

The Elections Act was adopted by the Eighth Session of the Provisional World Parliament convened in conformance with the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* on 12 August 2004, at City Montessori School, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India.

Summary of an Act

World Legislative Act #29

To inaugurate enabling legislation for the World Boundaries and Elections Administration, including provisions for a Global Peoples Assembly

Short title:

Elections Act

The Provisional World Parliament adopts this Act to inaugurate the World Boundaries and Elections Administration (WBEA), including provisions for a Global Peoples Assembly.

1. Assigns basic administrative structure of World Boundaries and Elections Administration, as per Article 8, Section C. of the *Earth Constitution*.
2. Defines administrative functions of World Boundaries and Elections Administration in conformance with Article 8, Section C. of the *Earth Constitution*:
 - 2.1. Defines World Boundaries;
 - 2.2. Assign Administration to make periodic adjustments;
 - 2.3. define detailed procedures for nomination and election of Members of the World Parliament to House of Peoples and to House of Counsellors;
 - 2.4. Conducts; Parliamentary candidate elections
 - 2.5. Prepare Voters' Information Booklets;
 - 2.6. To define rules for world political parties and political representation, subject to approval by World Parliament, and subject to review and recommendations of World Ombudsmus.
 - 2.7. To define detailed procedures for legislative initiative and referendum by Citizens of Earth, and to conduct voting on supra-national or global initiatives and referendums in conjunction with world parliamentary elections.
 - 2.8. To conduct plebiscites when requested by other Organs of World Government, and to make recommendations for settlement of boundary disputes.
 - 2.9. To conduct global census every five years, and to prepare and maintain complete demographic analyses for Earth.Further defines administrative functions :
 - 2.10. To create and maintain world electoral registry, to manage electoral process.
 - 2.11. To directly stimulate and promote popular participation in world government

affairs on worldwide basis. In particular, to support Global Peoples Assembly (GPA), to include peoples committees and peoples councils on wide variety of different issues. Permits Global Peoples Assembly to include all citizens of Earth who express desire to participate in Assembly in conformance with world law.

2.12. To eventually construct and maintain dedicated facilities for the Global Peoples Assembly (GPA) in every Administrative District on Earth, with facilities of ample capacity for all world citizens projected to participate.

2.13. To directly stimulate and promote diverse range of approaches to world decision making processes, to include Internet, radio, television, and other technology decision making systems in overall decision processes.

3. Sets Boundaries; adopts the Newcombe Proposal for World Districts and Regions, with adjustments as necessary to bring plan up to date and within constitutional limits. Recommends immediately review of districting plan, particularly if districting is not brought fully within constitutional limits by first operative stage of world government. (Presents Newcombe Districting as legislative addendum.)

4. Establishes Voter Registry.

5. Defines process for nomination and election of World Parliament Members; Requires solemn undertaking from World candidates;

6. Enables conducting of world elections.
Authorizes World Boundaries and Elections Commission to allocate funds.

7. Establishes Voter Information Office.

8. Requires political parties to ratify Earth Constitution to participate in world elections.

9. Establishes campaign limits.

10. Defines world legislative initiatives and process.

11. Defines world legislative referendum and process.

12. Defines world plebiscites and process.

13. Permits census process.

14. Establishes Global Peoples Assembly (GPA) as global para-governmental agency and process, comprising both non-governmental

and governmental functions, emerging to improve democratic process at global level, encouraging popular participation in making world citizen decisions.

14.1 Defines Functions of Global Peoples Assembly, its subsidiary and partner organizations;

14.1.1. to endorse, promote or reject endorsement of candidates to House of Peoples and to House of Nations;

14.1.2. to recommend that World Parliament deliberate specified issues or subjects of legislation;

14.1.3. to generate necessary world citizens Initiatives and Plebiscites for election by People of Earth in measured world elections conducted by World Boundaries and Elections Administration, if the Global Peoples Assembly does not perceive recommendations to be adequate;

14.1.4. to discuss pending decisions and past decisions of the World Parliament;

14.1.5. to discuss pending decisions and past decision of the People via world initiatives, world referendums and world plebiscites;

14.1.6. to form citizens commissions to investigate electoral procedures, systems or subsystems that may have been subverted by faulty or fraudulent electronic count or other means, or the secrecy of which may have been compromised. (Individuals' vote is secret, but not actual counting of votes, which is public function.); and

14.1.7. to discuss and review its own functioning, making corrections as necessary to ensure broad popular participation in new world political process.

14.2 Defines Membership and Partner Organizations

14.2.1. Defines Participating members.

14.2.2. Defines Contributing members.

14.2.3. Defines GPA Partner Organizations.

14.3. Defines Delegates Council.

14.3.1. Defines GPA initial arrangements

14.3.2. Defines Liaisons and Delegates

Defines procedure to determine numbers of delegates. if facility space is short. This Act encourages broad participation in Global Peoples Assembly. This Act recommends Credentials Committee to find additional adjacent space and electronically link assembly, if feasible.

14.3.2.4. Permits Assemblies or organizations to designate participating members as liaisons to other assemblies and organizations.

14.3.2.5. Limits partner delegates to constitute less than 50% of all GPA delegates.

14.3.2.6. Subject to availability of resources, GPAM may subsidize travel and other expenses for delegates who request financial aid, according to need and past or potential level of participation.

14.3.3. Voting Delegates Council and other groups of the Global Peoples Assembly will seek consensus, with 2/3 of those present required for decisions on resolutions, initiatives, policy, Charter and Bylaws. Consensus and electoral decisions take effect immediately, but if ratification vote fails at future GPAM Plenary, the respective assembly must revoke or change decision as advised. By simple majority vote, Delegates, liaisons or partner members may submit proposed decisions, along with pro and con statements, to participating members for advisory vote. Other contested decisions, including elections and procedural decisions, are by majority vote. Declares Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, latest edition as basic manual for procedure of the Global Peoples Assembly and Delegates Council, unless Delegates Council or Global Peoples Assembly decides otherwise;

14.3.4. Meetings Delegates Council shall meet at GPAs, and shall strive to meet in person at least annually and electronically at least quarterly. For voting purposes, a quorum is 25% of all delegates.

14.3.5 Defines structure of Delegates Council to include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who serve for up to two terms of two years each. The Delegates Council may create other leadership positions and groups as needed, with duties and terms of office.

14.3.6. Requires Delegates Council to form Credentials Committee to compile list of qualified assemblies and partner organizations and to maintain database of participating members and of current delegates, and alternates. Requires committee to also solicit potential assemblies and partner organizations and issue qualification guidelines with approval of Delegates Council. Requires Credentials Committee to determine activity of participating members for quorum purposes.

Requires Credentials Committee to form a list of recommended candidates to serve in elections to House of Peoples and to Hour of Counsellors in general world government elections. Permits Credentials Committee to elaborate commentary on World Parliament candidates coming from World Districts and Regional Assemblies.

Permits candidate for World Parliament to run for office without endorsement from Credentials Committee of Global Peoples Assembly, if all qualifications are met, as defined in Earth Constitution.

14.3.7. Defines Internal Initiatives.

14.4. Defines GPAM Plenary Sessions

14.4.1. Sets simple majority to vote on policy.

14.4.2. Defines Voting for Candidates and Borda Count.

14.4. 3. Other Procedure. Procedural issues not addressed in Bylaws will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, latest edition.

14.5. Defines Financial Arrangements

14.5.1 Permits fiscal agents.

15. Declares intention to eventually provide dedicated facilities for Global Peoples Assemblies

16. Promotes development of Internet programs and projects to create better and stronger world democratic process.

17. Authorizes Agency for Research and Planning to assign public radio and television frequencies for each District, Region and other jurisdictional levels of Earth Federation, to include dedicated frequencies for broadcast of each District, Region and other jurisdictional level of Global Peoples Assembly.

18. Allows Low Technology systems to supplement participation

19. Children's Participation. Directs budgetary allocations for youth participation and parliamentary training in annual budget of the WBEA.

20. Incorporates Syntegrity Project for advisory function

21. Assigns World Boundaries and Elections Commission to prepare annual Budget.

22. Requires World Boundaries and Elections Administration annual report to World Parliament and to Presidium.

23. Claims to further provisions

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