

THE CROATIAN PARLIAMENT

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Pursuant to Article 89 of the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, I hereby issue the

DECISION

PROMULGATING THE ACT ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT ON THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

I hereby promulgate the Act on Amendments to the Act on the Election of the President of the Republic of Croatia, passed by the Croatian Parliament at its session on 24 October 2014.

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Zagreb, 27 October 2014

President

of the Republic
of Croatia

**Ivo Josipović, m.
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ACT

ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT ON THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Article 1

In the Act on the Election of the President of the Republic of Croatia (Official Gazette No. 22/92, 42/92, 71/97, 69/04, 99/04, 44/06 and 24/11), Article 13 is amended and reads:

“Election advertising shall begin on the date that the list of candidates for the President of the Republic of Croatia is announced by the State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia and end 24 hours before the election day.

During election advertising, all candidates for the President of the Republic of Croatia are entitled to present and explain their electoral programmes.”

Article 2

Article 14 is amended to read:

“Croatian Television and Croatian Radio shall follow electoral advertising for the President of the Republic of Croatia and, during electoral advertising, enable all candidates for the President of the Republic of Croatia to present and explain their electoral programmes. The publishers of other media shall decide independently whether and to what extent they are to follow electoral advertising for the President of the Republic of Croatia.

The publishers of all media shall guarantee independent journalism, professionalism and expertise, consistent respect of the journalists' code of ethics and, in particular, the fundamental principle of the freedom of expression that is stipulated in the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, being guided in the process by the interests of the public.

Rules adopted by the Croatian Parliament on the conduct of electronic media that hold the national concession in the Republic of Croatia during electoral advertising shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the following of electoral advertising of candidates for the President of the Republic of Croatia.”

Article 3

Article 15 is amended to read:

“On the election day until the polling stations are closed, and 24 hours before the election day, it is prohibited to perform any electoral advertising, publish assessments of electoral results and publish preliminary, unofficial results of elections, publish photographs in the public media, statements and interviews of candidates for the president of the Republic of Croatia and refer to their statements or written works.”

Article 4

In the entire text of the Act on the Election of the President of the Republic of Croatia (Official Gazette No. 22/92, 42/92, 71/97, 69/04, 99/04, 44/06 and 24/11), the words “the Election Commission of the Republic of Croatia” in various grammatical cases are replaced by the words “the State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia” in the appropriate grammatical case, and the words “and office abroad” in the appropriate singular or plural form and grammatical case are deleted.

Article 5

This Act shall enter into force on the eighth day after the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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Zagreb, 24 October 2014

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President

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