

# PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN LATVIA

## PRESIDENT OF LATVIA



Latvia's top official



Elected by a majority vote of at least 51 members



Elected by the Saeima for a four-year term



Voting procedure regulated by the Constitution, the Presidential Election Law and Rules of Procedure of the Saeima



Tenure limited to two consecutive terms, or a total of eight years in a row

## REQUIREMENTS



Latvian citizenship

No dual citizenship

Age over 40 years

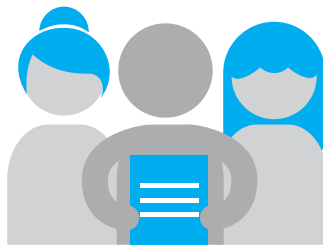
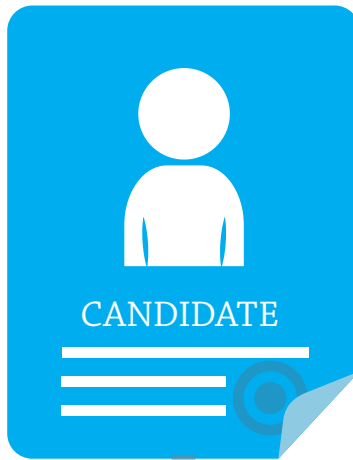
Free from other official positions while serving as President of Latvia

Impeccable reputation

Compliance with other statutory requirements

# NOMINATION

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Candidate form may be submitted in writing by one or more [members of the Saeima](#)



Nominations must be submitted to the [Presidium of the Saeima](#) not earlier than 50 days but not later than 45 days before the expiry of the incumbent President's mandate



Eligibility [check is performed](#) by the Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee of the Saeima

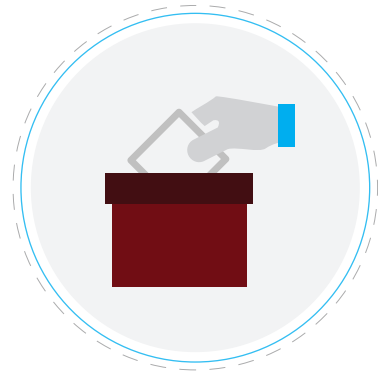


Ineligible candidates [voted on](#) by the Saeima

# VOTE



Presidium of the Saeima calls a plenary sitting not earlier than 40 days but no later than 30 days before the expiry of the incumbent President's mandate



Secret ballot with ballot papers



If no candidate receives 51 votes in the first round, all candidates go through to the second voting round



If second round fails to establish a winner, voting is repeated, excluding the weakest candidate in every successive round



If the last round fails to single out a candidate who has at least 51 votes, a new election is organised

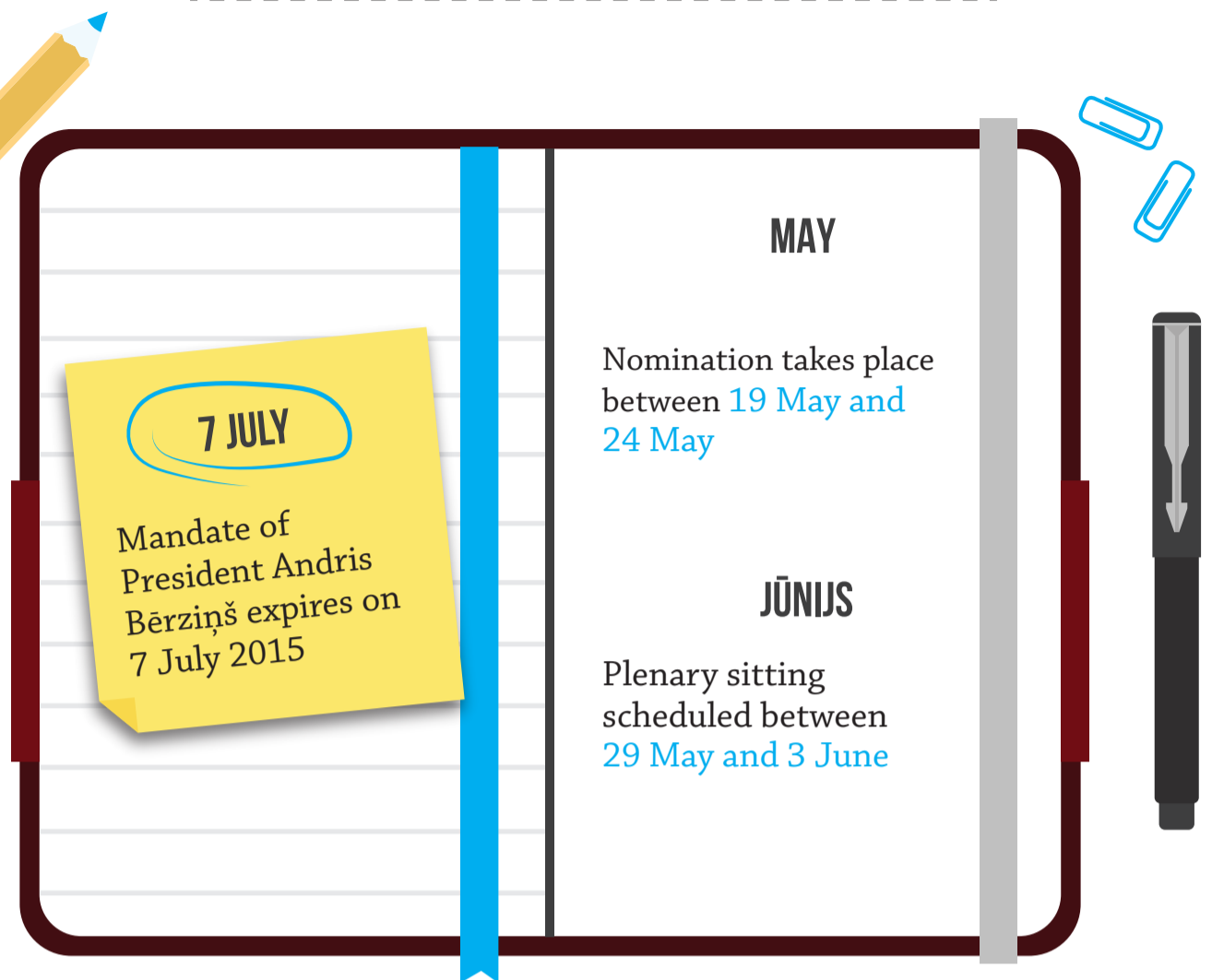


Candidates for the repeat election are nominated not later than 5 days after the previous voting day



Presidium of the Saeima calls the next plenary sitting not earlier than 10 days but not later than 15 days after the previous voting day

## 2015 VOTING



## OATH OF OFFICE



Before assuming the duties, the newly elected President of Latvia takes the oath of office at a plenary sitting of the Saeima



This year, the President is scheduled to take the oath of office on 8 July



The oath of office: *“I swear that all of my work will be dedicated to the welfare of the people of Latvia. I will do everything in my power to promote the prosperity of the Republic of Latvia and all who live here. I will hold sacred and will observe the Constitution of Latvia and the laws of the State. I will act justly towards all and will fulfil my duties conscientiously.”*

# PRESIDENTS OF LATVIA



## JĀNIS ČAKSTE (1922 – 1927)

**ELECTED** 14.11.1922 with 92 votes

**RE-ELECTED** 06.11.1925 with 60 votes



## GUSTAVS ZEMGALS (1927 – 1930)

**ELECTED** 08.04.1927 with 73 votes



## ALBERTS KVIESIS (1930 – 1936)

**IEVĒLĒTS** 09.04.1930 with 55 votes

**RE-ELECTED** 04.04.1933 with 55 votes



## KĀRLIS ULMANIS (1936 – 1940)

On 11 April 1936, merged the office of President and Prime Minister and proclaimed himself the leader of the nation



## GUNTIS ULMANIS (1993 – 1999)

**ELECTED** 07.07.1993 with 53 votes

**RE-ELECTED** 18.06.1996 with 53 votes



## VAIRA VĪĶE-FREIBERGA (1999 – 2007)

**ELECTED** 17.06.1999 with 53 votes

**RE-ELECTED** 20.06.2003 with 88 votes



## VALDIS ZATLERS (2007 – 2011)

**ELECTED** 31.05.2007 with 58 votes



## ANDRIS BĒRZIŅŠ (2011 – 2015)

**ELECTED** 02.06.2011 with 53 votes

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