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#### አንቀጽ 1. አውጪው ባለስልጣን

የኢትዮጵያ ብሔራዊ ምርጫ ቦርድ በማቋቋሚያ አዋጅ ቁ. 1133/2011 አንቀጵ 8 ንዑስ አንቀጵ (1) እና በኢትዮጵያ የምርጫ፣ የፖለቲካ ፓርቲዎች ምዝንባና የምርጫ ሥነምግባር አዋጅ ቁ. 1162/2011 አንቀጵ 23 ንዑስ አንቀጵ (2)፣ አንቀጵ 56 ንዑስ አንቀጵ (6)፣ አንቀጵ 61 ንዑስ አንቀጵ (7) እንዲሁም አንቀጵ 163 ንዑስ አንቀጵ (2) በተሰጠው ስልጣን ሞሠረት ይህንን ሞሞሪያ አውጥቷል።

#### አንቀጽ 2. አጭር ርዕስ

# አንቀጽ 3. ትርዓሜ

- 1. "**አዋጅ**" ማለት የኢትዮዽያ የምርጫ፣ የፖለቲካ ፓርቲዎች ምዝንባና የምርጫ ሥነ-ምግባር አዋጅ ቁጥር 1162/2011 ነው።
- 2. "ቦርድ" ማለት የኢትዮጵያ ብሔራዊ ምርጫ ቦርድ ነው።
- 3. "**የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ አካል**" ማለት በየደረጃው ያሉ የክልል ቅርንጫፍ ጽ/ቤት፣ የዛን

# Directive on Allocation; Distribution; Use; Handover, Retrieval and Disposal of Election Material and Documents (no. 8/2021)

# Chapter One General Provisions

# **Article 1. Issuing Authority**

The National Election Board of Ethiopia, according to the power vested in it as per article 8(1) of the National Electoral Board establishment proclamation No. 1133/19 and by article 23(2), article 56 (6), article 61 (7) and article 163 (2) of the Electoral Law, has issued this directive.

#### **Article 2. Short Title**

This directive can be cited as "Distribution and Handover of Election material and documents and Directive No. 8/2021"

# **Article 3. Definitions**

- 1. "**Proclamation**" means the Ethiopian Electoral, Political parties Registration, and Election's Code of Conduct Proclamation No. 1162/19.
- 2. "Board" means the National Election Board of Ethiopia.
- 3. "Election administration body" means regional branch office, zonal

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- 4. "**የምርጫ ሂደት**" ማለት የሞራጭ ምዝንባ፣ የዕጩ ምዝንባ፣ የምረጡኝ ቅስቀሳ፣ የሞንናኛ ብዙኃን ተደራሽነት፣ የድምፅ አሰጣጥ፣ የድምፅ ቆጠራ፣ ጊዜያዊ ውጤት ማዳሞር፣ የቅሬታ አፈታት ሥርዓት እና የሞጨረሻ የምርጫ ውጤት ይፋ ማድረግን የሚያካትት ነው።
- 5. "**የቦርድ ሰራተኛ**" ማለት በቦርዱ በቋሚነት ወይም በጊዜያዊነት የተቀጠረ ሰራተኛ ነው።
- 6. "**ሰንድ**" ማለት ማንኛውም ለምርጫ ሂደት አስፈላጊ የሆነና የቦርዱ እውቅና ያለው የሕትሞት ውጤት ነው።
- 8. "**የምርጫ ቁሳቁስ**" ማለት ማንኛውም ለምርጫ ሂደት አስፈላጊ የሆነ ተንቀሳቃሽ ንብረት ነው።
- 9. "**የርክክብ ሰንሰለት**" ማለት የምርጫ ቁሳቁሶችና ሰነዶች ከሚመለከተው የአስረካቢ አካል ወደ ተረካቢው የሚተላለፍበት ሆኖ የቦርዱን የርክክብ ሥርዓት መሰረት ያደረ*ገ* አሰራር ነው።
- 10. የቃሉ አገባብ የተለየ ትርንም የሚያሰጠው ካልሆነ በስተቀር በአዋጁ ላይ የተሰጡ ትርጓሜዎች እንደአማባብነታቸው ለዚህ መመሪያ ተፈጻሚ ይሆናሉ።

#### አንቀጽ 4. የተፈጻሚነት ወሰን

coordinating office, constituency and polling station found at various level.

- 4. "Election process" means the process of voter registration, candidate registration, electoral campaign, mass media accessibility, voting, vote counting and tabulation of provisional result, election dispute resolution and final announcement of election result.
- 5. "Board employee" means a person employed by the Board indefinitely or on a contractual basis.
- 6. "**Document**" means any publication that is necessary for the election process and is known and recognized by the Board.
- 7. "Handover document" means a necessary document prepared by the board that verifies the location, transfer and quantity of election documents, materials and equipment as well as that verifies the accountability of election officers involved.
- 8. "Election Material" means any movable property that is necessary for the election process.
- 9. "Chain of custody" means a procedure where election equipment, materials and documents are transferred from the relevant delivering body to the receiver according to the Board's handover procedure.
- 10. Unless the context otherwise requires, definitions provided in the proclamation relevant to this directive, shall be applicable to this directive.

# **Article 4. Scope of Application**

This directive shall be applicable on election administration bodies at various levels and bodies that are responsible **r** to handle election materials and documents during general election, local election, by election, re-election and referendum processes. It shall also apply on those persons that allocate, distribute, use, handover and dispose of election documents and materials during the election period.

# አንቀጽ 5. የጾታ አንላለጽ

#### አንቀጵ 6. ዓላማ

አስፈጻሚ አካልበአማባቡ የሚታጓዙበትን፣ ርክክብ የሚደረማበትን፣ በወቅቱ የሚሰራጭበትን፣ ጥቅም ላይ የሚውሉበትን፣ ወደ ቦርዱ የሚመለሱበትን እና የሚወንዱበትን ማልጽ የሆነ 

# ምዕራፍ ሁለት

# ስለምርጫ ማስፈፀሚያ ቁሳቁሶች እናሰነዶች ስርጭት እና ርክክብ

# አንቀጽ 7. የቦርዱ እና በየደረጃው የሚ*ገኙ ምር*ጫ ማስፈጸሚያ አደረጃጀቶች ተማባር እና ሀላፊነት

- 1. ቦርዱ በየደረጃው የሚሰራጩ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁሶችና ሰነዶችን በዚህ <u>ምመሪያ ላይ በተመለከተው የአሰራር ስርዓትና የምር</u>ጫ የጊዜ ሰሌዳ <u>መሰረት በበቂ</u> ይከታተላል።
- <u>ምሠረት የምርጫ ቁሳቁሶችና ሰነዶችን ለምርጫ ጣቢያዎች ያሰራጫል፤ እንዲሁም</u> ከምርጫ ጣቢያዎች የሚሞጡ የምርጫ ቁሳቁሶችና ሰነዶች በአማባቡ ተሞልተው ምምጣታቸውን ያረ*ጋ*ግጣል፣ ይረከባል፣ በጥንቃቄ እንዲያዙ ያደር*ጋ*ል፤ እንደአግባብነቱ የተሞሉ ቅጾች ለቦርዱና በየእርከኑ ለሚ*ገ*ኙ የምርጫ ማስፈፀሚያ አደረጃጀቶች
- 3. እያንዳንዱ የምርጫ ጣቢያ ከምርጫ ክልሉ የሚላኩ የምርጫ ቁሳቁስና ሰነዶችን ተቀብሎ በጥንቃቄ ይይዛል፤ ጥቅም ላይ ከዋሉ በኋላ በአማባቡ ተሞልተው እና ተጠብቀው በቦርዱ በተቀጦጠው የአሰራር ስርዓት ወደ ተለያዩ የምርጫ ማስፈፀሚያ

# National Election Board of Ethiopia, 2021 Article 5. Gender Reference

Provisions set out in the masculine or feminine gender shall also apply to the other gender.

# **Article 6. Objective**

The objective of this directive is to establish a transparent process for the appropriate transportation, handover, distribution, use of Election materials and documents by the relevant Election administration body; and for their return back to the board; and for their proper disposal.

# **Chapter Two** Distribution and Hand over of Election Material and **Documents**

# Article 7. Duties and Responsibilities of Election Administration **Organs at Various Levels and the Board**

- 1. The Board shall prepare Election material and documents it distributes to various levels of the electoral administration, according to the Board's procedures, timeline and in the required quantities, and monitor their delivery to the concerned administration.
- 2. Each constituency, based on this directive and the timetable issued by the Board, distributes election material to polling stations; ensures that documents and election material that come from the polling stations have been properly filled out; receives, makes sure they are handled carefully; and, as appropriate, fills forms and sends it to the Board.
- 3. Each polling station carefully handles the election material that is sent from the constituency and ensures that the material is returned to the appropriate election office securely after being used in accordance with procedures prescribed by the board.

- 4. የማንኛውም የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነድ ርክክብ ሲፈጻም ቁሱ ወይም ሰንዱ የተራ ወይም የመለያ ቁጥር ካለው ይህንን ጨምሮ ትክክለኛ ብዛቱ መመዝንብ አለበት።
- 6. ጣንኛውም የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ የሥራ ግዴታዋን በምትወጣበት ጊዜ የርክክብ ቅፆችን የመፈረም እና የርክክብ ሰንሰለቱ በሙሉ የተመዘገበ መሆኑን የጣረ*ጋገ*ጥ ግዴታ አለባት።
- 7. የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነዶች በማንኛውም ጊዜ በቦርዱና በተለያየ ደረጃ በሚ*ገኙ* የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ አደረጃጀቶች ውስጥ በሚያ*ገ*ለግሉ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚዎችና የቦርዱ ሰራተኞች ባለአደራነትና ጥበቃ ሥር ያለምንም የርክክብ ሰንሰለት ክፍተት አማባብ ባለው የርክክብ ሰነድና ሥርዓት አማካይነት ይቀምጣሉ።
- 8. የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነድ ርክክብ ሰንሰለቱ ሳይቋረጥ ሞቀጠል አለበት። ከአቅም በላይ በሆነ ምክንያት ወይም ክስተት ከተቋረጠ ይኸው ሁኔታ በቃለ ጉባኤ ተይዞ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚዋ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ እንደአማባብነቱ ለምርጫ ጣቢያ ኃላፊ፣ ለምርጫ ክልል ጽ/ቤት ኃላፊ ወይም በየደረጃው ላለ የበላይ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ አካል በምታሳውቀው ሞሰረት አስፈላጊው ማጣራት ይካሄዳል።
- 9. የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነድ ርክክብ ሰንሰለቱ ሞቋረጡን የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ካሳወቁ በኋላ ቦርዱ በራሱ ከሚያደርንው የሥነ ምግባር ወይም የዲሲፕሊን ግድፈት ሞፈፀሙን የማጣራትና እርምጃ የሞውሰድ ተግባር በተጨማሪ ክስተቱ እንዲጣራ ለሚመለከተው አካል ሊመራው ይችላል፡
- 10. ጣንኛውም የምርጫ ጣስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነድ በቁጥጥሩ ወይም በይዞታው ስር ያለ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ቁሳቁሱ ወይም ሰነዱ ለታለመለት አላጣ ስለመዋሉ የመከታተልና የጣስፈጸም ኃላፊነት አለባት።

- 4. Every item of election materials and documents that is subject to handover shall be recorded with a description of the item, a serial or identification number where applicable, and the exact quantity.
- 5. The responsibility of handling each Election material document and lies with the election officer or Board employee receiving it.
- 6. Any election officer or Board employee, while undertaking their responsibility, has the duty to sign the necessary hand over forms to ensure a clearly documented chain of custody.
- 7. The documented and uninterrupted chain of custody of election materials and documents shall be maintained at all times by the election officers and Board employees who are responsible for their supervision and protection at various levels of the election administration.
- 8. The chain of custody for handover of election materials and documents should be uninterrupted but if it is interrupted due to a force majeure circumstance or event, it must be documented in the minutes, and the election officer or Board employee who is responsible for the materials and documents must notify their superior (the head of the polling station or the constituency office or the relevant higher level of electoral administration) and an investigation must be conducted.
- 9. After the election officer or Board employee notifies the interruption of the chain of custody of Election document or material, the Board may, as appropriate, investigate the matter itself and apply applicable sanctions for any ethical violation, and may refer the matter to the appropriate body.
- 10. Any election officer or Board employee in possession or control of election documents or materials shall monitor and ensure that the materials and documents are being used for the intended purpose.

- 12. ቦርዱ ወይም በየደረጃው የሚ*ገ*ኙ የምርጫ ማስፈፀሚያ አደረጃጀቶች በምርጫ ማስፈፀሚያ ቁሳቁሶችና ሰነዶች ስርጭት እና ርክክብ ወቅት ጥቅም ላይ የሚውሉ የማኅተም ቁጥሮች እንዲሙዘንቡ ያደር*ጋ*ሉ፣ ሂደቱን የፖለቲካ ፓርቲዎች እና አማባብነት ያላቸው ታዛቢዎች እንዲታዘቡ ይደረ*ጋል*።
- 13. ቦርዱ በየደረጃው ላሉ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ አደረጃጀቶች ስለምርጫ ቁሳቁስ እና ሰነዶች ርክክብ፣ አያያዝ እና አጠቃቀም አስፈላጊውን ስልጠና ይሰጣል።

# አንቀጽ 8. የተለያዩ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነዶች

- 1. ቦርዱ በስራ ላይ ከሚያውላቸው የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁስ እና ሰነዶች መካከል የሚከተሉት ልዩ ጥንቃቄ ወይም ጥበቃ የሚያስፈል*ጋ*ቸው ናቸው።
  - ሀ) የሞራጮች ሞዝንብ፣
  - ለ) የጦራጮች ምዝንባ ሞታወቂያ ካርድ፣

  - ሞ) የድምጽ ሞስጫ ወረቀት፣
  - ሠ) የድምፅ ሞስጫ ሳጥኖች ሞቆለፊያ (ማሸጊያ) ቁልፎች፣

  - ሰ) የማይለቅ የሞራጭነት ምልክት ማድረጊያ ቀለም፣

  - ቀ) የውጤትና የጣዳጦሪያ ቅጾች፣

- 11. Without prejudice to the general provisions of this directive, when the Board or election offices at all levels takes assets or equipment from governmental organs, they shall follow the handover procedures of the government. In the absence of such procedures, the Board's handover procedures may apply.
- 12. The board or election offices at all levels shall register number of stamps that are used during the distribution and handover of election materials and documents, and the process shall be observed by political parties and relevant observers
- 13. The Board shall give the necessary training about handover, keeping and use of Election material and documents to the election administration at various levels.

# **Article 8. Types of Election Material and Documents**

- 1. The following are considered to be sensitive election, material and documents that need special protection among the election materials and documents the Board uses:
  - a. Electoral roll;
  - b. Voter's identification cards;
  - c. Ballot boxes;
  - d. Ballot papers
  - e. Ballot box seals or key;
  - f. Stamps and ink pads;
  - g. Indelible ink;
  - h. All forms after being filled in, signed and stamped
  - i. Blank results and reconciliation/tabulation forms
  - j. Tamper-evident bags

- 2. በተለያዩ የምርጫ ሂደቶች ላይ ጥቅም ላይ የሚውሉ ቁሳቁስና ሰነዶች "ልዩ ጥበቃ የሚያስፈል*ጋ*ቸው" ተብለው በቦርዱ የሚለዩ ይሆናል።
- 3. ቀጥሎ የተዘረዘሩትን ጨምሮ ሌሎች የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁሶችና ሰነዶች ልዩ ጥበቃ የሚያስፈል*ጋ*ቸው ናቸው።
  - ሀ) የሥነ ዜ*ጋ*ና የሞራጮች ትምህርት ሞስጫ ሰነዶች፣
  - ለ) ቦርዱ ለምርጫ አስፈጻሚ፣ ለእጩ ወኪል፣ ለታዛቢ፥ ለአስተርዓሚ እና ለጋዜጠኛ የሚያዘጋጀው ሞታወቂያ ወይም ባጅ።
  - ሐ) የእጩዎች የምዝ7ባ ሰርተፊኬት፣
  - ሞ) የእጩ ወኪሎች ዝርዝር፣
  - ሠ) የምርጫ ማስታወቂያ፣
  - ረ) ለሥነዜ*ጋ*ና ለሞራጮች ትምሀርት አ7ልፃሎት የሚውል ቴፕ ሪከርደር ወይም ሬዲዮ ወይም ሌሎች የኤሌክትሮኒክስ ቁሳቁስ፣

  - ቀ) የፖለቲካ ፓርቲዎች እና እጩ ወኪሎች የምርጫ ሥነምግባር ደንብን ስለማክበርና ማስከበራቸው የሚፈርሙበት ሰነድ፣
  - በ) እጩዎች የምርጫ ምልክቶቻቸውን የሚያስተዋውቁባቸው ፖስተሮች፣

  - ቸ) የምርጫ አፈጻጸም ማስታወቂያ ፖስተሮች ወይም በራሪ ጽሁፎች፣
  - ነ) አስክሪቢቶዎችና እርሳሶች፣

- 2. Materials and documents that are used at different election processes shall be identified by the board as "sensitive".
- 3. All other materials and documents are considered to be sensitive, and include the following:
  - a. Training documents for civic and voter's education;
  - b. Identification cards or badges prepared for election officers, agents of candidates, election observer and journalists;
  - c. Candidates' registration certificates
  - d. List of agents of candidates;
  - e. Election advertisement;
  - f. Tape recorders, radio, or any other electronic equipment that'll be used when providing civic and voters' education.
  - g. Books of account and receipts to help register expenses related to the election.
  - h. Election material and documents handover receipts or documents.
  - A document on which political parties and their agents sign guaranteeing that they respect as well as ensure the compliance with election's code of conduct.
  - j. Posters for candidates to advertise their election symbol.
  - k. Forms for receiving complaints and for providing decisions of Grievance Hearing Committee at various levels that have not been filled in, stamped and signed;
  - Posters, post cards and flyers for election administration advertisement;
  - m. Pens and pencils;
  - n. Provisional ballot envelopes

- አ) የ<u>ማ</u>ኅናኛና የ<mark>ምረ</mark>ጃ ቴክኖሎጂ ምሣሪያዎች፣
- 4. በዚህ አንቀጵ ንዑስ አንቀጵ 1 እና 2 ሥር የተዘረዘሩት የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁሶች እና ሰነዶች አጠባበቅ እና አስተዳደር ሁኔታ የሚስተናንደው በዚህ መመሪያ መሰረት ነው።
- 5. ቦርዱ እና በየደረጃው ያሉ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ አደረጃጀቶች የሚከተሉትን ንብረቶች በትውስት ወይም በኅዢ ወይም በሌላ አማባብ በስራ ላይ እንዲውሉ ሊያደር*ጉ* ይችላሉ።
  - U) ተሽከርካሪ ወይም ሌሎች ማ*ጓጓ*ዣዎች፣
  - ለ) ኮምፒዩተር፣ ፕሪንተር ወይም ስካነር፣
  - ሐ) ወንበርና ጠረዼዛ እና

# አንቀጽ 9. የምርጫ ቁሳቁሶችና እና ሰነዶች ስለሚሰራጩበት ጊዜና ሁኔታ

- 2. ቦርዱ፣ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁሶችንና ሰንዶችን ሲያሰራጭ አማባብ ያለውን እና ደህንነቱ የተጠበቀ አስተማማኝ ማዳጓዣና ለዚሁ የሚያስፈልንውን አስተማማኝ የእጀባ አንልግሎት በሚመለከት ቦርዱ የሚሰጠውን መመሪያ በሚንባ ተማባራዊ ማድረግ አለበት።
- 3. የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁሶችንና ሰነዶችን ይዞ የተንቀሳቀሰው ተሽከርካሪም ሆነ ንብረቱ ደህንነቱ በተጠበቀ አሞቺ ቦታ እንዲቆም፣ እንዲያድር እና እንዲንቀሳቀስ ማድረግ ይኖርበታል።
- 4. የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁሶችንና ሰነዶችን የያዘ ማንኛውም ተሸከርካሪ በቦርዱ የጸጥታ/ደህንነት ጥበቃ እቅድ ምሰርት ታጅቦና ደህንነቱ ተጠብቆ እንዲንቀሳቀስ ማድረማ ይኖርበታል።
- 5. ቦርዱ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁሶችንና ሰነዶችን ሲያሰራጭ፡-ሀ) አማባብነት ያላቸውን የርክክብ ሰነዶች በስራ ላይ ማዋል ይኖርበታል፣

- o. Information and communication technology equipment;
- 4. The security and management of all sensitive and non-sensitive materials and documents provided under sub-article 1 and 2 of this article are regulated by this directive.
- 5. The Board and election administration bodies at various levels may buy, borrow or put to use through other means the following assets for use
  - a. Vehicles or other transportations;
  - b. Computers printers or scanners
  - c. Tables and chairs;
  - d. Other necessary office equipment and materials.

# Article 9. Time and Manner of Distribution of Election Material and Documents

- 1. The Board's permanent and consumable election material and documents shall be distributed to the election administration bodies at various levels in accordance with the Board's operational plan.
- 2. The Board or election officer or Board employee, when distributing election material and documents, must follow the Board's instructions as to the mode of transport and reliable escort service.
- 3. The election officer or Board employee must ensure that the election, material and documents as well as the vehicle transporting them is parked in a safe location, and moved safely.
- 4. The election officer or Board employee must ensure that any vehicle transporting Election material and documents is escorted by security forces according to the Board's security plan.
- 5. When the Board is distributing election material and documents, it must
  - a. Put in use the appropriate handover documents in accordance with the Board's procedures.

# አንቀጽ 10. ስለምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ሰነዶችና ቁሳቁሶች አቀማሞጥና ጥበቃ

- 1. ጣንኛውም የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ለሚረከበው የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁሶችና ሰነዶች በቂ ማስቀጮጫ ቦታ ማዘ*ጋ*ጀት አለበት።
- 2. የሚዘ*ጋ*ጀው የማስቀምጫ ቦታ ከእርጥበት፣ ከእሳት፥ ከእንስሳት እና ከምሳሰሉት ንክኪ የራቀ ምሆን አለበት።
- 4. ማንኛውም የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ የሚረከበውን የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁሶችና ሰነዶችን በማንኛውም የምርጫው ሂደት ወቅት በእይታና በቁጥጥር ሥር ምሆኑን ማረ*ጋገ*ጥ አለበት።
- 5. የርክክብ ሰንሰለቱ እንዲጠበቅ ማድረማ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚዎችና የቦርዱ ሰራተኞች ድርሻ ሆኖ ጥበቃውን የሚያከናውኑት የፖሊስ ኃይል አባላት ወይም ሌሎች የጥበቃ ሠራተኞች ለሚጠብቋቸው የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ሰነዶችና ቁሳቁስ ኃላፊነት አለባቸው፡

# አንቀጵ 11. የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁሶችና እና ሰነዶች ርክክብ

- 1. ጣንኛውም በቦርዱ የሚሰራጭን የምርጫ ጣስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነድ የሚያጓንዝ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ለሚያጓንዘው ንብረት አስፈላጊውን ጥንቃቄ እና ጥበቃ በማድረግ ለሚመለከተው የምርጫ ጣስፈጸሚያ አደረጃጀት ማድረስ ይኖርበታል።
- 2. ማንኛውም የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነዶች ለሚመለከተው የምርጫ ክልል ለማድረስ ከቦርዱ የሚረከብ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ በርክክቡ ወቅት ስለሚረከበው እቃ ዓይነት፣ ምጠን እና ሁኔታ በአማባቡ ተመልክቶና ከርክክብ ሰነዱ ጋር አመሳክሮ መረከብ ይኖርበታል።

b. Prepare a register for incoming and outgoing consumable and non-consumable election materials and documents.

# Article 10 . Placement and Security of Election Material and Documents

- 1. Every election officer and Board employee must prepare adequate storage space for the Election material and documents s/he receives.
- 2. The storage space must be free from moisture, fire hazards, animals/rodents and similar hazards.
- 3. The storage space must be lockable with access only limited to election officers or Board employees and if the materials are stored in a different space, a record shall be kept for any person accessing the materials,
- 4. The election officer or Board employee must ensure that the election material and documents s/he receives are under supervision and secure throughout the election process.
- 5. While the chain of custody of the election materials and documents shall be ensured by the election officers and Board employees, police and security officers are also responsible for the security of Election material and documents they are guarding.

#### **Article 11. Handover of Election Material and Documents**

- Any election officer or Board employee transporting Election documents and material that is distributed by the Board must deliver it to the concerned Election administration body by taking all the necessary precaution and protection.
- 2. Any election officer or Board employee receiving election material and documents from the Board to handover to the relevant constituency must carefully check the type, amount and status of the document or material s/he is receiving against the handover form.

- 3. ማንኛውም ለምርጫ ስራ የሚላክ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነድ እንዲያጓንዝ የተረከበ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ የተረከበው ታሽን የሚንቀሳቀስ በሆነ ጊዜ በተረከበበት ሁኔታ ለሚመለከተው የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ማስረከብና በርክክብ ሰነድ ላይ አስፈላጊው መረጃ መሞላቱን ማረ*ጋ*ንጥ ይኖርበታል።
- 4. ጣንኛውም ሰው የታሸን የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁሶች ወይም ሰነዶች ሲረከብ እሽን አለሞፈታቱን አረ*ጋግ*ሶ ሞረከብ ይኖርበታል።

# አንቀጵ 12. የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁስና ሰነዶች ስለሚረከብ ሰው

- 1. ከሚመለከተው የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ አደረጃጀቶች የሚላኩ የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁሶች ወይም ሰነዶችን የሚረከበው የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ እንደሁኔታው በቦርዱ ጽህፈት ቤት ኃላፊ፣ በክልል ቅርንጫፍ ጽህፈት ቤት ኃላፊ ወይም በዛን፣ በምርጫ ክልል ወይም በምርጫ ጣቢያ ኃላፊ ይመደባል።
- 2. ጣንኛውም በየደረጃው ያለ የምርጫ ማስፈፀሚያ አደረጃጀት የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁሶችን ወይም ሰነዶችን የሚረከበው በምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም በቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ይሆናል።

- 3. Any election officer or Board employee that has received any election document or material to transfer must, when there is a seal, hand it over to the concerned election officer or board employee in the same condition it has received it and ensure that the necessary information is filled in the handover document.
- 4. Any election officer or Board employee that receives election administration material or document must ascertain that the seal is intact when receiving it.
- 5. Any election officer or Board employee that is tasked by the Board to transport Election document or material s/he has received to election officers or Board employees under this directive must receive the material with the appropriate handover form prepared by the Board and must hand it over to the relevant election officer or Board employee with the appropriate handover form.
- 6. Any election material or documents with the symbol of the Board or that is known to belong to the Board shall not be transferred to third parties without the permission of the Board and no other person except the Board could claim ownership of it.

# **Article 12. Recipient of Election Material and Documents**

- 1. The person receiving election material and documents sent by the relevant body is, as appropriate, appointed by the head of office of the Board, head of regional or zonal branch office, head of constituency office or head of polling station.
- 2. The election administration bodies at various levels shall receive the election material and documents through election officers and Board employees.
- 3. Each Election administration body must immediately notify the Board and other election administration body at higher level in writing, of the

- ሰራተኛ ለቦርዱና ለበላይ የምርጫ ማስፈፀሚያ አደረጃጀት ወዲያውኦ በጵሁፍ ማሳወቅ አለበት።
- 4. ከአቅም በላይ በሆነ ምክንያት ካልሆነ በስተቀር ማንኛውም የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ አደረጃጀቶች የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁሶች ወይም ሰነዶች ከምርጫ ማስፈጻም ስራው *ጋ*ር ደርቦ እንዲረከብ የተመደበን የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርድ ሰራተኛ መለወጥ የለበትም።
- 5. በዚህ አንቀጵ ንኡስ አንቀጵ 4 የተደነገገው እንደተጠበቀ ሆኖ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁሶች ወይም ሰነዶች ለመረከብ የተመደበ ሰው ከአቅም በላይ በሆነ ምክንያት መተካት ካለበት በሌላ የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ሊተካ ይገባል።
- 6. በየደረጃው ያለ የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ አደረጃጀቶች ሰብሳቢ የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ቁሳቁሶች ወይም ሰነዶችን ከስራው *ጋ*ር ደርቦ እንዲረከብ የተመደበው የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ከአቅም በላይ በሆነ ምክንያት በሌላ ምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ተተክቶ ከሆነ ፡-
  - U) ለቦርዱና በየደረጃው ላለ የበላይ የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ አደረጃጀት ስለተተኪው የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ወዲያውኑ በጽሁፍ ያሳውቃል።
  - ለ) ቀደም ሲል የምርጫ ቁሳቁሶች ወይም ሰነዶችን ተረክቦ ከነበረው የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ወደተተኪው የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ቦርዱ ባዘ*ጋ*ጀው የምረካከቢያ ሰነድ ተቆጣጥሮ ያረካክባል።

# አንቀጽ 13. የርክክብ ሰነድ

- election officer or Board employee it has appointed to receive election material and documents sent by the Board.
- 4. Unless it is due to force majeure, an election administration body at any level shall not change the election officer or Board employee that has been appointed to receive election material and documents in addition to his/her duties.
- 5. Without prejudice to sub article 4 of this article, if the election officer or Board employee appointed to receive election material and documents has to be replaced due to force majeure, s/he shall be replaced by another election officer or Board employee.
- 6. If an election officer or Board employee appointed to receive election material and documents, in addition to his/her duties, is replaced by another election officer or Board employee due to force majeure, the chairperson of the concerned Election administration body at various levels:
  - a. Must immediately notify, in writing, the Board and Election administration body at the next level above about the replaced election officer or Board employee.
  - b. Oversee the handover of election material and documents from the previous election officer or Board employee that received them to the new election officer or Board employee, in accordance with the handover document prepared by the Board.

#### **Article 13. Handover Documents**

- 1. The Board shall prepare and implement the legal documents for the handover of election material and documents. The handover document shall be prepared in such a way that it enables the identification and registration of the handing over chain from the beginning to the end.
- 2. The handover document the Board prepares as per this article must clearly display:

- U) የሚ<del>ገ</del>ብተውን ወይም ርክክብ የሚፈጸምበትን የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ ቁሳቁስና ሰነድ ከነምጠናቸው ምግለጫ፣
- ለ) እንደአማባብነቱ የምርጫ ማስፈጻሚያ ሰነድና ቁሳቁስ የተዘ*ጋ*ጀበትን ወይም የተንዛበትን ጊዜ፣ ቦታና ዋ*ጋ*፣
- ሐ) የምርጫው ማስፈጸሚያ ሰነድና ቁሳቁስ የሚ*ገ*ኝበትን አቋምና ሁኔታ፣
- ሞ) የምርጫ ሰነድና ቁሳቁስ መለያ ቁጥር ካለው መለያ ቁጥሩ እና ስያሜው፣
- ረ) የአስረካቢ ሰው ስም፣ የስራ ድርሻ፣ የሞታወቂያ ቁጥርና ፊርማ፣
- ሰ) የተረካቢ ስም፣ የስራ ድርሻ፣ የሞታወቂያ ቁጥርና ፊርጣ፣
- ሸ) የርክክብ ሰነዱ በስንት ቅጂ እንደሚሰራ እና የትኛው ለአስረካቢ፣ የትኛው ለተረካቢ እንዲሁም የትኛው ከጥራዙ *ጋ*ር እንደሚቀር የሚያመለክት ማሳሰቢያ፣
- ቀ) ርክክቡ የተፈጸሞበት ቀን፣
- በ) ቁሳቁሱ ወይም ሰነዱ የተላከለት የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ አደረጃጀቶች፣
- ተ) ቁሳቁሱ ወይም ሰነዱ በተላከለት የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ አደረጃጀት ቁሳቁሱን ወይም ሰነዱን የተረከበው የምርጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ ስም፣
- ቸ) ሰነዱን ወይም ቁሳቁሱን ያጓጓዘው አሽከርካሪ ስም፣
- ነ) የምርጫ ቁሳቁሱ የተጓጓዘበት ተሽከርካሪ አይነትና ሰሌዳ ቁጥር።
- ኝ) የምርጫ ቁሳቁሱ በሚዳጓዝበት ጊዜ እንዲያጅብ/ጥበቃ እንዲያደርግ የተመደበው የፀጥታ አስከባሪ ሙሉ ስምና ከተመደደበበት አካል የተሰጠውመታወቂያ ቁጥር። በግልጽ የሚያሳይ መሆን ይኖርበታል።
- 3. ቦርዱ ማንኛውንም ወደሚሞለከተው አካል የሚያጓንዘውን የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ

- a. Description of election material and documents that are being transported or being handed over and their quantities.
- As appropriate, the time of purchase or production, place and price of the election material and documents that were manufactured or bought.
- c. The status and condition of the election material and documents.
- d. The name and serial number, where applicable, of the election material and document.
- e. Empty space named "remarks" left open to fill other relevant information.
- f. The name, designation/ role, ID card number and signature of the person handing over the material.
- g. The name, designation/ role, ID card number and signature of the person receiving the material.
- h. Total number of copies of the handover document to be made and a notice entailing which copy will be with the receiver, the distributor and which will remain with the binder/folder.
- i. The date on which the handover took place.
- j. The name of the election administration body to which the materials are being sent; and;
- k. The name of the election officer or Board employee who is to receive the materials at the recipient election administration body.
- I. Name of driver, if applicable.
- m. The type and plate number of the vehicle carrying the material
- n. Full name of the security person who is assigned to escort during the transportation of the election material and the ID number issued by the body that assigned him.
- 3. The Board, when transferring Election material and documents, must

ሰነድና ቁሳቁስ አሽን የሚልክ ከሆነ በእሽን ላይ የሚላክለትን አካል አድራሻ፣ የእቃውን ዓይነት፣ ብዛትና የተዘ*ጋ*ጀበትን ቀን ጽፎ ማንቀሳቀስ ይኖርበታል። በርክክብ ሰነዱም ላይ ይህንን የሚያመለከት ቦታ መኖር አለበት።

#### አንቀጽ 14. አረ*ጋግ*ጦ ስለሞረከብ ወይም ስለማስረከብ

<u>ማንኛውም የምር</u>ጫ አስፈጻሚ ወይም የቦርዱ ሰራተኛ:-

- 2. ከቦርዱ የሚላኩ ሰነዶችና ቁሳቁስን በጥንቃቄ በመረከብ በአማባቡ መጠበቅ አለበት። ልዩ ጥበቃ የሚያስፈል*ጋ*ቸውን የምርጫ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነድ በጥብቅ ጥንቃቄ መያዝ አለበት።
- 3. በባህርያቸው በተላኩበት ቦታ ጥቅም ላይ እንዲውሉ እና ለቦርዱ ከማይመለሱት እንደ የሥነዜ*ጋ*ና የመራጮች ማስተማሪያ ማኑዋል፣ በራሪ ጵሁፍ እና የመሳሰሉት ውጪ ያሉትን ሰነዶችና ቁሳቁስ በአማባቡ በስራ ላይ በማዋል ጠብቆ ለቦርዱ ማስረከብ አለበት።

# ምዕራፍ ሦስት

# ልዩ ጥንቃቄ የሚያስፈል*ጋ*ቸው የምርጫ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነዶች አያያዝ፣ አመላለስና አወ*ጋገ*ድ

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- 2. ለድምፅ አሰጣጥ፣ ለቆጠራና ለውጤት አ7ላለፅ አ7ልግሎት የሚሰጡ ሰነዶች ከምርጫ ክልሉ ታሽንው ወደምርጫ ጣቢያው በሞጡበት ሁኔታ እስከ ድምፅ ሞስጫው ዕለት

clearly write the address of the receiving body, the type and quantity of the object and the date of preparation on the package.

# Article 14. Handing Over or Receiving After Checking

Any election officer or Board employee at any level shall:

- 1. Receive or hand over election material and documents sent by the Board after checking that they are the right type and amount and have remained secure.
- 2. Receive the election material and documents that are sent by the Board, handle with care and keep secure, particularly sensitive election material or document. Election materials and documents that require special security shall be kept secured with great care.
- 3. They shall ensure that the materials are used for their intended purpose and are returned, with care, to the Board, except for the items that are consumable in their nature such as civic and voters training manual, flyers and similar items.

# **Chapter Three**

# Handling, Retrieval and Disposal of Sensitive Election Materials or Documents

# **Article 15 Handling and Retrieval**

- Without prejudice to relevant provisions on election material and documents mentioned in this directive, sensitive materials, including the electoral roll, ballot papers, forms or documents used during voting, vote counting and announcement of results and security seals, must be handled with special care due to their relevance to the election process.
- 2. Documents necessary for the voting, counting and announcement of result process shall remain sealed in the same manner they were trans-

እሽን ሳይፈታ፣ ለጥበቃ አስተማማኝ፣ እንሰሳትና እርጥበት በሌለበት ቦታ በጥንቃቄ መቀመጥ አለባቸው፡፡

3. በምርጫ ሕን፣ በቦርዱ የድምጵ አሰጣጥ፣ ቆጠራና ውጤት አንላለጵ መመሪያና ሌሎች አማባብነት ያላቸው የቦርዱ መመሪያዎች የምርጫ ሂደቱ ተጠናቆ አስፈላጊ የሆኑ መረጃዎች ተሰብስበው ከተመዘንቡ በኋላ ሁሉም ልዩ ጥንቃቄ የሚያስፈልጋቸው የምርጫ ቁሳቁስና ሰነዶች መከፈታቸው በሚያስታውቁ ቦርሳዎች ውስጥ ተደርንውና የርክክብ ሰንሰለቱ ክፍተት አለመኖሩ በሰነድ በተረጋንጠ መንንድ ለሚመለከተው የምርጫ ማስፈጸሚያ አደረጃጀቶች መመለስ ይኖርባቸዋል።

#### አንቀጽ 16. ስለአወ*ጋገ*ድ

- - ሀ) የምርጫው ሂደት ከተጠናቀቀ፣
  - ሐ) ማንኛውም በምርጫ ሂደትና ውጤቱ ላይ የተነሱ አስተዳደራዊ ወይም ሕ*ጋ*ዊ የአቤቱታ ሂደቶች ከተቋጩ፣
  - ም) የድ*ጋ*ሚ ቆጠራ እስከሞጨረሻው ደረጃ ከተጠናቀቀ እና
- 2. በዚህ አንቀጵ ንኡስ አንቀጵ 1 በተደነገገው መሰረት እስኪወንዱ ድረስ የመራጮች መዝንብ፣ የድምጵ መስጫ ወረቀቶች፣ የውጤት መረካከቢያ ቅጾች፣ ቃለ ንባኤዎችና ሌሎች በምርጫው ሂደት በስራ ላይ የዋሉ ሰነዶች እንደአማባብነቱ በየምርጫ ክልሉ ተቀምጠው ቆይተው ቦርዱ በሚያወጣው የጊዜ ሰሌዳ መሰረት ወደ ቦርዱ ማዕከላዊ ግምጃ ቤት የርክክብ ስርዓቱ በተጠበቀ መንገድ ተጓጉዘው መቀመጥ አለባቸው።
- 3. በምርጫ ሂደት የተፈጸሞ ወንጀልን ለሞሞርሞር በሕፃ አስፈጻሚ አካላት ወይም በፍርድ ቤት የሚፈለን ልዩ ጥንቃቄ የሚያስፈል*ጋ*ቸው የምርጫ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነዶች

- ferred from the constituency to the polling station until the day of election. They shall not be opened, shall be put in a place that is secure, clean and dry, and free from rodents and pests.
- 3. In accordance with the Electoral Law, once the election process ends and all necessary information has been collected and filled in, all sensitive materials will be retrieved and returned in tamper-evident bags to the relevant election administration office with the documented chain of custody maintained at all times, and in accordance with the directive on Voting, Vote Counting and Announcement of Results as well as any Board instructions.

# Article 16. Disposal

- 1. Ballot papers, and sensitive materials or documents (such as results forms or minutes) that may be needed as evidence in a complaint or appeal can be disposed of only after:
  - a. The election is over;
  - b. Any administrative and legal complaints relating to election results have been finally resolved,
  - c. Any re-count is completed, and
  - d. the finality of the election result has been ascertained.
- 2. Until they are disposed of in accordance with sub-article 1 of this article, the electoral roll, the ballot papers, result reconciliation forms, minutes and other materials or documents put to use during the election process shall be kept safely, as appropriate, in each constituency and ,as per the Board's timetable, be transferred to and kept at the Board's central warehouses, and the documented chain of custody shall be maintained at all times.
- 3. Sensitive election materials or documents that are required by law enforcement bodies or the court as evidence to investigate crimes com-

እነዚህ የሕግ አካላት በሚሰጡት ማሳሰቢያ ላይ ተመስርቶ የይግባኝ ደረጃዎችን ጨምሮ የፍርድ ሂደቱ እስኪጠናቀቅ ድረስ እንዲቀመጡ ይደረ*ጋ*ል፡፡

- 4. ጣናቸውም ልዩ ጥንቃቄ የሚያስፈል*ጋ*ቸው የምርጫ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነዶች ከሚከተሉት ውስጥ ምጨረሻ የሚከሰተውን ተከትሎ ይወ*ገ*ዳሉ፦
  - U) በዚህ አንቀጵ ንኡስ አንቀጵ 1 ስር የተመለከቱት ሂደቶችና ውሳኔዎች ሲፈጸሙ፣ ወይም
- 5. በዚህ አንቀጵ ውስጥ የተመለከቱት ቁሳቁስና ሰነዶች አካባቢን በማይ*ጎዳ* መልኩ በመልሰ መጠቀም ሂደት ወይም በሌላ አመቺ በሆነ መልኩ በቦርዱ ጥብቅ ክትትል እና ውሳኔ እንዳስፈላጊነቱ አግባብነት ያላቸው ታዛቢዎች በተ*ገ*ኙበት ይወ*ገ*ዳሉ።

# ምዕራፍ አራት ልዩ ልዩ ድ*ንጋጌ*ዎች

# አንቀጽ 17. ስለተጠያቂነት

- 2. ጣንኛውንም የምርጫ ማስፈፀሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነድ የሚያሰራጭ ወይም የተረከበ ሰው ከጥንቃቄ ንድለት ላጠፋው፣ ላበላሸው፣ እንዳይሰራ ላደረገው ወይም ላወደጦው የምርጫ ማስፈፀሚያ ቁሳቁስ ወይም ሰነዶች አግባብ ባለው ህግ ምሰረት ይጠየቃል።

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- mitted during election process shall ,based on notice given by such law enforcement bodies, be maintained until the court proceedings including appeals are finalized.
- 4. Any sensitive election materials or documents shall be disposed of at the later of the following:
  - a. When all of the events or decisions provided under sub-article 1 of this article occur; or
  - b. one year after election day.
- 5. All material indicated in this Article shall either be recycled or disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner and under strict scrutiny by the Board's employees and in the presence of observers, as appropriate.
- 6. Without prejudice to provisions of this article, the Board may decide a different timeline for disposing of the electoral roll.

# Chapter Four Miscellaneous Provisions

# **Article 17. Accountability**

- 1. Unless the circumstance couldn't be avoided due to force majeure, whoever transports or receives the property from the office of the Board under this directive shall be responsible for any damage that might occur on the property during transportation.
- 2. Anyone that destroys wrecks or causes damage to any of the election documents or material s/he has received or is in charge of distributing due to negligence shall be held responsible for the damage in accordance to the relevant law.

# **Article 18. Repealed Directives**

Any directive or procedure which contradicts this directive shall not be applicable to matters covered by this directive.

# አንቀጽ 19. ስለሙተባበር

ብርቱካን ሚደቅሳ የኢትዮዽያ ብሔራዊ ምርጫ ቦርድ ሰብሳቢ

# **Article 19. Duty to Cooperate**

National Election Board of Ethiopia, 2021

Everyone has the duty to cooperate to implement and ensure the implementation of this directive.

#### **Article 20. Effective Date**

This provisional directive shall enter into force as of February 11,2021

#### **Birtukan Midekssa**

**Chairperson of the Ethiopian National Election Board**