

Article 24. - The Election Committee shall verify the number of voting papers, shall read them out and shall establish the balance of voters.

All empty envelopes or all envelopes containing more voting papers than the number of deputies to be elected in the province or containing several copies of the same serial number shall be considered as invalid and counted as a vote cast.

Article 25. - The President of the Election Committee shall be responsible for supervising the scrutiny of votes. The Secretary of the Election Committee shall prepare the reports on the electoral operations.

The reports of the results of voting shall be made in triplicate: 1 shall be sent to the province, 1 shall be kept by the Election Committee of the Tasseng and 1 shall be posted up at the place assigned for the posting of the list of voters and candidates of the Tasseng. The report must mention the number of votes secured by each candidate and shall be read out before the members of the Election Committee who shall approve and sign it.

The result of the vote in the Tasseng, after having been enclosed in a sealed envelope shall be entrusted with 2 members of the Tasseng's Election Committee for being delivered directly to the responsible authorities of the Election Committee of the Province. When delivered, a report shall be drawn up in duplicate (1 shall be kept with the Election Committee of the Tasseng). After having received the documents the Election Committee of the province must immediately deposit them in a closed box which shall be sealed, in the presence of two members of the Tasseng's Election Committee. The box containing the results of elections of different localities shall be opened only at the time when the Election Committee of the Province meets to work.

Article 26. - The Provincial Election Committee shall proceed with the examination of the results of the ballot, which must be done publicly. The provincial authorities shall notify the date and the place where the work will take place and shall invite the people of the chief-town and suburbs to come and witness it. Before commencing the work, the Provincial Election Committee shall proceed with the verification of the regularity of documents received from various localities and shall then present them to the public, of course after the opening of envelopes. The results shall be notified immediately to the public and a report shall be drawn up mentioning the results in each Tasseng and the general result for the whole province as well as the number of votes secured by the non-elected candidates. This report shall be sent simultaneously on the same day to the Home Ministry and to each Tasseng and shall also be posted up at places for posting of the list of candidates and the electoral roll of the Tassengs.

Article 27. - After verification by the Electoral Committee, the candidates who have obtained the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. If several candidates secure the same number of votes, the winner shall be decided by the Commission drawing lots in the presence of the individuals concerned or their delegates. The Chaokhoueng shall immediately notify the results to the individuals concerned.