

## **Basic regulations on the jurisdictional areas of the Electoral Census Office in compiling the Electoral Census**

The Organic Law from General Electoral Regime (LOREG), Articles 30, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38.

### **Article 30**

The Electoral Census Office has following jurisdictions:

- a) It coordinates the process of drafting the electoral census and as such may send instructions to Municipal Councils and Consulates, as well as to those in charge of the Civil Register and of the Central Register of Convicted Persons and Rebels.
- b) It oversees the process of drafting the Electoral Census and as such may inspect Municipal Councils and Consulates.
- c) It automatically monitors and checks registrations and delistings handled by the competent bodies and compiles a national voter file.
- d) It removes multiple records for a single voter not detected by Municipal Councils and Consulates, under the terms provided for in article 33.
- e) It drafts the provisional and final electoral lists.
- f) It resolves complaints against bodies involved in census operations and in particular those raised due to incorrect inclusion or la exclusion of a person in or from electoral lists. Resolution of these is the final administrative phase

### **Article 34. Nature and validity of the Electoral Census**

The Electoral Census is permanent and it is updated monthly, with reference to the first day of each month.

### **Article 35. Updating of the Electoral Census**

1. For updating of the census, Municipal Councils will send monthly, in fixed terms by the Electoral Census Office, to the respective Provincial Delegation of the Electoral Census Office, a list documented previously established by instructions of the Organism, all the variations of the Register produced in that month.
2. If some Municipal Council does not fulfill its obligation under the preceding paragraph, the Director of the Census Office will report this to the Central Electoral Board to the same arrangements as appropriate.
3. The update corresponding to the first month of the year will also include, under the terms provided for in the previous paragraph, registrations, with the classification of minor, of residents who are to turn 18 years old between 1 January and 31 December the following year.

### **Article 36. Updating of the Census of residents living abroad**

1. In order to update the census of resident/absent voters living abroad, Consulates will deal with the paperwork, pursuant to the same procedure as Municipal Councils, for registrations and delistings of Spaniards living their

catchment area, as well as their changes in place of abode produced in the same or in the application of registration changes to a new district.

These latter can only be accepted if there is sufficient cause and justification for it.

**2.** In the closed census for each election, changes in registration in one district to another in the year prior to the date of calling the elections will not be taken into account.

**Article 37.** Updating of the Census responsible for the Civil Register and for the Central Register of Convicted Persons and Rebels

Those responsible for the Civil Register will notify Provincial Delegations of the Electoral Census Office monthly any set of circumstances that may affect registration in the electoral census.

**Article 38**

**1.** The Electoral Census Office will proceed to update the data monthly of the electoral census with the data received before the first day of each month.

**2.** With the details listed in previous articles, Provincial Delegations of the Electoral Census Office will keep the updated census at the disposal of those concerned in order to be queried on a permanent basis at Municipal Councils, Consulates or at the Provincial Delegation itself.

Complaints regarding the census data will be addressed to Provincial Delegations of the Electoral Census Office, which will be resolved within a maximum of five days, starting from such time as the former are received.

Municipal Councils and Consulates will immediately submit complaints received to the respective Provincial Delegations of the Electoral Census Office.

**3.** The Electoral Census Office will adopt the appropriate measures for enabling processing by Municipal Councils and Consulates of queries and complaints.

**4.** Appeals against decisions on this matter by Delegations of the Electoral Census Office will be processed by a preferential and summary procedure, provided for in number 2 of article 53 of the Constitution.