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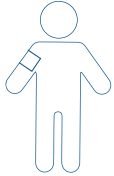


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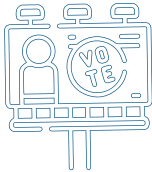


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# 31st of Oct. to 5th of Nov.



1. Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) realizes inauguration of Polling Station Boards (PSBs).



2. End of election campaign and start of electoral silence.



3. SEC distributes election materials.



4. Voter lists and Electoral Roll.



5. Procedures for polling day.



6. SEC offices open to public until 6th of November.



# SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL (SEC) REALIZES INAUGURATION OF POLLING STATION BOARDS (PSBS).

On Sunday 31st of October, in preparation for the General Election of 7th of November next, the SEC, in coordination with the Municipal Electoral Councils, realized the inauguration of the PSBs throughout the country.





On 14th of October last, the members of the PSBs were appointed in all the municipalities of the country. A total of 80,754 men and women were appointed, each with their respective alternates, thereby ensuring the principle of gender rotation and equity. These were divided as follows:

**Presidents:** 13,459 plus 13,459 alternates.

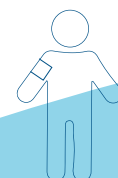
**First members:** 13,459 plus 13,459 alternates.

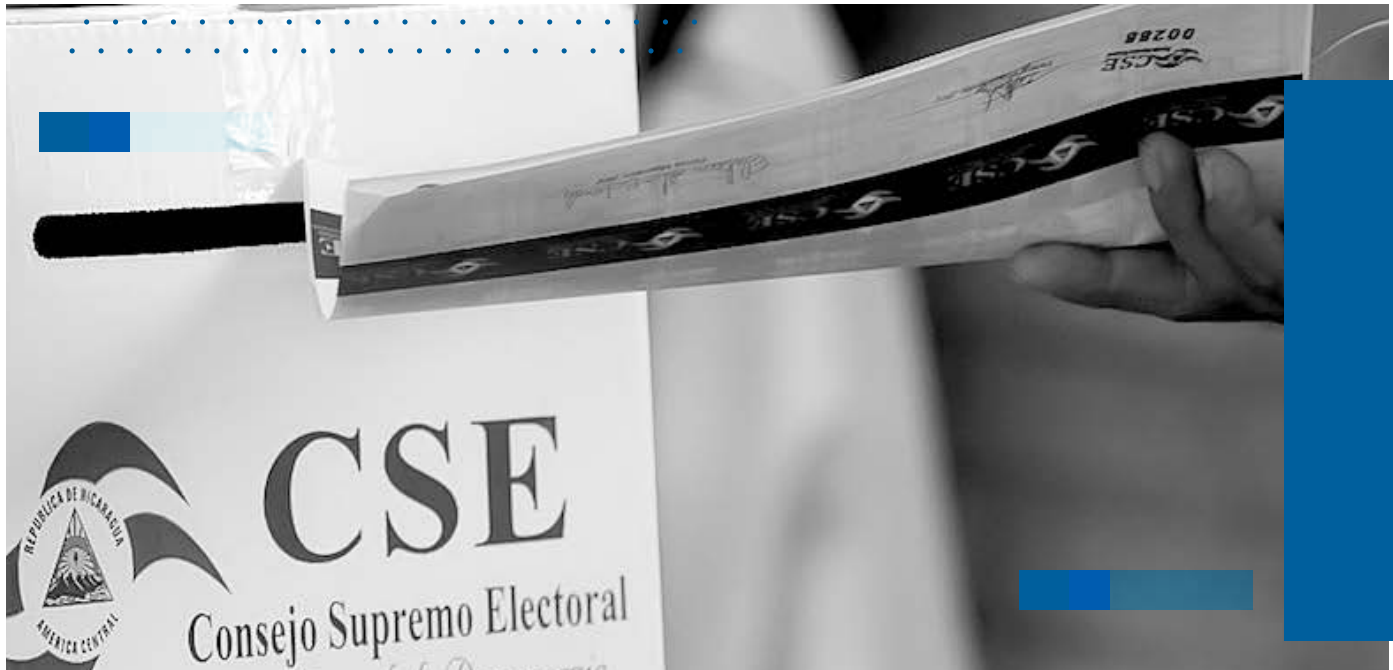
**Second members:** 13,459 plus 13,459 alternates.

In addition, this State body undertook the training of all PSB members charged with overseeing the functioning of the 13,459 PSBs, located in the 3,106 polling stations countrywide.

The SEC authorities indicated that “the training events for the PSB members have been prepared with a great deal of technical and pedagogic rigor”.

For these training events, the materials used included the Voting Procedure Manual, exercise books and videos, thereby facilitating understanding of each of the elements that serve to guarantee voters the exercise of their sovereign right to suffrage.





# END OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND START OF ELECTORAL SILENCE

On 3rd of November last, in compliance with the Electoral Calendar, the electoral campaigning period was ended and, beginning 4th of November, gave way to a period of electoral silence. This must be rigorously and strictly respected, both by the participant political organizations and the Nicaraguan public, up to the 7th of November, the date of the 2021 General Election.



During this electoral campaign process, the political parties and their alliances were able to communicate their political, social and economic programs to the public via mass media channels such as radio, television and other alternative social networks.

Similarly, they were able to use such means as banners, posters, placards and leaflets, and meetings of no more that 200 persons were allowed on the country's main avenues and streets.

## Campaigning in times of the Pandemic

On 20th of September, 2021, following the recommendations of the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health, this State body decreed the Sanitary Measures for the Control and Prevention of COVID – 19, which the political organizations were

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obligated to apply during the 2021 electoral campaign, in order to protect and safeguard the health and wellbeing of the Nicaraguan public.

It is worth mentioning that every one of participating political parties and their alliances complied strictly with these health recommendations.

## Electoral Silence Begins

In accordance with the Electoral Calendar and Article 85 of the Electoral law 331, this State body reaffirms that, from the 4th of November “All Electoral Campaign activity will cease seventy and two hours prior to Polling Day,”. This electoral silence includes the cessation of all proselytizing activity.

In addition, during the period from the 4th to the 6th of November, the mass media channels will be available to the SEC for the timely communication of information pertaining to the general election.

The SEC reaffirms a commitment to continue guarantying a Free, Just and Transparent Electoral Process, in a climate of order, tranquility and peaceful coexistence for all Nicaraguans.



# SEC DISTRIBUTES ELECTION MATERIALS



On Monday November 1st, in preparation for the General Election of 7th November next, the SEC, via the General Direction of Logistic Organization and Electoral Warehouse, and in coordination with the Departmental Electoral Councils, began the delivery of Electoral Bags to the 153 municipalities countrywide.







The activity was supervised by the legal representatives of the political parties and alliances participating in the electoral process. Each of the representatives randomly verified the content of the electoral bags, which included electoral documents, ballots, registers and other materials, as well as manuals, identity bracelets and indelible ink.

Present during the event were SEC President, Magistrate Brenda Rocha, Vice President, Cairo Amador, and the remaining magistrates of the electoral authority. Also, Commander in Chief of the Nicaraguan Army, General Julio Cesar Avilés; Inspector General of Police, Commissioner General Jaime Antonio Vanegas, and Sub Director of National Police, Commissioner General Ramón Avellán.



In delivering the electoral materials, priority was given to the more distant and isolated regions, those first attended to being the North and South Caribbean regions, as well as Rio San Juan, thereby guaranteeing the right to suffrage of all electors.

The National Police will accompany and provide security and protection in all polling stations, for which purpose they will mobilize 16,655 police officers 3,000 vehicles and 600 means of communication.

At the same time, the transfer of electoral materials will be supported by 15,000 Nicaraguan Army personnel, with 600 heavy duty, light and special transport units; 400 radio telephones, 7 airborne units, 80 naval units, and protection for 634 objectives in the national territory.



# VOTER LISTS AND ELECTORAL ROLL



On 7th of November, citizens will have at their disposal, wall displayed electoral rolls in each polling station, and similar in each PSB.

The electoral roll consists of the list, in alphabetical order, of the citizens able to vote in that polling station, along with the number of the corresponding PSB. The rolls are located so as to be clearly visible and easily accessed by the voters.

In addition, in each polling station, a yellow colored list will be displayed of citizens listed in the station's electoral roll, who have requested change of domicile and have been transferred, therefore, to the electoral roll of another polling station.



This latter roll specifies the polling station in which the transferred voter is now able to vote. Changes of domicile were made personally and expressly at the request of the citizens affected.

Similarly, a green colored voter list will be displayed, of citizens who received their IDs before the 8th of September, who do not feature in the electoral roll due to the self-debugging mechanism established under Article 40 of the Electoral Law.

Citizens will be able to use the electoral roll or the voter lists in order to locate themselves in the polling stations and PSBs in which they are able to vote.

We emphasize that both the electoral roll and the voter lists were printed only up to the 8th of September so as to guarantee their physical availability in each polling station and PSB. Citizens applying for ID for the first time after the 8th of September are not included in the voter lists or the electoral roll.



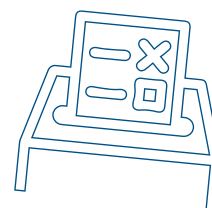


# PROCEDURES FOR POLLING DAY

The first step undertaken is for the principal and alternate members to meet at 6.00 a.m. in order to constitute themselves as a PSB.

***The act of constitution of the PSB implies the following:***

- Names and charges are noted of the members forming the PSB.
- Verification that the voting precinct fulfills the conditions required.
- Counted and noted the number of electoral ballots received.
- They attest to their having inspected the voting urns in the presence of the prosecutors and verify that these are empty, and that they remained thus when sealed and closed.
- Confirmed that all electoral documents and auxiliary materials are in place.

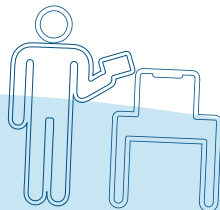


- Guarantee correct location of the PSB code guaranteed.
- Location of PSB poster of members.



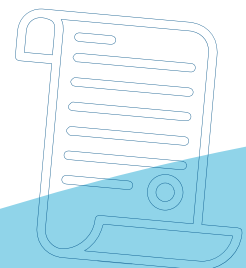
Voting will begin at 7.00 a.m. and conclude at 6.00 p.m. However, in accordance with Article 101 of Electoral law 331, the PSB may not close if there are registered voters waiting their turn to vote.

Citizens will go to their corresponding polling station, taking and observing the appropriate sanitary measures. They will vote in the PSB in which they are registered. Expectant mothers, women carrying children, incapacitated persons and the elderly will be given priority in the queues to vote.



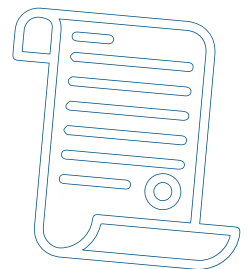
## Article 103 of Electoral Law establishes the following for the act of voting:

- Each voter will go personally to the PSB, presenting his ID or his supplementary voting document.
- The PSB will verify that the voter's ID or supplementary voting document belongs to the bearer.
- The PSB will confirm that the voter appears in the electoral roll voter list in order to give him the corresponding electoral ballot.
- The PSB President will explain to the voter the way in which to cast his vote.
- The voter will mark an X or other sign in the circle of the box of his preference, to then introduce the ballot, duly folded, into the corresponding electoral urn.  
If the X or other mark made on the ballot is outside the circle of the voter's preferred box, but the voter's intention is understandable, the vote will be entered as valid.



- After voting, the voter will clean his hands to then mark his left thumb, or any other of his fingers if he lacks thumbs. If the physical impediment affects the upper extremities, the indelible ink may be applied to any other visible part of the voter's body.

Persons with physical impediments will be allowed to vote accompanied by a trusted companion.



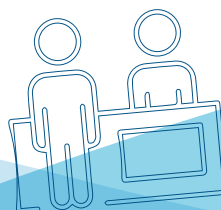


# SEC OFFICES OPEN TO PUBLIC UNTIL 6TH OF NOVEMBER

The SEC advises Nicaraguan citizens that their Offices offering attention to the public, will be open, exceptionally, on Saturday the 6th of November until 5.00 p.m. throughout the country.

This is to allow citizens who have requested replacement of their ID to receive the document, even as late as the day prior to polling day, 2021.

The SEC reaffirms it's commitment to continue strengthening democracy, peace and tranquility, working always to guarantee a Free, Just and Transparent Electoral Process.





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