

Gentry of Elections - Procedure

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Procedure for the Ballot Setup

1. The Gentry of Elections and its members will, as per law, post an announcement & debate thread on the Monday before the ballots are released to the Subreddit.
2. Parties and Independents can comment a list of candidates in a specific order to fill in the seats they win during an election.
 - a. The Gentry of Elections and its members shall verify with each candidate that is listed on the official announcement thread in private if the candidate indeed wishes to be listed as candidate on the ballot.
 - i. Exception: A candidate who made a post announcing their candidacy with their own reddit account, instead of being listed in a ticket that someone else posted, is already verified.
3. Parties and Independents can submit a name and logo for their list of candidates to appear on the ballot.
 - a. If a Party or Independent fail to submit a name or logo for their list of candidates, the Gentry of Elections and its members will use the name and logo they have access to or knowledge of (Example: Official Party Logo, Official Name of Party).

Procedure for Releasing Ballots

1. The Gentry of Elections and its members will a post an official thread to the Subreddit with a link to the ballot in form of a Google Form.
 - a. In addition to this, the Gentry of Elections and its members will ask Moderation to send out an announcement on the official Discord Server

and a push-notification to the official Android App once the ballots are released.

Procedure for Voting outside the Official Time Frame

1. In the event that a citizen won't be able to access the Democraciv community (due to real-life reasons) during the time the ballots are released to the public, he can ask the Gentry of Elections to vote in advance.
 - a. If his appeal to vote in advance is granted, the citizen will be provided an early version of the ballot in private, which they are not allowed to share.
 - b. The citizen understands that the ballot provided to them might differ from the final version that will be released to the public during the official time frame.

Procedure for Vote Validation

1. After the ballots are officially closed, the Gentry of Elections and its members will ask Moderation to validate every vote. In the event that,
 - a. a voter is not registered to the Democraciv Registry or,
 - b. a voter did not use the PIN he registered with,Moderation will deem their vote invalid and it will not be counted.
2. The Gentry of Elections and its members will, after the ballots are officially closed and each vote is validated, validate the individual rankings the voters placed for the ministerial candidates:
 - a. If voter misranked their ranking (Example: only ranks 1, then 3 and 4), then the lower ranks will be moved up (3 becomes 2, 4 becomes 3) until consecutive and sequential ranking starting at 1 is achieved.
 - b. If a voter gave multiple candidates the same rank (not counting abstentions), their vote will be deemed invalid and not counted.

Procedure for Calculating Results

1. The Gentry of Elections and its members will use a calculator utilizing the Hamilton largest remainder method for calculating the results for the Legislature.
2. The Gentry of Elections and its members will use a STV calculator utilizing the hare quota for calculating the results for the Executive.

Both tools are linked at the end of this document.

Procedure for Announcing Results

1. After validating & calculating the results, the Gentry of Elections and its members will post a thread to the Subreddit with detailed election results, including, but not limited to:
 - a. number of total votes
 - b. number of total valid votes
 - c. number of total invalid votes
 - d. number of total invalid STV votes
 - e. number of votes a party or independent received
 - f. percentage of votes a party or independent received
 - g. number of seats a party or independent received
 - h. list of executive candidates that have won a seat in the Executive Ministry (maximum of 5)
 - i. anonymized voting data for the executive candidates.

Other Procedure

1. The Gentry of Elections and its members do not send out invitations for the roles of observers. If a party or candidate is qualified for the role as observer and wishes to appoint someone to said role, they will have to contact any member of the Gentry of Elections directly via Discord or Reddit.

These procedures were written by DerJonas and are subject to change.

[Link to the Calculator for the Legislature](#)

[Link to the STV Calculator for the Executive](#)