

DECREE-LAW No. 6 / 2018 of March 14

**FIXES THE VALUE OF THE SUBSIDY TO BE GRANTED BY THE STATE TO THE CANDIDATES FOR
PRESIDENT OF FROM THE REPUBLIC FOR THEIR ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS**

Article 30 of Law No. 7/2006, of December 28, as amended by Law No. 4/2017, of February 23, provides that the financing the election campaigns of candidates for the Presidency of the Republic "...is governed by specific legislation and, with the necessary adaptations, by the applicable rules of law about political parties".

According to Law no. 3/2004, of 14 April, amended by Law 2/2016, of 3 February, on Political Parties, in subparagraph g), of article 16, political parties have the right to "receive a state subsidy for electoral campaigns assigned after the elections and in accordance with the number of votes obtained by the party, to be determined by diploma of the Government between a minimum of 1 US dollar and a maximum of 10 US dollars for each vote obtained".

With the approval of this decree-law, the Government complies with what is provided for in article 30 of the Law on Election of the President of the Republic, setting the value of the subsidy that the State grants to each candidacy, for the electoral campaigns they undertake and in accordance with the range that is normatively established for political parties. The Government intends to apply the present diploma retroactively, trying to fully comply with the requirements of the Law on Election of the President of the Republic which, prior to the 2017 election, already granted candidates for this election the right to the subsidy and, as a result, created legal expectations regarding their payment.

In determining the concrete value that the State can subsidize candidates for the Presidency of the Republic, for implementing their respective electoral campaigns, and in accordance with the legal limits that the National Parliament has established for this purpose, the Government intends to act reasonably taking into account budget availability, concluding that, in view of the costs associated with organizing and carrying out the electoral processes and the budget allocation that can be made in the current duodecimal budget regime, for the realization of these, the amount to be subsidized to each candidate, for each vote that they obtain in the elections in which they actually run, is four American dollars.

So, The Government decrees, under the terms of article 30 of Law No 7/2006, of 28 December, amended by Law No. 4/2017, of 23 February, the following to take effect as law:

**Article 1
Objective**

This decree-law sets the value of the subsidy to be awarded by the State to candidates for the Presidency of the Republic for their electoral campaigns, under the terms of article 30 of Law no. 2006, of December 28, as amended by Law No. 4/2017, of February 23, which refers to paragraph g), of article 16 of Law No 3/2004, of 14 April, as amended by Law No 2/2016, of 3 February (Political Parties Law).

**Article 2
Subsidy amount**

1. Each presidential candidate is entitled to receive a State subsidy for their respective electoral campaign, in the amount of USD \$4.00 (four American dollars) for each vote obtained.

2. Calculation of the total value of the subsidy to be awarded by the State to each presidential candidate, on account of the total number of votes obtained by the same, is done based on the court ruling that validates the first round vote and proclaims the election results, pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 48 of Law no. 7/2006, of December 28, as amended by Law No. 4/2017, of 23 February.

Article 3
Subsidy payment

The amount of the subsidy provided for in the previous article is paid to each presidential candidate within thirty days of publication in the Jornal da República of the court ruling referred to in the preceding article.

Article 4
Implementation

This decree-law enters into force on the day following that of its publication, applying retroactively to the payment of the 2017 presidential election grant.

Approved by the Council of Ministers on February 13, 2018

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The Minister of State Administration,

Dr. Valentine Ximenes

Enacted on 3/9/2018

To be published.

The President of the Republic,

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