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25th to 28th of OCT.



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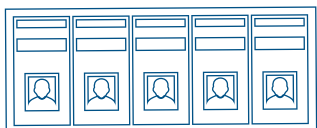
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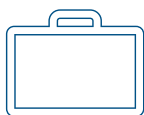
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SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL (SEC) OFFICIALLY FURNISHES POLLING STATION BOARDS (PSB) PROSECUTORS WITH CREDENTIALS

On Thursday 28th of October, in preparation for the 2021 General Election, the SEC authorities officially presented the credentials of the proprietary and alternate prosecutors of the 13,459 PSBs to the legal representatives of the political parties and their alliances.

This activity was carried out in strict compliance with Article 30 of Electoral law 331 which establishes that, 10 days prior to the elections, at the latest, this State body will deliver the prosecutors credentials to the prosecutors and legal



representatives of each organization participating in the 2021 General Election. To facilitate this process, on the 25th of August, this State body presented the legal and technical representatives of the political parties and alliances of

political parties with a new digital platform for the registration and accreditation of prosecutors.

Using this digital tool, they were able to accredit on-line, the 163,877 proprietary and alternate prosecutors of the 13,459 PSBs throughout the country. These are additional to the municipal, departmental and national prosecutors which have been appointed for each political party, thus ensuring gender equity and rotation

This State body ratifies the commitment to continue guarantying a Free, Just and Transparent Electoral Process in a climate of order, tranquility and peaceful co-existence for all Nicaraguans.



VERIFICATION OF QUALITY OF INDELIBLE INK FOR NOV. 7TH GENERAL ELECTION.

On Wednesday 27th of October, in the presence of the SEC, legal representatives of the political parties and their alliances, in company with their respective national prosecutors, verified the availability and quality of the indelible ink to be applied to voters, this in addition to the packaging of the electoral boxes to be used for the General Election of 7th November, 2021.

In accordance with Article 105 of Electoral Law 331, it is established that, prior to the indelible ink being distributed to the 13,459 PSBs, a random sample of it will be analyzed by the legal representatives of the political parties, in the presence of the SEC.



During the verification of the quality of the indelible ink, the SEC authorities indicated that this is an additional means of ensuring transparency and a guarantee of greater security in the exercise of voting rights.

The SEC President, Magistrate Brenda Rocha, who also ratified the process of packaging or packing of the electoral boxes to be distributed throughout national territory, opined, on verifying this process with the legal representatives of the political parties and alliances of political parties, that confidence in and security of the electoral process was being reinforced.

“We are moving forward, this is a further step toward the 7th of November, preparing ourselves with a lot of dedication, a great deal of technical rigor. We continue to ensure the best possible conditions in order that all Nicaraguans play a leading role in this civic festival in each of the polling stations in the General Election, 2021, Free and Sovereign elections”, underlined Rocha.

It is noted that the indelible ink to be used during the 2021 General Election possesses the characteristics of being non-toxic, is not harmful to the skin and is not removable. On contact with the skin, it acquires a visible dark color, takes about 10 seconds to dry and is resistant to water, soap, detergent,





gasoline and other such, hence it's being denominated indelible. The mark left by the ink disappears with time without leaving any permanent effect.

The authorities of this State body advise that each bottle of indelible ink contains sufficient liquid to impregnate up to 450 voters. That is to say that one bottle is sufficient to attend to a maximum of 400 voters, the number established by our legislation for each PSB.

The indelible ink bottles are in the charge of each second member of the PSBs. With the required guidance and training, these will be charged with impregnating voters following their exercise of their right to vote.

SEC PROVIDES TRAINING FOR ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF COMPUTING CENTERS

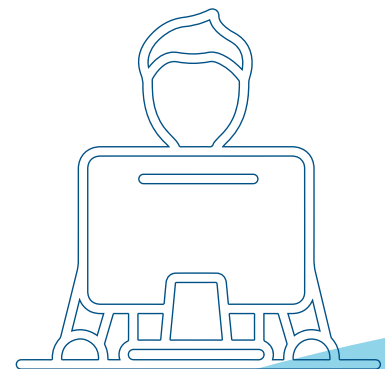
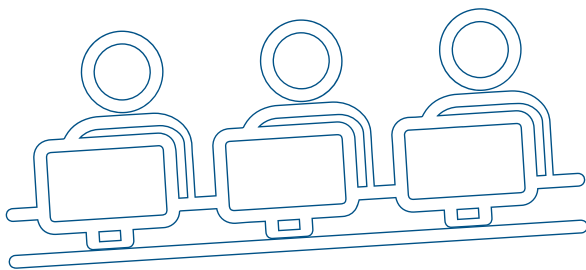


On 24 of October last, the SEC carried out training in the organization and operation with the departmental, municipal and national computing centers to be inaugurated for the 2021 general election.

The computing centers are equipped to administer the transmission of the tally sheets, reception of the electoral records, electoral packages and other electoral and auxiliary materials, to check the arithmetic sum of votes cast, the timely resolution of appeals lodged, and to process the scrutiny data, obtaining as a result the municipal, departmental/regional and national result totals.

The training included the main functions of the municipal electoral councils and the departmental and regional electoral councils in the computing centers, those that are strictly delimited and established in the Electoral Law.

Also explained were the functions of the tally sheet transmission centers of the PSBs; the areas of reception and filing (electoral files, electoral packages and other auxiliary electoral materials).



CITIZENS WITH ELAPSED ID ABLE TO VOTE



On the 26 of October last, the Nicaraguan National Assembly unanimously approved the “The special law for the validity of lapsed IDs” with the objective of allowing citizens to exercise their right to vote, without impediment, in the 2021 general elections to be celebrated on the 7th of November.

This legal initiative was introduced by the First Secretary of the National Assemble the last 21st of October 2021, in order that, in conformity with the

political constitution and the organic law of the legislated power, the required paperwork be urgently completed so as to enact the law.

The present law has the objective of validating lapsed IDs, solely to

guarantee the right of citizens to universal, free and sovereign suffrage. This right will be conceded only during the 2021 general election to be held on the 7th of November, as published in the Official Dairy the Gazette of the Nicaraguan Republic.

This state power reaffirms the commitment to continue strengthening democracy, order and tranquility, working always to guarantee a free, just, and transparent electoral process.



SEC FINISHES PRINTING ELECTORAL BALLOTS

On the 23th of October past, the SEC concluded the printing and reproduction of the electoral ballots to be use in the general election on the next 7th of November 2021.

For this general election, the electoral ballot contains a variety of security elements, manufactured with avant-garde printing techniques, water marks,



and the use of invisible ink, making it a secure document of high quality produced in record time.

An electoral ballot of this standard offers greater security and confidence in the electoral process, given that the possibility of illegally copying the document is considerably reduced, there by ensuring its single emission.

From the moment of its production each package of 400 ballots is labeled with the name of its corresponding PSB.

On completing this stage, the SEC continues with the packaging of the electoral cases, in order to then distribute them to the country's polling stations.

The SEC remains committed to the research and development of new electoral technologies which speed up and modernize processes which give confidence and peace of mind to Nicaraguan voters.



PACKING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORAL BAGS

On completing the printing of the electoral ballots to be used in the next 2021 general election, the SEC has arranged for the secure packaging of the electoral cases which contain the electoral documents such as the tally sheets, electoral ballots, the electoral roll and other paperwork.

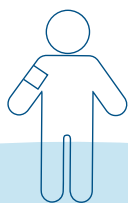
The electoral case also contains the auxiliary materials needed for the elections on the PSBs, such as manuals, bracelets, indelible ink and the health protection packets, among others.



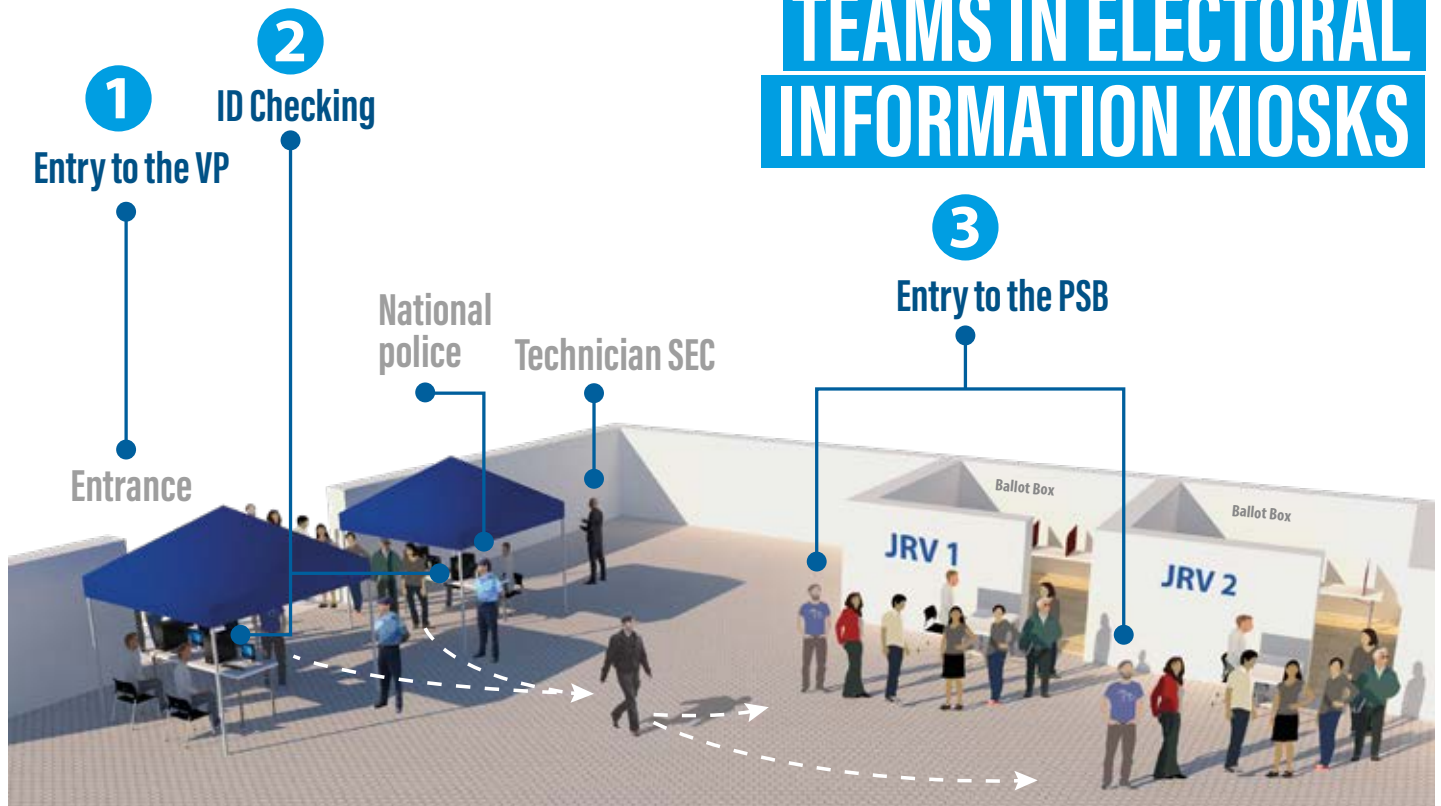
Once completing the packaging process, the SEC will transfer the electoral cases from the national electoral warehouse to each department and municipality of the country, from where they will be distributed to each corresponding polling station in the neighborhoods and communities of the country, securing them opportunely in each PSB so that our peoples have all the conditions for the exercise of their sovereign right to suffrage.

Once started the distribution of electoral cases, the political parties and alliances of political parties will receive from the SEC the necessary information with which to trace and follow up the passage of the electoral cases, from the central warehouse to the each PSB.

For this purpose, and making use of new technologies, the SEC is taking measures which permit the development of mechanisms with which to inform opportunely the political parties and the population in general, as to the location of the electoral cases, in accordance with that established in Article 47, subsection 15 of Electoral Law 331.



SPECIAL TECHNICAL TEAMS IN ELECTORAL INFORMATION KIOSKS



On voting day, the SEC will put at the disposition of citizens, a group of technicians and technological equipment necessary to help locate more easily the PSBs corresponding to each voter.

These technicians will be located in the larger polling stations of the country, where the greater concentration of voters is found, in order to facilitate and speed up the voting process.

In this way citizens will be able to see, in the entrance to each voting center, which is their PSB and where exactly it is located.



VOTING DAY PROHIBITIONS

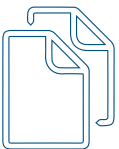
On the 7th of November, the date of the 2021 general elections, Electoral Law establishes a series of prohibitions, outstanding of which are the following:



a. Those not registered in the electoral roll are unable to vote, except in exceptional circumstances established by electoral law.



b. Voting is not permitted using a photocopy of ID, photocopy of the 2021 supplementary voting document or of a supplementary voting document from previous elections.

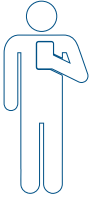


c. In no case is voting allowed accompanied by witnesses.



d. Citizens carrying any type of party propaganda, or those in a state of drunkenness or carrying knives or firearms, are not allowed to enter the voting center.

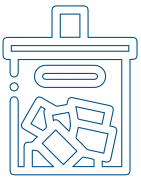




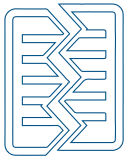
e. Activities must not be permitted which tend to impede or perturb the normal voting process, such as the use of cellphones inside the PSBs.



f. Voting outside the place and time indicated for such is not allowed.



g. The fraudulent introduction of electoral ballots or the extraction of these from the electoral urn constitute an electoral crime.



h. It is nor permitted to destroy, alter or remove from the polling station any paperwork or other electoral material.



i. Members of the electoral personal are not allowed to abandon the PSB during the electoral process.



SEC VOTER SERVICE OFFICES OPEN FROM 1ST TO 6TH OF NOVEMBER

The SEC has informed the people that, during the long weekend of All Souls, this institution will offer normal services on Monday the 1st of November, celebrating the holiday only on the 2nd of November, thus allowing the people to realize their procedures of ID or civil registration.

The offices for attention to the public of this State power will also be opened, exceptionally, on Saturday the 6th of November throughout the country, the hours of opening extended until 5 pm.

The objective of this disposition is that citizens who have requested ID replacement have the opportunity to collect them, even only one day before the celebration of the 7th of November general election.





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