

**REGULATION  
OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL**

of 1 September 1998

**CONCERNING PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE DIVISION OF FREE  
BROADCASTING TIME, PREPARATION, EMISSION, AND INFORMATION  
ABOUT EMISSION TIME BEFORE ELECTIONS TO BOROUGH, COUNTY, AND  
VOIVODESHIP COUNCILS.**

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Under article 77, item 3 of the Act of 16 July 1998 concerning election laws for borough, county, and voivodeship councils (Official Gazette 'Dziennik Ustaw', No. 95, item 602), the following is hereby ordered:

§1. The election programmes shall be broadcast free of charge on regional and national channels of Polish Television 'Telewizja Polska-Spółka Akcyjna', below referred to as 'Telewizja Polska', and in regional programmes transmitted by regional public broadcasting companies, below referred to as 'regional broadcasting companies', and also on national programmes of Polish Radio 'Polskie Radio-Spółka Akcyjna', below referred to as 'Polskie Radio', during the period from the 15<sup>th</sup> day before the elections until the end of the election campaign.

§ 2.1. For the necessities of broadcasting the election programmes, the areas of regional programme transmission on Polish Television-'Telewizja Polska' are established according to Appendix 1, and the areas of emission of regional programmes by individual regional broadcasting companies are established in Appendix 2.

2. At the request of interested election committees for broadcasting programmes in the electoral districts situated on the borders of the areas defined in the appendices mentioned in item 1, the National Broadcasting Council may allow the transmission of election programmes from the neighbouring area if it is justified by better programme reception quality.

§3. The Boards of Directors of Polish Television-'Telewizja Polska' and Polish Radio-'Polskie Radio' will divide the total election broadcasting time among all of the national

stations within the limits of the total time granted for national stations to broadcast election programmes free of charge.

**§4.1** The authorized representatives of the election committees shall present the requests for free broadcasting time to the authorities of the broadcasting companies defined in §7 and §8, not later than 22 days prior to election day.

2. The requests that are mentioned in item 1 should contain:

1) the name of the election committee authorized to free broadcasting of the election programmes,

2) the first and last name and address of the person authorized by the election committee to represent it in issues connected with free broadcasting of the election programmes, called ‘authorized representative’,

3) the list of election districts, with the registered rolls of candidates for borough, county, and voivodeship councils, pertaining to the broadcasting areas.

3. To the petition are attached:

1) copies of the protocols for registration of the rolls of the candidates listed in the request,

2) the document issued by the election committee stating the nomination of the election committee’s authorized representative for election programmes.

**§5.1.** The election committees entitled to broadcast on the same channel can present joint requests for a broadcasting time licence .

2. In the event of joint requests for a broadcasting time licence presented by two or more election committees, shared broadcasting time shall be conceded as a sum of the individual broadcasting times of each committee.

3. The committees presenting a joint request for a broadcasting time licence are responsible for appointing one joint authorized representative.

**§6.** Before dividing the broadcasting time, the authorities of the broadcasting companies mentioned in §7 and §8 shall call meetings of the authorized representatives, in order to provide them information about the proposed tentative schedule of election programme broadcasting time and to draw numbers for the order of election programme emission.

**§7.** The directors of the departments within Polish Television-‘Telewizja Polska’ and the presidents of the boards of directors of the regional broadcasting companies will divide the broadcasting time on the regional channels in proportion to the number of registered rolls of candidates in the area of emission of a given programme.

**§8.** The presidents of the boards of directors of Polish Television-‘Telewizja Polska’ and Polish Radio-‘Polskie Radio’ shall divide the broadcasting time among the election committees entitled to broadcast the election programmes on national stations in proportion to the number of lists of candidates registered by these committees in the elections to the voivodeship councils.

**§9.** After having considered the requests of the authorized representatives, not later than 19 days prior to election day, the authorities of the broadcasting companies mentioned in §7 and §8 shall establish the rules and provide the authorized representatives information in writing about:

- 1) broadcasting time granted to the election committee,
- 2) dates of emission of the election programmes of the election committee,
- 3) dates and time of registration of the election programmes,
- 4) technical conditions which the election programme materials independently prepared by the election committees should meet.

**§10.** Materials for an election programme independently prepared by an election committee should be delivered to the broadcasting station 24 hours prior to emission at the latest.

**§11.** The election programmes shall be broadcast in blocks in which the order of emission of the election programmes of the individual committees is established by drawing, as mentioned in §6, with the participation of the authorized representatives.

**§12.1.** The broadcasting station required to emit the election programmes guarantees free registration of the presentations of the election committee representatives, candidates for membership on councils, or other information prepared by the election committees in the studio of the broadcasting station.

2. In order to record a programme, the broadcasting station guarantees the opportunity to use the studio for three times the length of the expected time of emission of the programme in question.

**§13.** The broadcasting stations required to emit the election programmes shall announce these at least twice in their information programme schedules. They shall provide information about the emission of election programme blocks daily in the programme announcements as well as through the printed press in the manner adopted for providing information about programme content.

**§14.** The regulation shall take effect upon promulgation.