This codebook describes the structure of the files and the common variable identifiers. Next it describes variables that are unique to a given level of election. Finally are notes that account for any known irregularities in the data provided in the archive.

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**VARIABLES:**

**Common identifiers:**

**Year:** The year the election was held.

**Province:** The name of the Province where the election was held. . (This variable is only provided where information is provided at the Provincial level or lower aggregation).

**District Number:** The number of the Provincial electoral district where the election was held. Some provinces have only a single district. Other provinces have multiple districts. (This variable is only provided where information is provided at the district level or lower aggregation).

**Regency/Municipality:** The name of the Regency or the municipality where the election was held. (This variable is only provided where information is provided at the Regency/municipality level or lower aggregation).

**Election:** Denotes the office for which the election was held.

**Other variables:**

**Registered voters[[1]](#footnote-1):** The number of registered voters in the corresponding administrative unit.

**Valid votes:** The number of valid votes cast in the corresponding administrative unit. NOTE: These are counted separately for elected office even when elections are simultaneous as voters cast a separate ballot for each office.

**Invalid votes:** The number of invalid votes cast in the corresponding administrative unit. NOTE: These are counted separately for elected office even when elections are simultaneous as voters cast a separate ballot for each office.

**Variables where the information provided differs by office:**

**Presidential**

**Candidate names:** The names of each of the presidential and vice presidential candidate pairs.

**Candidate pair number:** The election number assigned to each candidate pair.

**Election round:** The round of elections this candidate-pair contested. (In the case of a runoff some candidates may run in more than one rounds).

**Number of votes:** The number of valid votes each pair received in each district.

**Elected:** Was this candidate pair elected to the office.

**DPR/DPD**

**Candidate name:** Name of the candidate standing for election in the province. (DPD candidates are not affiliated with parties but run as independents).

**Candidate number:** The election number assigned to the candidates.

**Candidate Gender:** A binary variable designating the candidate as either male (L) or female (P).

**Party name:** The party contesting election.

**Number of votes:** Number of votes that the party or the candidate received.

**Party seats:** The number of party seats allocated to the party in the administrative unit.

**Elected:** Was the candidate elected to the office.

**Notes about the data:**

The province of Kalimantan Utara was created in 2012 but elections results were not counted separately from there until 2019.

1. There are several different accounts for registered voters. The first is DPT (daftar pemilih tetap/permanent voter list). The KPU receives a potential voter list from the from civil registry office and verifies it through a census before every election). The DPTb (daftar pemilih tambahan/added voter list) is a list of the voter who have changed address (and therefore voting station) between elections. The DPK (daftar pemilih khusus/special voter list), in turn, is a list of new voters who were not registered on the initial permanent list but come to the voting station with their id and are registered there on voting day. Thus, the number of registered voters that we use is a sum of all three categories. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)