

AEPR's Primary: Administrative Details

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To be on the list of AEPR applicant organizations, each **organization** will have ~~had~~ to supply the State's independent Electoral Commission with its name, address, mission statement, names of its officials, list of its ordinary members, and the rules by which it will select applicant candidates to be listed on its general election ballot. In addition, it ~~would~~ will have to supply either a returnable deposit of \$100,000, or the names, signatures, and ~~the~~ addresses of a number of supporting registered voters equal to at least 5% of the number calculated by dividing the number of the state's registered voters by the number of members of the state's legislature to be elected. ~~The above~~ This deposit ~~will be~~ **is** returned to each applicant organization ~~which that~~ receives at least **2.5% of the votes (half the 5% of voters required to endorsed an organization)** ~~during from~~ the primary. **Requiring a deposit or this 5% signatures** is suggested to dissuade organisations from applying who feel insufficiently popular to have any realistic chance of becoming a **nominating** association. For the primary, the EC would give each applicant organization a unique number and list them in alphabetical order together with the information described above. All this information must be widely published at least one month before the date of the primary.

To be a candidate nominated by an association, each AEPR applicant must either provide a returnable deposit of \$10,000 to the EC, or a signed list of a number of supporting registered voters equal to at least ~~the above~~ 5% of the State's registered voters. This deposit ~~will be~~ **is** returned to each candidate who receives at least half this same number of votes during the general election. Upon finalizing its list of candidates, each association must assign a unique code number to each candidate to clearly identify them for general election purposes. This code ~~would be~~ **is** composed of the association's unique number, adding a unique letter or other symbol for each candidate (see the example ballot paper in the article).

Under the supervision of the IEC, and at least two months before the general election, each association must publish the code numbers and names of its candidates that will be part of the ballot given to each of its registered voters during the general election. At the same time, it must publish all ~~the~~ other relevant details about each candidate. The IEC must ensure that ~~all~~ this information is systematically organised and published widely.

Commented [Steve Leo1]: You use association rather than organization here. This is confusing to call it AEPR and not OEPR. Can you use association rather than organization throughout this description? When is a group an organization or an association?