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PREAMBLE

In accordance with Article V and Article XIV of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Solquelum, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Commission on Elections (COE), this Electoral Code is hereby enacted as the supreme body of law governing the conduct of elections and all matters incident thereto. It shall serve as the comprehensive framework for the nomination, campaigning, voting, resolution of disputes, and assumption of office in the Kingdom.

CHAPTER I — GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article I: Authority and Oversight

- Section 1 The Commission on Elections (COE) is the sole authority responsible for the administration, regulation, and supervision of electoral exercises in the Kingdom.
- Section 2 The COE shall promulgate implementing rules and regulations consistent with this Code and shall resolve all questions involving the conduct of elections.

CHAPTER II — DEFINITION OF TERMS

Article I: Definitions

- Section 1 Election refers to the official process by which citizens select individuals to serve in public office through universal suffrage.
- Section 2 Candidate refers to any individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy for public office, which has been accepted and published by the COE.
- Section 3 Elector or Voter refers to a qualified citizen of the Kingdom who is registered in the electoral rolls and is entitled to vote.
- Section 4 Certificate of Candidacy (COC) refers to the official document submitted by a candidate to declare intention to run for office.



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- Section 5 Substitution refers to the legal process by which one candidate replaces another in case of withdrawal, death, incapacity, or disqualification.
- Section 6 Political Party refers to an organized group of citizens pursuing public office and governance through candidates under a shared platform.
- Section 7 Electoral Offense refers to any prohibited act defined under this Code or election-related laws.
- Section 8 Solquelum Auring (SAU) is the official currency of the Kingdom.

CHAPTER III — SUFFRAGE AND VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Article I: Qualifications of Voters

- Section 1 A citizen of the Kingdom may vote if they meet the following criteria:
- At least thirteen (13) years of age on or before election day;
 - Registered as a virtual citizen;
 - Not disqualified by law or by decision of the Commission.
- Section 2 Voter registration is a prerequisite for voting. Registration shall be digital and require proof of identity and age.

Article II: Voter Rights and Remedies

- Section 1 Voters may:
- Access election information and platforms;
 - Participate in voter education and consultations;
 - File disputes concerning the integrity or eligibility of candidates within five (5) days of publication of the preliminary list of candidates.



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Section 2 A voter may file a formal challenge to a Certificate of Candidacy on grounds of fraud, ineligibility, or false material claims. The COE shall resolve disputes within seven (7) days of filing.

CHAPTER IV — CANDIDACY AND SUBSTITUTION

Article I: Filing and Requirements

Section 1 A Certificate of Candidacy must be filed no later than forty-five (45) days before election day.

Section 2 The COE shall release a preliminary list of candidates within three (3) days of the filing deadline, which shall be open to public challenge.

Article II: Substitution

Section 1 A candidate may be substituted:

- In the event of voluntary withdrawal, permanent incapacity, or death;
- By another qualified individual of the same party (if applicable);
- Provided the substitution is made no later than ten (10) days before the election.

Section 2 No substitutions shall be allowed after the final candidate list is published, except in cases of death or proven incapacity.

Article III: Disqualification During Campaign

Section 1 A candidate may be disqualified during the campaign for committing any of the following:

- Vote-buying or offering material inducements to voters;
- Defamation, character assassination, or spreading malicious falsehoods about other candidates;
- Use of threats, coercion, or force;
- Accepting prohibited donations or overspending beyond the 500 SAU cap;
- Utilizing government resources for campaign purposes.



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Section 2 Complaints must be submitted to the COE with supporting evidence. Disqualification proceedings must be completed within seven (7) days of complaint receipt.

Section 3 Disqualified candidates shall be removed from the ballot. If removed after voting, their votes shall be nullified.

CHAPTER V — CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS

Article I: Campaign Period and Conduct

Section 1 The official campaign period shall commence thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election and shall end three (3) days prior to said election. No campaigning shall occur during the final three (3) days, designated as the "campaign silence period."

Section 2 During the campaign period, candidates and their parties must:

- Register all campaign activities with the COE;
- Ensure that all materials and messages uphold dignity, order, and decency;
- Refrain from using language that incites violence or social division.

Article II: Campaign Finance and Limits

Section 1 Campaign expenditure for each candidate shall not exceed five hundred (500) SAU.

Section 2 All candidates shall submit a sworn statement of contributions and expenditures no later than three (3) days before the election.

Section 3 Any candidate who fails to submit a statement, or who knowingly falsifies such statement, shall be subject to disqualification and additional penalties.



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Article III: Prohibited Campaign Practices

- Section 1 The following acts are strictly prohibited during the campaign period:
- a. Vote-buying, defined as offering money, gifts, or favors in exchange for votes;
 - b. Defamation, personal attacks, or dissemination of false information against opponents;
 - c. Use of public resources, including government-owned digital space, funds, or vehicles;
 - d. Campaigning during the silence period;
 - e. Intimidation, harassment, or obstruction of voters or rival campaigns.
- Section 2 Verified violations may result in the issuance of warnings, monetary fines, campaign suspension, or outright disqualification subject to due process.

CHAPTER VI — VOTING, ELECTION DAY CONDUCT, OFFENSES, AND PENALTIES

Article I: Voting Procedures

- Section 1 Voting shall be conducted via the official and secure Solquelum Digital Election Portal.
- Section 2 Each qualified voter shall be issued a unique, non-transferable access credential to the Digital Election Portal.
- Section 3 Voting shall commence at 08:00 and close at 17:00 on election day, Solquelum Standard Time. There shall be no recess or noon break during the voting period.
- Section 4 Once cast, a vote is final, irrevocable, and encrypted to preserve anonymity and prevent tampering.



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Section 5 Persons with disabilities or special needs shall be afforded reasonable accommodation through alternate secure methods, as established by the COE.

Article II: Conduct on Election Day

Section 1 On election day, the following are strictly prohibited:

- Campaigning in any form, including digital endorsements;
- Dissemination of propaganda via public or private channels;
- Interference with any digital voting infrastructure;
- Harassment, intimidation, or influence of voters;
- Tampering with, duplicating, or misusing voter credentials.

Section 2 The Commission shall operate a secure digital helpdesk to resolve voter access issues in real time, subject to audit.

Section 3 Any violation of election day protocols shall be reported to the COE within twenty-four (24) hours, and may trigger immediate investigation.

Article III: Electoral Offenses and Penalties

Section 1 Electoral offenses include, but are not limited to:

- Vote-buying, coercion, or intimidation;
- Tampering with candidate data or campaign materials;
- Unauthorized substitution or candidacy;
- Excess campaign spending or non-reporting;
- Voter impersonation or multiple voting;
- Knowingly submitting false statements or falsified documents to the COE.

Section 2 Penalties for electoral offenses may include:

- Disqualification from candidacy or forfeiture of position;
- Suspension of voting rights for not more than five (5) years;
- Fines up to one thousand (1,000) SAU;
- Referral to the Supreme Court for criminal prosecution.



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Section 3 The COE shall maintain an Electoral Offense Registry, listing all individuals and entities found guilty under this Code.

CHAPTER VII — POST ELECTION DISPUTES AND PROTESTS

Article I: Filing Protests

Section 1 After the Commission on Elections (COE) publishes the official cast and result of any election, any candidate or registered voter may file an electoral protest.

Section 2 The protest must be filed within five (5) calendar days from the date of publication of the official results.

Section 3 The protest shall contain:

- Full name and identification of the protestant;
- The office contested and grounds for the protest;
- Specific allegations of fraud, irregularity, or material error;
- Supporting evidence, if available;
- Desired relief or outcome.

Section 4 The protest shall be filed digitally addressed to the COE free of any service charge.

Article II: Adjudication of Protests

Section 1 The COE shall, upon receipt, evaluate whether the protest is sufficient in form and substance.

Section 2 The COE shall render a decision within ten (10) calendar days from the filing date.

Section 3 Decisions shall be based on the merits of the protest and evidence submitted. The COE may call a public hearing if deemed necessary.



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- Section 4 The COE may order:
- Recount or audit of ballots;
 - Reversal of the declared results;
 - Disqualification of a candidate;
 - Dismissal of the protest for lack of merit.

Article III: Appeals

- Section 1 Any party aggrieved by the decision of the COE may file an appeal to the Supreme Court of Solquelum within five (5) days of the COE's ruling.
- Section 2 The appeal must raise substantial questions of law or violations of due process.
- Section 3 The Supreme Court shall act on the appeal within fifteen (15) calendar days. Its decision shall be final and executory.

CHAPTER VIII — VACANCIES ARISING AFTER ELECTIONS

Article I: Death, Incapacity, or Disqualification after Elections

- Section 1 In the event that a candidate who has been declared the winner in an election dies, becomes permanently incapacitated, or is disqualified prior to assumption of office, the following shall apply:
- The candidate who received the second highest number of valid votes shall succeed, provided said candidate is eligible and not disqualified.
 - If the second highest vote-getter is unavailable, disqualified, or unwilling to assume office, a special election shall be held exclusively for the affected position within thirty (30) calendar days.
- Section 2 The COE shall issue an official certification of vacancy and notify all relevant authorities, including the Office of the Crown, the Royal Archives, and the Supreme Court.



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Section 3 The COE shall be responsible for organizing and supervising any necessary special election arising from such a vacancy, following expedited but lawful procedures.

Article II: Temporary Inability to Assume Office

Section 1 In the event that a winning candidate is temporarily unable to assume office due to medical, legal, or logistical reasons, the assumption of office shall be deferred for a period not exceeding sixty (60) calendar days from the original installation date.

Section 2 If the temporary inability persists beyond sixty (60) calendar days, the COE shall declare a provisional vacancy and implement the provisions under Article I of this Chapter.

Section 3 In urgent cases, the Commission may appoint an interim caretaker to perform non-legislative duties of the office until the rightful candidate assumes position or a substitute is duly installed.

Article III: Legal Challenges and Remedies

Section 1 Any citizen may contest the legitimacy of a substitution or succession on the grounds of ineligibility, fraud, or impropriety, by filing a verified petition with the COE within five (5) calendar days from notice of substitution.

Section 2 The COE shall resolve such petitions within ten (10) calendar days. Final appeals may be brought before the Supreme Court.

CHAPTER IX — PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS AND SOLE CANDIDACY CONDITIONS

Article I: Voting in the Provinces of the Kingdom

Section 1 Elections for representatives to the Solquelum Assembly shall be held separately in each province of the Kingdom. Each elected member shall serve concurrently as the executive head of the province they represent.



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Section 2 Only citizens registered as voters in a province may vote for the representative of that province.

Section 3 Voting procedures in provincial elections shall follow the same legal standards and digital infrastructure as national voting, with additional provincial oversight mechanisms as prescribed by the COE.

Article II: Residency Requirement for Provincial Candidacy

Section 1 Any candidate seeking election to the Solquelum Assembly must be a resident of the province they seek to represent for a continuous period of at least three (3) months immediately prior to the date of filing their Certificate of Candidacy.

Article III: Sole Candidacy Provisions

Section 1 In any province where only one (1) candidate has filed for a position by the filing deadline, the COE shall declare a five (5) calendar day extension in that province only, during which additional candidacies may be submitted.

Section 2 If no additional candidate files within the five-day extension, the sole candidate must still obtain a majority of valid votes amounting to at least fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of all votes cast for that position to be declared duly elected.

Section 3 Should the sole candidate fail to reach the required fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote threshold, the position shall be declared vacant and a special election shall be scheduled by the COE within thirty (30) calendar days.

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CHAPTER X — PROVINCIAL EXPANSION AND EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENTS

Article I: Executive Adjustments due to Population Growth

- Section 1 The Commission on Elections (COE) may authorize adjustments to the executive and representative structure of a province if its population surpasses defined thresholds.
- Section 2 Upon verified population growth of a province to seventy-five (75) citizens or more, the COE shall:
- Maintain the existing Assembly representative;
 - Establish a separate Provincial Governor who shall exercise executive powers over the province;
 - The Assembly representative shall no longer serve concurrently as the provincial executive.
- Section 3 Upon further population growth to one hundred fifty (150) citizens or more, the COE shall:
- Authorize the election of a second Provincial Governor, such that the province shall then be jointly administered by two co-equal Provincial Governors.
- Section 4 No province may have more than two Provincial Governors at any time.
- Section 5 The duties and powers of Provincial Governors shall be limited to executive functions within the province, as defined by applicable laws and regulations. They shall not serve in the Solquelum Assembly unless separately elected as representatives.
- Section 6 Any new executive or representative position created pursuant to this Article shall be filled by a special election organized by the COE, following standard electoral procedures.
- Section 7 All changes authorized under this Article must be recorded in the Solquelum Gazette and reported to the Royal Archives.



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Article II: Candidacy and Ballot Procedures in Multi-Executive Provinces

- Section 1 In provinces where the executive structure includes one or two Provincial Governors, the following shall apply in subsequent elections:
- The positions of Assembly Representative and Provincial Governor(s) shall be treated as separate elective offices.
 - All eligible citizens of the province may file candidacy for either position, subject to existing qualifications.
- Section 2 The official ballot in such provinces shall:
- Clearly distinguish between the position of Assembly Representative and the position(s) of Provincial Governor;
 - Allow voters to cast separate votes for each office.
- Section 3 In provinces entitled to two Provincial Governors, the two (2) candidates for Governor receiving the highest number of valid votes shall be declared elected.
- Section 4 A candidate may file for only one of the following offices in a given election: Assembly Representative, Provincial Governor (single-seat), or Provincial Governor (dual-seat context). Filing for multiple positions is prohibited.
- Section 5 All results shall be proclaimed independently, and winning candidates shall assume their respective positions in accordance with standard installation procedures under this Code.

CHAPTER XI — RESOLUTION OF TIES

Article I: Definition of an Electoral Tie

- Section 1 An electoral tie shall be deemed to occur when two or more candidates for the same position receive an equal number of the highest valid votes in an election.



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Article II: Affected Positions

- Section 1 This Chapter shall apply to all elected positions under this Code, including but not limited to:
- Members of the Solquelum Assembly;
 - Provincial Governor(s);
 - Any future elective positions authorized by law or by the Commission on Elections (COE).

Article III: Methods of Tie Resolution

- Section 1 In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the Commission on Elections shall conduct a special tie-breaking draw in public session within five (5) calendar days of the official canvass.

- Section 2. The draw shall be:

- Conducted under strict procedural safeguards;
- Supervised by the COE and witnessed by neutral observers;
- Performed using a random selection method such as drawing of lots, digital randomization, or any COE-approved method ensuring fairness and transparency.

Article IV: Refusal or Ineligibility

- Section 1. If any candidate refuses to participate in the tie-breaking procedure or is subsequently found ineligible, the remaining candidate(s) shall be declared elected by default.

Article V: Effect of Tie in Two-Governor Races

- Section 1 In a two-governor province where three or more candidates tie for the top two positions, a special tie-breaking draw shall determine which two of the tied candidates shall be proclaimed as the elected Provincial Governors.



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CHAPTER XI — FINAL PROVISIONS

- Section 1 This Code shall take full legal effect upon its publication in the Solquelum Gazette and shall be binding on all citizens and entities within the Kingdom.
- Section 2 The Commission on Elections is mandated to promulgate supplemental rules and guidelines necessary to implement this Code within thirty (30) days of effectivity.
- Section 3 Any prior ordinances, regulations, or circulars inconsistent with this Electoral Code are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- Section 4 Amendments to this Code may be proposed by a majority vote of the Commission on Elections and shall require royal assent to take effect.

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Signed under the Seal of the Kingdom of Solquelum
By the Commission on Elections

With the Assent of



His Majesty King Lawrence I
The Kingdom of Solquelum



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