Municipal elections in Bratislava

Right to Vote of EU citizens and third country nationals

Municipal elections will be associated with elections to higher territorial units for the first time and will be held on Saturday - 29.10.2022 from 7am till 8pm. In a one-round election, the mayors of the city districts and the mayor of the capital of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava, and councilors of the borough and city councils will be selected together with the president of the Bratislava self-governing region and councilors of the Bratislava self-governing region council.

EU nationals living in Slovak Republic have the right to vote in municipal elections if they are at least 18 years old, have registered their residence (or have already acquired permanent residence) and reside in the city district they aim to vote in. In that case, **EU citizens are automatically put on the electoral roll** for municipal elections by the respective city district.

Third country nationals living in Slovak Republic have the right to vote in municipal elections if they are at least 18 years old, reside in Slovakia and have permanent residence in the respective city district. City districts are responsible for enrolling all foreigners with **permanent residence** in the permanent list of voters.

Basic rule is to have with you identity card and residence card (must be valid) to prove your identity and residence for Electoral Commission in your polling station. In case you are not enrolled in the list of voters, there is an option to ask for such inclusion at the polling station with documents proving your (permanent) residence in the city district.

How to vote

A voter may vote only in the city district of his/her permanent residence in the electoral district in which he/she is registered. Upon arrival at the polling station, the voter is obliged to prove his/her identity to the electoral commission by presenting his/her identity card or proof of residence for foreigners.

Voters receive one blank blue envelope bearing the official stamp of the city district (city borough) and two ballot papers with blue stripes - one ballot paper for the election to the council of the self-governing region [zastupiteľstvo samosprávneho kraja] and one ballot paper for the election of the president of the self-governing region [predseda samosprávneho kraja].

Furthermore, the voter receives also a blank white envelope bearing the official stamp of the city district (city borough) and four white ballot papers - one ballot paper for the city district (city borough) council [miestne zastupiteľstvo], one ballot paper for the mayor of the city district (city borough) [starosta], one ballot paper for the city council [mestské zastupiteľstvo] and one ballot paper for the mayor of the city [primátor]. The ballot paper for the election of the city council and the ballot paper for the election of the mayor of the city shall be marked on the left-hand edge with a grey stripe.

Before voting, each voter must go to a special area designated for ballot paper editing. A voter may circle the serial number of only one candidate on the ballot paper for the election of the city borough mayor [starosta], city mayor [primátor] and president of the self-governing region [predseda samosprávneho kraja].

On the ballot paper for the borough council elections, for the city council elections and for the elections to the council of the self-governing region, the voter may circle no more than as many serial numbers of the candidates as the number of councilors to be elected in the constituency concerned (the number of councilors to be elected in the constituency is indicated on the ballot paper).

In the special area for ballot paper editing, the voter shall place the ballot paper for the election of the council of the self-governing region and the ballot paper for the election of the president of the self-governing region in the blue envelope (the ballot papers with blue stripes). In a white envelope the white ballot papers for the borough council elections, for the city council elections, for the mayoral elections of the borough and for the mayoral elections of the city shall be placed (the ballot papers without stripes and with gray stripe).

After leaving the special area for ballot paper editing, the voter shall place the blue envelope in the blue box for voting for elections to local government bodies and the white envelope in the white box for voting for elections to local government bodies.