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An Act relating to the Elections of the Carodian House of Commons

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E IT ENACTED, by the Office of the Prime Minister of the Dominion of Carolusburg, with the advice and consent of the Royal Carodian Parliament thereof, as follows:

Introduction

1. One of the most valuable and fundamental rights earned by the Carodian people throughout their history is the right to vote in the House of Commons, ensuring that the democratic principles of the Dominion of Carolusburg are preserved and respected in their entirety. This right was consolidated after years of struggles and demands for greater civic and political participation, reflecting the maturation of a nation that, though rooted in ancient monarchies, now stands as a true defender of freedom of expression and popular representation.

In accordance with the provisions set forth by the Constitution of the Dominion, specifically in Article II, Section 11, His Majesty's Government acknowledges the importance of ensuring that the electoral process remains transparent, fair, and accessible to all eligible citizens. This Act is established with the purpose of further reinforcing the foundations of democracy within the country, providing a clear and efficient framework for the conduct of elections, while also serving as an amendment that updates and complements the existing mechanisms.

The goal of this Act is not only to protect the electoral process itself but also to enhance citizen participation, ensure elections are conducted fairly, and guarantee that all Carodians can fully exercise their political rights. It sets parameters for transparency in vote counting, adherence to the electoral calendar, proper campaign financing, and independent oversight of elections, ensuring that the outcomes genuinely reflect the will of the people.

Thus, His Majesty's Government, in accordance with the fundamental values of the Dominion, is committed to remaining vigilant in the protection of these rights and to promoting the active participation of the population, thereby strengthening what is, undoubtedly, the foundation of national sovereignty: the right of the Carodian people to freely and democratically elect their representatives.

Requirements to Apply

2. To run for the Royal Parliament of the Dominion of Carolusburg, one must meet a series of formal requirements and protocols established by His Majesty's Government, which are designed to ensure that all candidates are properly qualified to carry out their legislative duties with responsibility and in accordance with the fundamental values and principles of the Dominion. The eligibility criteria are stringent, as the Royal Parliament plays a crucial role in shaping the laws and overseeing the Government. Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- a. Be on Dominion for more than two (2) weeks;
- b. Be a registered citizen;
- c. Be a graduate of a course in Universette eui Lord Camrose (optional, but after the election the candidate must seek to graduate as quickly as possible).
- d. Be registered with a political party, or self-declared as independent.

Application Process

3. To participate in elections within the Dominion of Carolusburg, citizens must officially register with a political party by contacting its leader. This step is essential, as the party leader must approve the candidacy for it to be validated. If a citizen attempts to run without this approval, their candidacy will be immediately annulled without appeal.

However, citizens can choose to run as an Independent, without party affiliation. In this case, they must follow specific rules set by the electoral authorities, including additional eligibility requirements. This option allows for more political freedom but requires strict adherence to election regulations.

Abandonment of Candidacy

4. A citizen has the right to withdraw their candidacy, but this must be done correctly and within the established deadlines. The party leader must be informed of the withdrawal at least two days before the election. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the citizen being barred from participating in the next election.

If the candidate chooses to withdraw four days or more before the election, they will be required to pay an inconvenience fee of 4,000 Cronas and will also be prohibited from running in the next election.

Special Elections

4. There are two types of Special Elections in the Dominion of Carolusburg: the **Tie Special Elections** and the **By-Elections**. Below is a detailed explanation of each:

- a. Tie Special Elections
 - i. Tie Special Elections occur in rare instances when the result of a vote for a specific seat ends in a tie. In such cases, a new election for that seat must be called and held immediately after the conclusion of the original election, with a 10-hour deadline for completion. If the result remains tied after this second vote, the final decision is transferred to the Viceregal Representative, who, along with His Majesty's Privy Council and its Advisory Committee, determines the winner. The criteria for this decision include:
 - 1. The candidate's service record;
 - 2. The candidate's activity;
 - 3. The candidate's age (in Stefanic Years).
 - ii. In rare cases, the Crown, represented by the monarch, may decide the election's outcome at their discretion, though this is reserved for emergencies and is not commonly practiced.
- b. By-Elections
 - i. These elections are held to fill vacancies in the Royal Parliament that occur when a member dies or is removed from office by a ruling from the Federal Court. Although His Royal Majesty, King Carolus II, reserves the right to appoint individuals to fill these seats (a practice common in the past), this has become less frequent. Today, His Majesty is advised to choose from a list of names provided by the Prime Minister. If neither the King nor the Viceregal Representative appoints someone, a By-Election is called. In this case, the Viceregal Representative selects one candidate from the majority party in the House of Commons and one candidate from the opposition, initiating the special election. This election also has a 10-hour deadline for completion. If there is a tie, the same process used in Tie Special Elections is applied to determine the winner.

Electoral Fraud

4. The right to vote in a free and fair election is a basic right of every Citizen in the Dominion of Carolusburg. The Royal Parliament must ensure that every eligible individual can vote and that no one's vote is stolen or diluted. Electoral fraud is a serious violation of the laws of the Dominion and the Constitution. Anyone who commits or attempts to commit electoral fraud will be disqualified from voting in the future and barred from holding any political office.

Some examples of electoral fraud include:

- a. Paying voters to cast their vote on election day or by absentee ballot for a particular candidate;
- b. Allowing non-Carodian citizens to vote;
- c. Voting more than once in the same election;
- d. Voting on behalf of other legitimate voters.

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