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VOTER REGISTRY UPDATE
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The Joint Electoral Management Body will conduct a month-long Voter Registry Update between June 25 and July 21 ahead of elections for the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of the National Assembly) and Provincial Councils on September 18, 2005.

Afghan citizens over the age of 18 who have not yet registered to vote will be invited to add their names to the Voter Registry.

Afghans who have already registered as voters but wish to correct details on their Voter Registration cards are also invited to do so.

Registration centres will be set up in each district of Afghanistan to process Voter Registry additions and corrections between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm, Saturday through Thursday.

“The Voter Registry Update will allow us to add Afghans who were unable to register ahead of the 2004 Presidential Elections. At the same time, registered Afghan voters who wish to correct the province listed on their card may do so,” said JEMB Chairman Bissmillah Bissmil.

Voters may only cast ballots in the province listed on their Voter Registration card.

“The Voter Registry Update period is a great opportunity for all Afghan citizens over 18 to participate in the 2005 electoral process. In doing so, you will be helping to build lasting democratic institutions and bring peace and stability to our land,” Mr Bissmil said.

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