

INFORMATION ON THE 2025 EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL ELECTORAL PROCESS FOR THE JUDICIARY OF THE STATE OF ZACATECAS FOR FOREIGN VISITORS

<p>Characteristics of the state's electoral bodies</p>	<p>Name of the local electoral management body: Electoral Institute of the State of Zacatecas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: www.ieez.org.mx • Number of councils: 1 General Council, 0 District Electoral Councils and 58 Municipal Electoral Councils • Composition of the highest directive body: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Total councillors</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr> <td>Women</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr> <td>Men</td><td>2</td></tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main election-related responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To approve the ballot model, documentation and electoral materials, according to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, the Local Constitution, the General Law on Institutions and the Local Electoral Law, as well as the other provisions issued by the General Council of the National Electoral Institute; ✓ To approve the necessary guidelines or agreements to carry out the organisation, unfolding and tally of the election; ✓ To issue the budgetary policies of rationality, austerity and discipline applicable to the election; ✓ To carry out the election at the state level or by judicial district, in accordance with the territorial scope determined by the Administration Body of the Judiciary; ✓ To organise and carry out, where appropriate, discussion forums among candidates and establish the bases for the public, private, or social institutions to provide such free spaces, as well as to oversee their due implementation and the fair participation of all willing candidates; ✓ To establish the individual campaign expenditure ceilings applicable to each candidate; ✓ To guarantee the fair development of campaigns among candidates; ✓ To issue the necessary agreements for the fair dissemination of the proposals of candidates and to encourage citizen participation in the electoral process; ✓ To carry out the state count of the elections for the High Court of Justice, the Court of Judicial Discipline and Criminal Court and to publish the results; where appropriate, the district tally of the election of District First-tier Tribunals; 	Total councillors	6	Women	4	Men	2
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- ✓ To declare the validity of the election of the High Court of Justice the Court of Judicial Discipline, as well as of Criminal Court; where appropriate, the declaration of the district elections of the First-tier Tribunals;
- ✓ To issue the certificates of majority and assign the positions to the most-voted candidates in the elections of the High Court of Justice, the Court of Judicial Discipline, as well as Criminal Court, subsequently sending their results to the Local Judiciary and the State Congress;
- ✓ To issue the necessary general provisions, criteria, formats, agreements, guidelines, and regulations to enforce the legal powers of the Local EMB.

Name of the local electoral judicial body: Tribunal de Justicia Electoral del Estado de Zacatecas

- **Website:** www.trijez.mx
- **Number of courtrooms:** 0
- **Composition of the highest directive body:**

Total number of judges	4
Women	3
Men	1

- **Main election-related responsibilities:**

- ✓ To resolve all challenges filed under the Election Trial prior to the first ordinary period of sessions of the corresponding election year of the State Congress, when the elected candidates shall take oath of office before said legislative body.

Elective offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Court of Justice <table border="1"> <tr><td>Total</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Women</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Men</td><td>4</td></tr> </table> Court of Judicial Discipline <table border="1"> <tr><td>Total</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Women</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Men</td><td>1</td></tr> </table> Criminal Court <table border="1"> <tr><td>Total</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Women</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Men</td><td>9</td></tr> </table> District First-tier Tribunals <table border="1"> <tr><td>Total</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Women</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Men</td><td>9</td></tr> </table> 	Total	8	Women	4	Men	4	Total	3	Women	2	Men	1	Total	18	Women	9	Men	9	Total	18	Women	9	Men	9
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Candidate selection mechanism:

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a) Public, open, transparent, inclusive and accessible mechanisms that allow the participation of all interested persons will be established. The applicants must meet the requirements established in this Constitution and in the laws, they must submit a three-page essay where they justify the reasons for their candidacy and present five letters of reference from their neighbours, colleagues or people who support their suitability for the elective office;

b) Each Government Branch shall form an Evaluation Committee within the next ten days after the announcement of the official call for applications —made up of three renowned legal professionals— to receive the files of the applicants, assess their compliance with the constitutional and legal requirements and identify those best technically-evaluated and who have distinguished themselves for their honesty, good reputation, competence and academic and professional background.

The Evaluation Committees met, in turn, as the State Evaluation Committee, to develop guidelines to standardise the evaluation procedures and criteria those Evaluation Committees would abide to select the best-evaluated applicants;

c) The Evaluation Committees of each branch shall compile a list of the best evaluated applicants —up to ten for each elective position of the High Court of Justice and the Court of Judicial Discipline, and up to six for each elective office in the cases of the other Courts and Tribunals— observing gender equality. Once the lists have been compiled, the Committees will send them to the corresponding government branch for approval and submission to the State Congress, and

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The decision of the Committee and the nomination by the Government Branches is incontestable.

Incumbent judges must make their intention to stand for office known before the deadline for the registration of applicants.

The State Congress will include those incumbent judges in the lists handed to the local electoral management body, unless they decline to participate within the next thirty days or are nominated for a different judicial elective office or district.

- **Court of Judicial Discipline**

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Number of
candidates per
elective office

- High Court of Justice

Total	8
Women	12
Men	13

- Court of Judicial Discipline

Total	3
Women	4
Men	7

- Criminal Court

Total	18
Women	22
Men	13

- District First-tier Tribunals

Total	18
Women	17
Men	18

**Participation of
specific groups**

- **Gender equality in the nomination of candidates:**

Election	Positive action
High Court of Justice	The Local EMB's General Council and the Municipal Electoral Councils will assign the elective offices to the most-voted candidates following the principle of gender equality. That is, all elective offices will be assigned alternately between women and men, starting with women.
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- **Positive Action for Indigenous People**

Election	Positive action
High Court of Justice	—
Court of Judicial Discipline	—
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- **Positive Action for People with Disabilities**

Election	Positive action
High Court of Justice	—
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Mechanisms for the candidates' campaigning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dissemination by the Local EMBTraditional mass mediaSocial MediaInterviewsUse of written advertising										
Number of voters	<table><tr><td>Total registered voters</td><td>*1,286,460</td></tr><tr><td>Women</td><td>667,341</td></tr><tr><td>Men</td><td>619,118</td></tr><tr><td>Other</td><td>1</td></tr></table> <div>* Updated to 11 April 2025</div>	Total registered voters	*1,286,460	Women	667,341	Men	619,118	Other	1		
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Use of electoral materials for persons with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Materials for the visually impaired• Materials for people with mobility impairments• Other															
Use of technological tools to cast/count the votes	System of Municipal Counting Sessions															
Counting procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preliminary count. There is no preliminary count.• Vote Counting. Municipal Electoral Councils• Recount. Jurisdictional Instance															
Bodies responsible for reporting the official result of the count	<table><tr><th>Body</th><th>Instance</th></tr><tr><td>High Court of Justice</td><td>General Council</td></tr><tr><td>Court of Judicial Discipline</td><td>General Council</td></tr><tr><td>Criminal Court</td><td>General Council</td></tr><tr><td>District First-tier Tribunals</td><td>General Council</td></tr></table>	Body	Instance	High Court of Justice	General Council	Court of Judicial Discipline	General Council	Criminal Court	General Council	District First-tier Tribunals	General Council					
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Dispute Resolution for this Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First instance: Electoral Justice Tribunal of the State of Zacatecas• Second instance: Monterrey Regional Courtroom of the Electoral Court of the Federal Judiciary• Subsequent instances, if applicable: Superior Courtroom of the Electoral Court of the Federal Judiciary															
Link to the state constitution	https://www.congresozaq.gob.mx/65/ley&cual=333&tipo=pdf															
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Link to the specialised website for this election	https://ieez.org.mx/PE2025/PEEx2025/index.html
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