ghall-votazzjoni", and in the English text for the words "voting document" there shall be inserted the words "voting notice", with the apposite grammatical variations.
- 56. In Schedule Seven to the principal law there shall be inserted the following words under the existing design :-
"Your identity card is valid /not valid.
It may be renewed on these dates.....during these hours..... at"
- 57. Immediately after Schedule Fifteen to the principal law there shall be inserted the following new Schedule Sixteen
"Schedule Sixteen

To the Electoral Commission
Electoral Commission
Valletta.

(date)

I the undersigned (*name, surname, address abroad, Maltese passport number*) do hereby apply to be exempted, in terms of Section 57 of the Constitution of Malta, from the requirement of residence, as qualified, and as stated in the same Section of the Constitution.

The exemption is being sought on the grounds

(Here the grounds of exemption should be stated)

In support of my application for exemption I am submitting the following authentic documents, that is to say:

(List of documents with brief explanation)

I hereby solemn declare that the information given above is true and correct, and furthermore accept that no information has been withheld, and that I am conscious of the responsibility of making a false declaration and that I may be liable to a custodial punishment for such false declaration. In view of the above, I apply to be registered as a voter in Malta.