

**Instruction 4/2009, of 17 Dec. 2009, of the Central Electoral Commission, on Electoral Register Office operations in relation to the issuing of copies of the electoral register to candidates and the sending of documentation to exercise the right to vote.**

1. Deadline for candidate representatives to request copies of the electoral register. The usual deadline for candidate representatives to request copies of the electoral register, as they are legally able to do in application of what is established in article 41.5 of the Organic Law of the General Electoral System, is that established in article 4 of the Order of 3 February 1987, of the Ministry of the Economy and Finance, regulating the distribution of copies of the electoral register in magnetic format and the issuing of certificates of registration on the electoral register; i.e. the period between the day the representative is designated and the day the candidates are declared; the request for copies is subject to confirmation of this declaration. As long as the aforementioned Ministerial Order of 3 February 1987 remains in force it is necessary to interpret said regulatory measure in light of the fundamental right to participation in politics recognised in article 23 of the Constitution, which leads to the understanding that the requests filed after this deadline may exceptionally be addressed by the Electoral Register Office, following the express authorisation of the competent Provincial Electoral Commission, as long as at the time the request is made, the delivery of the copy of the electoral register could still serve to fulfil the legally foreseen purposes.