

ORDEM DOS PSICÓLOGOS PORTUGUESES**Regulation n.º 241-A/2010****Election Regulation of the Ordem dos Psicólogos Portugueses****Preamble**

The Statute of the Ordem dos Psicólogos Portugueses, approved by Law n.º 57/2008, of the 4th September, in Article 11 and subsequent articles, regulates the general election terms of the Ordem dos Psicólogos Portugueses.

This Regulation aims to set out such provisions, within the legal and constitutional framework, but with the necessary liaisons between the provisions set forth and the requirements in the case in question.

In terms of structure, it has been deemed appropriate to separate the largely substantive aspects from the aspects regarding the election process, in order to provide the necessary structure and clarity that a Regulation requires, which, due to the nature of the subject, must be detailed.

The issues surrounding the Order's first elections are dealt with, due to the particular circumstances in which they are held, in addition to the fact that the Foundation Committee has a limited term and therefore the election rules have to be adapted accordingly.

On the other hand, the issue of extraordinary elections, which are not mentioned in the Statute, are also dealt with.

The proposal of this regulation was subject to public consultation after its publication in the *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, n.º 11, on the 18th January 2010.

Thus, pursuant to Article 32 e) and Article 83 (1) a), both in the Statute of the Ordem dos Psicólogos Portugueses, the Election Regulation of the Ordem dos Psicólogos Portugueses is hereby published:

CHAPTER I**(General Provisions)****SECTION I****(General Principles)****Article 1
(Elective Bodies)**

1 — The following bodies are directly elected by the members of the Ordem dos Psicólogos Portugueses, hereinafter referred to as "Order", pursuant to the provisions set forth in the respective Statute, approved by Law 57/2008, of the 4th September, amended by Amendment Declaration n.º 56/2008, of the 7th October:

- a) The Assembly of Representatives;
- b) The Board;

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6 — Each full voting member has a single vote for each of the elections in which they are eligible to vote.

**Article 5
(Lists)**

1 — The elections for the bodies of the Order take place on the basis of full lists of candidates.

c) The President ("*Bastonário*");

d) The Regional Bodies.

e) The Fiscal Committee, pursuant to the terms established in Article 10.

2 — The President is jointly elected with the remaining members of the Board.

3 — The Judicial Committee is elected by the Assembly of Representatives, its election being in compliance with the provisions set forth in Chapter III herein.

**Article 2
(Electoral Capacity)**

1 — Full members who are fully exercising their rights, notwithstanding the provision set forth herein in regard to the election of the Chartered Accountant for the Fiscal Committee, may elect or be elected for the bodies of the Order.

2 — Full members who have not paid their balance of fees for a period exceeding one year which is confirmed sixty days prior to the election assembly being held, will not be eligible to vote.

3 — Only full members who have a minimum of ten years' professional experience until the date candidatures are submitted, are eligible for election as President ("*Bastonário*").

4 — Professional experience is understood as being the effective and lawful practice of the profession, pursuant to that set forth in the Registration Regulation.

5 — Furthermore, members of the Order who lack passive electoral capacity are those in a situation of incompatibility, under the terms set forth in the following Article.

**Article 3
(Incompatibilities)**

1 — Members not eligible for election for any of the Order's bodies are:

a) Full members who perform leading functions in the civil service or any other position with which there is clear conflict of interest;

b) Full members who hold a position or functions of a trade union nature, with which there is clear conflict of interest.

2 — No full member is eligible for more than one of the Order's statutory bodies.

**Article 4
(Vote)**

1 — It is the duty of all full members to participate in the Order's elections by exercising their right to vote.

2 — Votes are personal and secret.

3 — Votes are cast in person, by post or electronic means, pursuant to the Statute and this Regulation.

4 — Voting by proxy is not permitted.

5 — Each full member is entitled to vote in each of the national elections to be held, as well as in the election of the Regional Office where they are registered, pursuant to Article 7 (4).

2 — A list of candidates for a body is deemed to be complete when it contains the number of names equivalent to the mandates to be undertaken in the same body, to which two alternates are added, with the exception of the Assembly of Representatives.

3 — A list of candidates for the Assembly of Representatives is deemed to be complete when it contains the number of candidates per electoral area equivalent to the mandates to be elected by the respective electoral college, to which two alternates per electoral area are added.

4 — Each list for the national bodies must be signed by a minimum of one hundred full members with active electoral capacity.

5 — Each list for the regional bodies must be signed by a minimum of thirty full members with active electoral capacity registered in the respective electoral area, pursuant to Article 7 (4).

6 — A candidate for a body cannot sign the candidates' list submitted for the same body.

7 — Each list which is submitted must be accompanied by a declaration of acceptance of the candidature signed by the candidates in question.

Article 6 (Election Period)

1 — The elections for the bodies of the Order take place simultaneously at the same time and date both in Portugal and in the Autonomous Regions.

2 — The election takes place during the last quarter of the year immediately prior to the subsequent three year term.

3 — Voting hours on the day the elections are held, begin at 10 am and finish at 7 pm, notwithstanding it being permitted to establish a longer period on the election notice.

SECTION II

(Electoral System)

Article 7 (Electoral Areas)

1 — For election purposes of the members of the Assembly of Representatives and their Regional Bodies, the national territory is divided into electoral areas whereby each corresponds to an electoral college.

2 — Electoral areas correspond to the areas where the regional offices are located, set forth in Annex 1.

3 — Candidates for the Assembly of Representatives for an electoral area, as well as the candidates for the Regional Offices, are elected by the respective electoral college.

4 — An individual is deemed to be registered in a particular electoral area where he has his professional address, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Registration Regulation.

5 — In the event that the voter has two professional addresses, for the purposes of number 4 above, the professional address which has been indicated as being the main address is that which is applicable, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Registration Regulation.

Article 8

(Election of the Assembly of Representatives)

1 — The Assembly of Representatives is comprised of fifty members, pursuant to Article 26 of the Statute.

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2 — The re-election of members of the Order's national or regional bodies for a third consecutive term for the same position is not permitted.

SECTION III

(Organic Provisions)

2 — Each electoral area elects a minimum of two members for the Assembly of Representatives.

3 — The election of the remaining members is in accordance with the system of proportional representation of the highest average of the D'Hondt method, within each electoral area set forth in the Statute and herein, as follows:

4 — Each electoral college elects a number of candidates to be stipulated by the Board and published pursuant to Article 15 (3), whereby the number stipulated is based on the proportion of national voters with their professional address in the electoral area in question.

5 — Within each electoral area, the conversion of votes into mandates is in accordance with the following rules:

a) The number of votes cast for each list of the respective electoral area is counted separately;

b) The number of votes cast for each list is successively divided by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc. and the quotients aligned in decreasing value into a set of figures equivalent to the mandates assigned to the respective electoral area;

c) The mandates are awarded to the lists to which the figures established in the previous sub-heading correspond, with each list receiving the number of mandates equivalent to the figures established;

d) If there is only one mandate left to be distributed and the distribution figures are the same but from different lists, the mandate is deemed to belong to the list that obtained the least number of votes.

Article 9 (Election of the Board)

1 — The Board is comprised of nine members, pursuant to Article 31 of the Statute, one of whom is the President (*Bastonário*).

2 — Elections for the Board take place in accordance with the system of majority rule, whereby the list with the most votes cast is elected the total number of mandates.

Article 10 (Election of the Fiscal Committee)

1 — The Fiscal Committee is comprised of three members and it is mandatory for it to include a Chartered Accountant, pursuant to Article 42 of the Statute.

2 — The election of the Fiscal Committee is in accordance with the system of majority rule, whereby the list with the most votes cast is elected the total number of mandates.

Article 11 (Election of the Regional Offices)

1 — Each Regional Office is comprised of three members, pursuant to Article 44 (2) of the Statute.

2 — Elections for each of the Regional Offices are in accordance with the system of majority rule, whereby the list with the most votes cast is elected the total number of mandates.

Article 12 (Mandates)

1 — Holders of the offices of the bodies of the Order serve for a term of three years.

Article 13 (Election Committee)

1 — During elections for the national bodies the Board of the Assembly of Representatives undertakes the duties of the Election Committee.

2 — During elections for each of the Order's regional bodies, the Regional Assembly of the respective regional office undertakes the duties of the Election Committee.

3 — The duties of Election Committees are as follows:

- a) They receive the lists of candidates and verify their regularity, pursuant to Article 18;
- b) They receive complaints lodged regarding irregular registration and any omissions in the registration of voters on electoral registers;
- c) They oversee the issue of the ballot papers;
- d) They receive and deliberate on complaints regarding the electoral act or any other act performed during the election process;
- e) They promote the publication of all the acts pertaining to the election process, pursuant to the Statutes and this Regulation;
- f) Others set forth in the Statute or in this or any other Regulations of the Order.

Article 14 (Election Committees)

1 — There is a National Election Committee with the authority over the elections for national bodies and the same number of Regional Election Committees as regional offices, each with the necessary authority in regard to the elections for the bodies of the regional office in question.

2 — The National Election Committee is comprised of the President of the Election Committee, who presides, and three representatives from each of the competing lists for the national bodies.

3 — Each Regional Election Committee is comprised of the President of the Election Committee of the regional office in question, who presides, and by three representatives from each of the competing lists for the respective Regional Boards.

4 — Within the framework of the elections in which they exercise their authority, pursuant to n^o 1, each Election Committee undertakes the following duties:

- a) To oversee the election process and resolve all the issues that may arise within its framework, whose duty is not assigned to another body;
 - b) To prepare reports of irregularities detected and present them to the Election Committee;
 - c) To distribute among the different lists of candidates the various support methods made available by the Board of the Order;
 - d) To promote equality among the lists, in general terms;
 - e) To perform the draw of the lists of candidates;
 - f) To receive the declarations of disqualification or waiver by the candidates;
 - g) To establish the number of ballot tables in each polling station and appoint the presiding officers for each ballot table.
 - h) Others set forth in the Statute or in this or other Regulations;
- 5 — It is the exclusive duty of Regional Election Commissions to receive the votes cast by post, pursuant to Article 31.

6 — Election Committees function on an ongoing basis, beginning their duties twenty four hours after the deadline has passed for candidatures to be submitted.

7 — Valid deliberations are made by Election Committees providing the majority of members are present.

8 — Deliberations are by majority with the President having the casting vote.

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- c) The full list of candidates for the body in question, their names and professional certificates or, in the case of the candidature for the Chartered Accountant for the Fiscal Committee, their Identity Card number;
- d) Candidature Declarations of Acceptance, signed by each candidate;

9 — Members of Election Committees must act impartially and independently in carrying out their duties.

CHAPTER II

(Election Process)

SECTION I

(Acts prior to elections)

Article 15 (Call for Election)

1 — The election is called for by the Board, which shall set the date for the elections to be held, within the period to which Article 6 (2) refers.

2 — The notice to which paragraph 1 refers must be announced at least sixty five days prior to the electoral act and at least fifteen days in advance of the deadline for the submission of candidatures.

3 — The notice to which number 2 above refers shall be affixed at the Order's National Head Office and Regional Offices, in magazines or reviews of the Order and, if desired, in national newspapers, and should include appropriate and precise details about the electoral act to be held, namely:

- a) The date and working hours of the Electoral Assembly;
 - b) The number of mandates for the Assembly of Representatives to be elected by each electoral college, as well as the duly based reasons for their distribution, under the provisions of Article 8 (4);
 - c) The criteria used to place voters in the various electoral areas, pursuant to Article 7 (4);
 - d) Existing polling stations and the criteria defining polling stations where voters can cast their vote;
 - e) The legal and regulatory requirements regarding the presentation of lists and candidates, if necessary by referring to the applicable provisions of the Statute or this Regulation;
 - f) The date on which the deadline is set for the candidates' lists to be submitted;
 - g) The deadline for the payment of fees, pursuant to Article 2 (2);
- 4 — The notices which, pursuant to the previous number, are affixed at the National Head Office and Regional Head Offices of the Order, must remain affixed until the date elections are held.

Article 16 (Presentation of Candidatures)

1 — The lists of candidates for the national bodies are to be submitted to the respective Board of the Assembly of Representatives until the fifteenth of September of the year immediately preceding the subsequent three-year term.

2 — The lists of candidates for the regional bodies must be submitted in writing addressed to the Election Committee of the Regional Assembly in question until the date set forth in the previous paragraph.

3 — The lists submitted must contain the following details:

- a) The identification of the subscribers, their names and respective professional certificates;
- b) The body for which they are eligible;

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- e) The nomination of the representatives on the list for the Election Committees, pursuant to that set forth in Article 14 (2) and (3);
- f) The nomination of the representatives for the lists for each of the polling stations to be established and where elections are to take place in which the respective list is a participant, in

accordance with Article 26 (5), notwithstanding the provision set forth in paragraph 7 of the same Article;

g) An action programme, in the case of the list for the executive bodies;

4 — The candidates from each are deemed to be listed in the same order as that their position on the list.

5 — The presentation of a signature or slogan and an identifying symbol is optional.

Article 17 (Representative of the List)

Each list indicates a representative from among the full members of the OPP, who has the powers to represent it throughout the election process.

Article 18 (Verification of the Regularity of Candidatures)

1 — During the five days after the deadline has passed for the submission of the candidates' lists, the respective Election Committee shall assess their regularity, confirming if their format and presentation comply with the provisions set forth in the Statute, this Regulation and other applicable legislation, namely in regard to the passive electoral capacity of the candidates, whether the lists are complete and the terms of their presentation.

2 — If any irregularity is detected on a list, the Election Committee shall return it to the representative with the request to correct it within three working days.

3 — After the deadline mentioned in the previous paragraph has passed without the correction to the list being made by the representative, the Election Committee shall reject the list within the following twenty four hours.

4 — If the irregularity cannot be corrected, the Election Committee shall reject the list.

5 — If no irregularities are detected, the Election Committee shall accept the list.

6 — Notwithstanding the previous paragraphs, if the Election Committee has valid doubts regarding the regularity of a list, it must submit them promptly to the competent Electoral Commission, which shall prepare a report within three days.

7 — Appeals on the acceptance or rejection of the lists of candidates should be lodged with the Judicial Committee, under the terms to be stipulated in the Regulation of the same body.

Article 19 (Draw of the Lists)

1 — Up to 15 days after the deadline to submit the lists, the Election Committees shall perform the draw of the national and regional lists, not including those that have been rejected pursuant to the previous Article, in order for an identifying letter to be assigned.

2 — A draw shall be held for the lists for the national bodies and another for the lists for each of the Regional Boards.

3 — Notwithstanding the provision set forth in the previous paragraph, in the cases whereby a group of subscribers simultaneously submits lists for other bodies, a single identifying letter must be assigned.

4 — The representatives of the lists are notified with twenty four hours notice to attend the draw if they wish to do so.

Article 20 (Publication of the Lists)

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3 — A candidate who is prevented from standing for election or withdraws from the contest may be replaced, providing the notice to which the previous paragraphs refers is given until ten days prior to the election date, with an indication by the representative of the candidate' substitute.

1 — Within 5 days after the draw mentioned in the previous Article has taken place, the results of the draw and the lists of candidates for the national and regional bodies must be affixed at the Order's National Head Office, the Regional Offices and published on the Order's website, in the Order's magazines or reviews and, possibly, in national newspapers.

2 — The results of the draw and the lists of candidates must remain affixed at the Order's National Head Office and Regional Offices and remain available on the Order's website, until the date the elections are held.

Article 21 (Election Campaign)

1 — The election campaign period begins on the day following the accepted lists and terminates at midnight twenty four hours prior to the date set for elections.

2 — During the election campaign period, the Election Committees must take the necessary measures to ensure the equal treatment of the different lists and candidates in the Order's publications.

3 — The Election Committees must ensure that the support methods made available by the Board are distributed between the different lists of candidates.

Article 22 (Electoral Registers)

1 — The Electoral Registers containing the voters registered in each election area are affixed at the National Head Office and Regional Offices forty five days before the date the elections are to be held, and must also be made available on the Order's website where they must remain until the date elections are held.

2 — Voters can lodge a complaint regarding any irregularity to the registration or omission in the electoral registers to the competent Election Committee within fifteen days after the registers have been affixed.

3 — A decision regarding the complaints mentioned in the previous paragraph must be made within two days after the complaint period has terminated.

4 — The electoral registers must remain affixed at the Order's National Head Offices and Regional Head Offices until the date elections are held.

5 — The order of the registration of voters in the electoral registers is determined by their professional certificate number.

6 — The electoral registers contain the name, professional certificate number and Identification Card or Citizen Card (*Cartão do Cidadão*) number of each voter.

Article 23 (Loss of Electoral Capacity and Withdrawal of Candidates)

1 — In the case of the loss of passive electoral capacity, physical or psychological reasons for withdrawal or the death of the candidate, which occur after the acceptance of the list, the representative of the list must immediately notify the competent Election Committee.

2 — Any candidate may withdraw their candidature, in which case the representative of the list must immediately notify the competent Election Committee.

4 — After the replacement has been made, the substitute is placed on the list after the last alternate, in compliance with Article 16 (3).

5 — If the notice is given after the deadline stipulated in paragraph 3, no substitute can be put forward and thus the alternate candidate shall become the candidate standing for election in compliance with Article 16 (3).

6 — If, in the case foreseen in the previous paragraph there are not enough alternates for the offices for the respective body, or in the case of the Assembly of Representatives, for the respective election area, the list of candidates for the body in question shall be rejected.

7 — If in the case foreseen in paragraph 5, the candidate who is prevented from standing or who withdraws is the person who was first on the list of candidates for the Board, the list of candidates for that body must be rejected.

8 — The facts described in this Article must be made public immediately, namely through the means described in Article 20.

SECTION II

(Elections)

Article 24

(Prohibitions and Restrictions on Presence)

1 — The presence of non-voters is not permitted, with the exception of representatives from the media who have been issued the necessary credentials by the Order.

2 — Representatives of the media have are obliged to:

- a) Not disturb the election process;
- b) Not gather report details that may compromise the secrecy of the voting act;
- c) Not make public any report details prior to the close of the polling station.

Article 25

(Ballot Papers)

1 — There is a ballot paper for each election to be held, pursuant to Article 1;

2 — Ballot papers are edited by the Order and overseen by the Election Committee.

3 — Ballot papers are rectangular in shape, made of opaque paper and large enough for the following to feature on them:

- a) Indication of the body to which the election refers;
 - b) The letters assigned to each list, as well as the corresponding identifying symbols;
 - c) A box which corresponds to each list, placed on the same line and where voters make their choice;
- 4 — Ballot papers shall be of different colours depending on the body to which the election refers.

5 — Ballot papers which correspond to the elections for which the voter is entitled to vote, pursuant to Article 4 (5), are sent to each voter registered on the electoral register, until 10 working days prior to the date set for the election, and should be accompanied by precise instructions on how to vote by post and by electronic means, if in the case of the latter, such possibility exists.

6 — Notwithstanding that set forth in number 5 above, ballot papers are available at polling stations.

Article 26

(Polling Stations)

1 — On the day elections are held, there must be at least the same number of polling stations established as the number of **11948-(6)**

Article 29

(Voting in Person)

1 — When voting in person, the Presiding Officer of the Ballot Table confirms the voter's identity, after which he calls out his

regional offices, in addition to the polling station at the National Head Office.

2 — Polling stations are open to voters during the voting hours laid down in Article 6 (3).

3 — With the exception of a duly justified reason which voters must be informed of, the number of polling stations established shall be at least those identified pursuant to Article 15 (3) d).

4 — Notwithstanding that set forth in Articles 31 and 32, each voter can vote alternatively at:

- a) The polling station at the National Head Office;
- b) The polling station which is set up in the electoral area of their professional address.

5 — At each polling station a representative must be present for each of the lists submitted for election, under the following terms:

a) At the polling station of the National Head Office, a representative for each of the lists of the candidates for the national bodies and a representative for each list of the lists of candidates for the regional bodies must be present;

b) In the remaining polling stations, a representative for each of the lists of candidates for the national bodies and a representative for each list of candidates for the Regional Board which belongs to the regional office in which the polling station is situated, must be present.

6 — Upon decision by the competent Election Committee a higher number of representatives of the lists in each polling station may be affixed, providing the principle of equality between the lists is complied with.

7 — The nomination of the representatives to which the previous paragraph refers is performed, alternatively, pursuant to Article 16 (2) f) or, at a later date by the representative of the list.

Article 27

(Ballot Tables)

1 — At each polling station the required number of ballot tables in operation are in accordance with foreseen voter turnout.

2 — At each polling station there shall be two distinctive ballot tables: one for the election of the national bodies and another for the election of the regional bodies.

3 — Voters are distributed among the ballot tables according to their professional certificate number.

4 — Representatives from the lists of candidates who are present at the polling station are distributed among the ballot tables.

5 — It is the duty of the presiding officer of each ballot table, with the collaboration of the remaining members of the same ballot table, to ensure the freedom of voters, to maintain order and in general, ensure the compliance of the statutory rules and regulations that govern the Order.

6 — Each ballot table has the electoral registers listing the voters who can vote at the ballot table in question, which should contain the marks performed pursuant to Article 31 (2).

7 — Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in the previous paragraphs, at each polling station there is a ballot table established for votes to be cast electronically, if applicable.

Article 28

(Ballot Boxes)

1 — At the National Head Office polling station, a ballot box is placed on each ballot table, pursuant to paragraph 2 of the previous Article.

2 — At the remaining polling stations, ballot boxes are place for the national bodies and the election of the Regional Board which belongs to the regional office in which the polling station is situated.

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name and professional certificate number and gives the voter the ballot papers.

2 — Voters exercise their right to vote, alone, in a polling booth, by marking a cross on the square which corresponds to the list for which they wish to vote.

3 — After casting their vote, voters must fold the ballot papers into four and place them in the respective ballot boxes, the voter's name is then simultaneously crossed out on the electoral register.

4 — The identification of the voter, pursuant to paragraph 1, is performed by means of their professional certificate, or, in its absence, their identity card or any other identification document with a photograph, providing it is genuine and can unequivocally prove the voter's identity and is accepted by the Presiding Officer of the Ballot Table.

Article 30

(Disabled Voters Casting their Vote in Person)

1 — Voters who suffer from illness or who are obviously physically disabled, whereby the officer of the ballot table deems that they cannot exercise their right to vote in accordance with the provisions laid down in the previous article, are allowed to cast their vote accompanied by another voter chosen by them, who undertakes to faithfully express their voting wishes and is obliged to maintain confidentiality.

2 — If the officer of the ballot table justifiably deliberates that illness or disability is not obvious, he must request the presentation of a certificate confirming that the acts mentioned in the previous paragraph cannot be carried out, which has been issued by a doctor who exercises health authority powers in the municipality and which has been certified with the stamp of the department in question.

Article 31

(Postal Votes)

1 — Postal votes are accepted, providing the following requirements and procedures are complied with:

- a) The vote is sent to the Regional Election Committee which corresponds to the electoral area where the voter is registered;
- b) The vote is sent by post and must be received by the respective Regional Electoral Commission until 5 pm on the working day prior to the election date;
- c) The ballot papers are enclosed in a sealed envelope;
- d) The envelope must also contain the name, professional certificate number, signature of the voter and the election to which the vote refers;
- e) The envelope is inserted into another envelope, addressed to the respective Presiding Officer of the Ballot Table;
- f) The signature mentioned in sub-heading d) must be confirmed by means of a copy of the professional certificate or Identity Card, in the case of the latter, the copy mentioned must also be inserted into the envelope indicated in sub-heading c);
- g) They must be issued by post or electronically, when the respective voter casts his vote in person.

2 — The Regional Election Committees upon receipt of votes cast by correspondence, cross off the votes of the respective voters and initial the electoral registers in the column created for such purpose and on the line corresponding to the voter's name.

Article 32

(Voting by Electronic Means)

1 — Voting by electronic means is performed via the Internet.

2 — The voter shall access a website created by the Order specifically for election purposes.

3 — In order to exercise their right to vote, the voter inserts the security code and, if it is the case, their professional card that ensures the insertion of their electronic signature.

4 — Once on the page, voters exercise their right to vote, after which they should select the button that says "Vote".

5 — Votes received electronically are filed on a virtual ballot table until they can be counted together with the voting ballots that were placed in the ballot box.

6 — The representatives from the lists and the Election Committee are entitled to verify the voting procedure by electronic means and to ensure its confidentiality.

7 — The entry into force of the provision herein requires the decision by the Board which must deem the conditions to have been created for the computer system described and regulate the respective conditions, namely in regard to the security and confidentiality required.

Article 33

(Blank or Invalid Ballot Paper)

1 — A ballot paper which has not had any mark written on it before being placed inside the ballot box is deemed to be blank.

2 — Ballot papers which have been placed into the ballot box are deemed to be invalid if:

- a) More than one box has been marked, which results in doubts arising over which box has been marked;
- b) The box has been marked which corresponds to the list which has withdrawn from the election or has been rejected;
- d) It has been issued by post and has failed to arrive at its destination pursuant to the conditions laid down herein;
- e) It has been issued by post and states a different election from that mentioned on the envelope in which it was placed.

3 — A ballot paper is not deemed to be invalid on which a cross has been written which is not perfectly drawn or exceeds the limits of the square, but which clearly and unequivocally displays the voter's wishes.

Article 34

(Closing of Polls)

1 — Voters are allowed into polling stations until the voting period closes pursuant to Article 6 (3).

2 — The Presiding Officer from each ballot table may close the polling table in advance as soon as all the voters on the respective electoral register have cast their vote, and immediately begin to determine the results.

Article 35

Verification of Results

1 — Once the polls are closed, the members of each ballot table begin to determine the results.

2 — The representatives from the lists are entitled to examine the ballot papers and inspect the verification process.

3 — The persons mentioned in the previous paragraph are entitled to lodge complaints or appeals before the Presiding Officer of the Ballot Table with regard to the vote count or the quality of the votes on any ballot paper.

4 — Whenever the vote count cannot proceed in a normal manner, the Presiding Officer must suspend the procedure, and the ballot boxes be placed in a closed room until the following day.

5 — Minutes are drawn up regarding the results determined which is signed by the President of the Assembly and the Presiding Officers.

6 — The act must list the number of voters, the number of votes cast, the number of blank and invalid votes, the voting results and the number of each result, as well as any complaints, decisions made or any other occurrences registered during the election process.

7 — Regional polling stations must coordinate with the polling station at the National Head Office so that after their results have been determined, the election results can be determined for the national and regional bodies.

8 — The results of the votes cast are provisional until one of the following situations occurs:

a) The period foreseen for complaints to be lodged regarding the election process has passed without any being received;

b) All pending complaints have been decided upon.

9 — Notwithstanding the provision in Article 36 (5), ballot papers are sent and are kept securely by the Election Committee until the occurrence of any of the situations listed in the previous paragraph, after which they are destroyed.

10 — The provisional results determined, pursuant to this Article, must be disclosed, pursuant to Article 20.

Article 36 (Complaints)

1 — Voters can lodge a complaint with the Election Committee, duly based on irregularities in the election process, providing they do so within three days counting from the occurrence of the act in question.

2 — The Election Committee shall assess the complaint within forty eight hours and the decision taken informed to the appellant and affixed at the Order's National Head Office, and, possibly, at the Regional Office to which the alleged act refers.

3 — Appeals against the decision by the Election Committee may be lodged with the Judicial Committee, within eight working days counting from the date the notice was given of the Election Committee's decision.

4 — The Judicial Committee is convened by the respective President for such purpose, within the following eight days and shall act according to the Statute and other Regulations that regulate such body.

5 — In the case of an appeal, under the terms laid down in the previous paragraphs, the ballot papers are sent and remain in the possession of the Judicial Committee until a decision has been made regarding the appeal.

Article 37 (Draw)

1 — In the event of a draw between the lists competing in the election for the Board, Fiscal Committee or Regional Board, another election shall be held for such body within a period not exceeding thirty days, on a date to be set by the Board.

2 — In the case foreseen in the previous paragraph, only the lists which have drawn with the highest number of votes can compete in the election.

Article 38 (Notice of the Final Results)

1 — If any of the situations foreseen in Article 35 (8) occur, and once the overall election results have been determined for the various bodies, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the same Article, the Election Committee shall proceed to publish them.

Article 55 (Taking Office)

1 — The bodies must take office, unless they are expressly unable to do so, until the 16th April 2010.

2 — For the purposes of the previous paragraph, it may not be possible to take office if complaints lodged pursuant to Article 36 have not yet been assessed.

Article 56 (First Regional Elections)

1 — The elections for the regional bodies shall take place after the first elections have been held for the national bodies.

2 — The Board elected in the Order's first national elections shall determine the regional elections to be held within one year from the date it takes office.

3 — The first elections for all the regional bodies of the Order shall be held simultaneously, on the same date and at the same time, both on the continent and in the Autonomous Regions.

4 — The mandate of the officers elected for the regional bodies of the Order in the first regional elections is reduced in the period of time necessary for the second ordinary elections to be held simultaneously for all the Order's national and regional bodies.

5 — The provisions in this Article adversely affect the application of the provisions in Chapters I, II and III of this Regulation which regulate situations for which it is important for the national territory to be divided into regional offices for election purposes, namely:

a) The existence of the election areas foreseen and the election for the Assembly of Representatives based on such areas;

b) The existence of as many polling stations as future regional offices, as well as the election consequences that arise thereupon.

CHAPTER V

(Final Provisions)

Article 57 (Extraordinary Elections)

1 — Extraordinary elections are governed by this Chapter.

2 — The provisions set forth in the remaining chapters of this Regulation are applicable to extraordinary elections held in all that is not ruled otherwise in this chapter or which does not contradict it.

Article 58 (General Principle)

1 — In the event of extraordinary elections being held, namely due to the situation foreseen in Article 25 (5) of the Statute, the provisions set forth in this chapter are applicable.

2 — The calling of extraordinary elections does not suspend or interrupt the period of time for ordinary elections to be held for the bodies of the Order, determined by Article 20 (1) of the Statute.

3 — The mandates of the officers of the elected bodies in extraordinary elections cease upon the elected officers taking office for the respective body in the ordinary elections to be held at a later date.

Article 59 (Terms)

The terms foreseen in this document are counted consecutively and are not suspended on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays, unless stipulated otherwise.

Article 60 (Entry into force)

This Regulation enters into force on the day immediately after its publication.

Lisbon, 5th March 2010. — President of the Foundation Committee for the Ordem dos Psicólogos Portugueses, *Telmo Mourinho Baptista*.

(areas which correspond to the regional offices)

Each of the Order's Regional Offices is comprised of the following areas within national territory:

North Regional Office - North (Head Office in Porto)

District of Aveiro
District of Braga
District of Bragança
District of Porto
District of Viana do Castelo
District of Vila Real

Central Regional Office (Head Office in Coimbra)

District of Castelo Branco
District of Coimbra
District of Guarda
District of Leiria
District of Portalegre
District of Santarém
District of Viseu

South Regional Office (Head Office in Lisbon)

District of Beja
District of Évora
District of Faro
District of Lisboa
District of Setúbal

Azores Regional Office (Head Office in Ponta Delgada)

Autonomous Region of the Azores

Madeira Regional Office (Head Office in Funchal)

Autonomous Region of Madeira

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