

VOTING OUTSIDE A POLLING STATION

The method of voting by which a voter inserts the ballot envelope into the ballot box by him/herself should be regarded as the only one which is in accordance with the electoral law. This applies also to voting when a portable ballot box is used. The meaning and purpose of inserting the envelope with ballot papers into the ballot box (including the portable ballot box) is to guarantee the secrecy of the vote and to prevent possible manipulation of the submitted vote.

Handover of the envelope containing a ballot paper marked by the voter to a member of the Electoral Commission, who is later supposed (at a different place from where the voter cast his/her vote) to insert this envelope into the portable ballot box, while that ballot box is not all along under supervision by both of two delegated members of the Electoral Commission, is necessarily to be considered as a serious breach of legality and constitutionality of such suffrage.

(Finding of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic, Ref. No. PL. ÚS 4/2011 of 22 February 2011)