

**UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION**

**Of**

**The Regulation of the Election Commission**

**On**

**Election Campaigns, Practices and Prohibitions Relating to the Election of  
Members of the House of Representatives and Any Other Actions by Political  
Parties, Candidates and Voters**

**B.E. 2550**

By the authority provided in Section 236(1) of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, Section 5 and Section 10(2) (3) and (5) of the Organic Act on the Election Commission B.E. 2550, Section 59 paragraph two of the Organic Act on the Election of Members of the House of Representatives and the Installation of Senators in association with the Resolution No 88/2550 of the Election Commission agreed upon on 24 October B.E. 2550, the Election Commission, therefore, promulgated the Regulation on Election Campaigns, Practices and Prohibitions Relating to the Election of Members of the House of Representatives and Activities of Political Parties, Candidates and Voters as follows.

**Rule 1** - This regulation is called ‘the Regulation of the Election Commission on Election Campaigns, Practices and Prohibitions Relating to the Election of Members of the House of Representatives and Activities of Political Parties, Candidates and Voters B.E. 2550’.

**Rule 2** - This regulation shall come into force as from the day of its publication in the Government Gazette.

**Rule 3** - In this regulation:

‘election’ means an election of members of the House of Representatives;

‘political party’ means political party as prescribed in the Organic Act on Political Parties B.E. 2550;

‘candidate’ means a candidate for an election of the members of the House of Representatives;

‘voter’ means a person having a right to vote for an election of members of the House of Representatives;

‘any other benefit of financial value’ means any other benefit of financial value as prescribed in the Organic Act on Political Parties B.E. 2550;

‘station’ means station as prescribed in the Announcement of the Election Commission on the Criteria Governing the Operations of the State to Support the Election of Members of the House of Representatives B.E. 2550.

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Article I  
Election Campaign

**Rule 4** - In an election campaign, candidates or political parties, as the case may be, may engage in activities as follows:

- (1) distributing documents relating to the election campaigns in any community, place or ceremony; the documents may contain photographs or information about candidates;
- (2) using vehicles in the election campaigns; in case of a car, a car may be attached with no more than two cut-outs which have a size in accordance with the provision in the Announcement of the Election Commission on the Criteria Governing the Operations of the State to Support the Election of Members of the House of Representatives B.E. 2550; a car shall not be modified into a stage for campaigning;
- (3) using amplifiers for the purpose of the election campaigns;
- (4) producing cut-outs containing names, photographs, candidate numbers and photographs relating to candidates;
- (5) providing clothes, properties, meals or beverages for persons assisting in the election campaigns; names and numbers of persons shall be reported to the Provincial Election Commission;
- (6) advertising on websites, letters, publications, and electronic materials;
- (7) producing documents with a cross showing that the candidate or other candidates have received a vote; documents produced shall not resemble the actual ballot in size, appearance and colours.

Article II  
Practices in an Election

**Rule 5** In an election, political parties and candidates are advised to:

- (1) organise training programmes for persons assisting in an election campaign to educate them about electoral laws;
- (2) avoid exploiting professions relating to programmes on radio and television, mass media, and advertisement agencies, such as actor, singer, host, and journalist, for the benefits of election campaigning of their own, other candidates, or other political parties in the period of time where the Royal Decree is in effect until the day of the election;
- (3) use polite words in their election campaigns.

Article III  
Prohibitions in an Election

**Rule 6** - In an election campaign, candidates, political parties, or voters, as the case may be, are prohibited from inducing or having any person inducing voters to vote for them, other candidates or other political parties or to abstain from voting for any candidate or political party by the following means:

- (1) providing, giving, offering, promising to give or preparing to give to any person properties or any other benefits of financial value such as birthday celebration, Buddhist ordination ceremony, wedding ceremony, traditional ceremony, New Year Celebration, and funeral ceremony;
- (2) giving, offering or promising to give money, properties or any other benefits whether directly or indirectly to a community, association, foundation, temple, mosque, shrine, asylum, Christian church, Bhram church, education institution, or any other institution as announced by the Election Commission; for example, donation, and auction in charity event;
- (3) campaigning for an election by organizing an entertainment or other fair including performance and recreation;
- (4) treating or promising to treat any person including treating or promise to treat in a meeting, workshop, conference, sight-seeing or observation trip;
- (5) cheating, compelling, threatening, using influence to slandering or inducing the misunderstanding in the popularity of any candidate or political party; for example, speaking publicly with false information.

**Rule 7** - In an election campaign, candidates, political parties, or voters, as the case may be, are prohibited from committing or having any person committing the following actions:

- (1) organising a parade on the day of the candidate application or in the area of a venue of the application;
- (2) distributing documents relating to an election by means of dispersal or along with other thing such as newspaper and journal;
- (3) accepting an invitation to programmes on radio or television in the period of time where the Royal Decree is in effect until the day of the election unless under the provision of Rule 20 of the Announcement of the Election Commission on the Criteria Governing the Operations of the State to Support the Election of Members of the House of Representatives B.E. 2550.

**Rule 8** - Voters holding a political position or political official with a commanding authority or supervising State agency, State enterprise or other State agency which has a station under its controlling authority or supervision shall neither command nor commit any action to have such station operate for the beneficial

purpose of advertising and campaigning for an election which is favourable or unfavourable to any candidate or political party.

**Rule 9** - Voters shall not advertise and campaign for an election either directly or indirectly for any candidate or political party in a programme of a station except from reporting or analysing news of the station or of other person accordingly to professional principles and with political neutrality.

**Rule 10** - Candidates, political parties or voters shall not buy or rent airtime or a programme of a station or take any action to obtain airtime of a station for advertising and campaigning for an election.

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