

ELECTIONS FOR THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT—April 13-14, 2008

Voting by Correspondence Abroad

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

1. What is the vote for?

Voting will take place in the Overseas Constituency to elect twelve members of the Chamber of Deputies and six members of the Senate of the Republic. Voters in the North and Central American Electoral Zone will be electing two Chamber Deputies and one Senator.

2. Who will be voting abroad?

Italian citizens registered in AIRE (Register of Italians Residing Abroad) and in the register of electors in the Overseas Constituency may vote. Subsequent to the implementation of Law n.22 of January 27, 2006, voting by correspondence abroad will also be allowed for several categories of Italian citizens temporarily residing abroad for service or for international missions who were registered in special lists for these categories by February 13, 2006.

3. What are the voting procedures?

Voting will take place **by correspondence**, according to the procedures outlined in Law n.459 of December 27, 2001, as follows:

a. The Consular Offices will mail each voter a packet containing:

- the **Electoral Certificate** (the document certifying eligibility to vote);
- **two Ballots**, in different colors, one for the Chamber and one for the Senate;
- **two envelopes**, one plain and one stamped and addressed;
- **the lists of candidates for the electoral zone of residence**;
- **this information sheet**

b. Voters who are not yet 25 years of age as of April 9th, 2008, will receive **only the Chamber of Deputies ballot**;

c. Voters cast their vote by placing a mark (i.e., an “x” or a check-mark), **using a black or blue ink pen only**, on the logo corresponding to the selected list of candidates or within the rectangle containing the list;

d. Voters may cast preferential votes for a maximum of two choices in the Chamber of Deputies and one choice in the Senate by writing the last name of the candidate of choice on the special line next to the logo voted; **the vote is anonymous, secret, and cast by free will**;

e. Voters must insert **ONLY** the Ballot or Ballots into the **small, blank white envelope**, and carefully seal the envelope;

f. In the **larger stamped envelope** addressed to the Consular Office of jurisdiction, voters must insert the **voucher** from the Electoral Certificate (after detaching it from the Certificate along the perforated line) together with the sealed envelope containing the Ballot or Ballots;

g. For the Ballot or Ballots to be valid, voters must mail the **stamped envelope**, completed as indicated above, by April 3 2008, to assure that it will reach the Consular Office **no later than 4:00 pm (local time) on April 10, 2008**. **NOTE: Ballots received after the aforementioned deadline will not be tabulated and will be destroyed.**

ATTENTION!

1--DO NOT PLACE ANY STRAY MARKS ON THE BALLOT, BLANK WHITE ENVELOPE, OR VOUCHER.

2--DO NOT ADD A NAME OR RETURN ADDRESS TO THE STAMPED ENVELOPE.

3--THE BLANK WHITE ENVELOPE AND THE BALLOTS MUST BE INTACT.

4--THE VOTE IS ANONYMOUS, SECRET, AND CAST BY FREE WILL. VOTING MORE THAN ONCE IS PROHIBITED. VIOLATORS OF THE GOVERNING LAW WILL BE PUNISHED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.