

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

Of

The Announcement of the Election Commission

On

**The Criteria and the Methods of Determining Expenditures for the Election of
Members of the House of Representatives**

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) of the Organic Act on the Election Commission B.E. 2550, Section 49, Section 50 and Section 162 of the Organic Act on the Election of Members of the House of Representatives and the Installation of Senators, and Section 51 and Section 52 of the Organic Act on Political Parties 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 Announcement on the Criteria and Methods of Determining Expenditures for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives as follows.

Rule 1 - This announcement is called ‘the Announcement of the Election Commission on the Criteria and the Methods of Determining Expenditures for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives B.E. 2550’.

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

Rule 3 In each election of members of the House of Representatives, the Election Commission shall promulgate the limit of expenditures for the election as follows.

- (1) Expenditures for each candidate in an election on a constituency basis
- (2) Expenditures for each political party in an election on a proportional basis

Rule 4 - In the determination of expenditures for each election of members of the House of Representatives, the Election Commission shall take into consideration the following factors.

- (1) Consumption Price Index according to the Ministry of Commerce
- (2) Minimum Wage Rate according to the Ministry of Labour
- (3) Prices of materials and equipments necessary for political campaigning
- (4) Retail Oil Prices
- (5) Others as the Election Commission considers as appropriate

Rule 5 - After the result of the general election has been announced, the Election Commission shall hold a meeting with leaders of political parties to discuss and determine expenditures for political parties and candidates for the next general election within three months after all members of the House of Representatives have been elected in such general election.

Rule 6 - In the determination of expenditures for the election of members of the House of Representatives, the Election Commission shall take into consideration the result of the meeting held in accordance with Rule 5.

Rule 7 - Expenditures for each candidate in an election on a constituency basis shall not exceed the amount determined by the Election Commission in accordance with Rule 6.

Rule 8 - Expenditures for each constituency for each political party in an election on a proportional basis shall not exceed the amount determined in accordance with Rule 7 multiplied by numbers of candidates of such political party running in the election on a proportional basis with an additional expenditure of twenty percent of the total expenditure for an election on a proportional basis for each political party.

In the case where there are expenditures by candidates in an election on a proportional basis, such expenditures shall be included to the expenditures of political parties. The total amount of expenditures shall not exceed the amount stated in paragraph one.

Rule 9 - Expenditures for candidates or political parties shall include money, property, or any benefit which can be calculated in money value, according to the Organic Act on Political Parties B.E. 2550, paid, pledged, or given for the purpose of a political campaign with consent from a candidate or a political party. In the case where property is given, the calculation of the expenditure shall base on rent rate or normal rate of remuneration in that locality.

Rule 10 - The limit of expenditures for the election of members of the House of Representatives shall be enforceable during the following periods.

- (1) In the case where a general election is called because of the expiration of the term of the House of Representatives, the limit of expenditures shall come into force as from ninety days before the expiration of the term of the House of Representatives until the day of the election.
- (2) In the case where a general election is called because of other causes than (1), the limit of expenditures shall come into force as from the day the Royal Decree Calling for the General Election has come into force until the day of the election.

Rule 11 - Expenditures by the government in supporting the election in accordance with Section 59 of the Organic Act on the Election of Members of the House of Representatives and the Installation of Senators shall be excluded from the expenditures determined in accordance with Rule 7 and Rule 8.

Rule 12 - In the case where a re-election is called in any constituency before the announcement of the result of the election, expenditures for the re-election of each candidate in the election on a constituency basis shall not exceed one-third of the expenditures determined in accordance with Rule 7.

Rule 13 - In the case where the Election Commission calls for a re-election in any constituency by the authority provided in paragraph one of Section 88 of the Organic Act on the Election of Members of the House of Representatives and the Installation of Senators B.E. 2550 and re-opens candidate applications for the position where a candidate received votes less than twenty percent of the total number of eligible voters in that constituency, or less than the total number of no-voters in that constituency, expenditure of candidates in the re-election shall not exceed a half of the expenditures determined in accordance with Rule 7.

Rule 14 - In the case where the Election Commission calls for a re-election in any constituency by the authority provided in paragraph two of Section 88 of the Organic Act on the Election of Members of the House of Representatives and the Installation of Senators B.E. 2550 and re-opens candidate applications for the position where a candidate received votes less than twenty percent of the total number of eligible voters in that constituency, or less than the total number of no-voters in that constituency, expenditure of candidates in the re-election shall not exceed one-third of the expenditures determined in accordance with Rule 7.

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