

Central Electoral Board

Identity Guarantee and Democracy

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The challenge of changing voting abroad to seats.

In the 80's, the Dominican aboard Diaspora, particularly those of New York City, claimed to Dominican government their right to vote without moving to Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Constitution did not include the voting abroad of national territory, the Electoral Central Board, through Dr. Sillié Gastón's mediation, presented to the Justice Commission of the Senate the first voting abroad project. However, it didn't have the expected results.

Then in August 1994, the Dominican Abroad Committee, submitted a second draft, which also didn't obtained effects.

Finally, in December 15th, 1997, with the electoral law's amendment, enacted by 275 number, in the 82 to 85 articles named as "Voting of Dominicans Abroad", establishes the Dominican right to vote in other countries.

The Electoral Central Board, creates a commission for the voting study of Dominican abroad, in order to accomplish the articles already mentioned. This commission, with the Foreign Affair Ministry, did several activities such as: the collection of the voting abroad's experience among different countries, in order to identified the Dominican people data outside the country.

The commission focused its efforts in United States, because this country has more Dominican people.

In order to achieve its objective, the commission should overcome several obstacles:

- •The lack of Dominicans' statistics who has the age for voting and formal and informal residents.
- •The lack of an Electoral Roll of voters abroad.



The rules established by the Central Electoral Board (JCE), adjusted with the extraterritorial electoral requirements, on the basis of the Dominican Electoral Law: electoral photographic rolls and the ID and electoral card. The law states that the only valid document for voting is the electoral card. This requirements also applies abroad.

In order to exercise this right, the Dominican citizens outside the country should be in the voters list abroad. In accordance with the 2001 regulation, they must need to have the ID and electoral card. Also, they must be in conditions to exercise their civil and political rights.

The 82 article of the 275-97 electoral law establishes: "THE DOMINICAN CITIZENS ABROAD, WITH THEIR CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, CAN VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC."



For 2008, after 2004 elections' experience and with the obstacles for the elaboration and the organization of a reliable electoral registry, the Administrative Chamber of the Electoral Central Board required the installation of technological equipment in order to provide records and warrants to each citizen abroad.



The principal obstacle was the lack of ID and electoral card updated. This document is the only valid one for voting.



Nombre y Sello Junta Central Electoral

República Dominicana JUNTA CENTRAL ELECTORAL ¡Comprometidos con la Verdad! Voto Dominicano en el Exterior REGISTRO EN LA LISTA DE ELECTORES EN EL EXTERIOR (EMPADRONAMIENTO) Favor rellenar este formulario en letras de molde **Enrollment form** Cédula Datos de Cedulados **Nombres** Fecha Nac. 1er Apellido Sexo 2do Apellido Colegio en la Cédula Dirección en el extranjero Dirección Zip Code Estado Ciudad Teléfonos Trabajo Movil Casa Email Persona y teléfono de contacto A que se dedica Oficio o Profesión Integrantes por familia Observaciones y/o Comentarios Cuantos nacieron en R.D. Cuantos son mayores de 18 años

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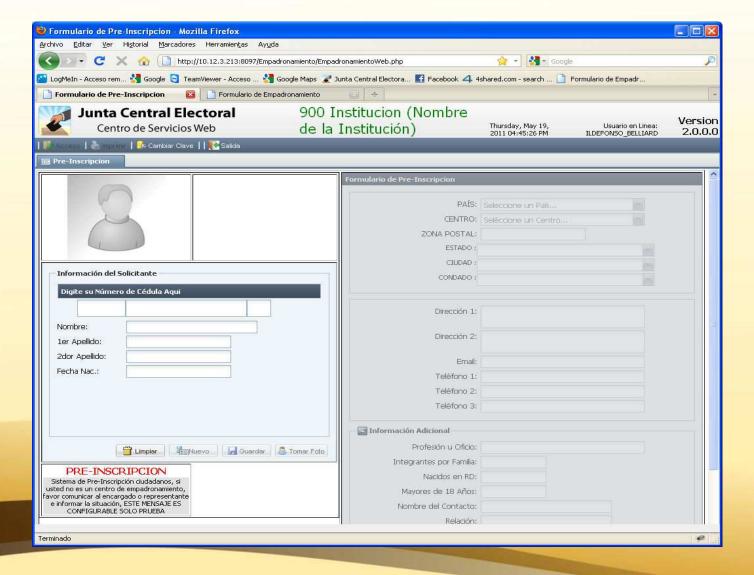
INTEGRATION OF PARTIES TO REGISTRATION AND RECRUITMENT PROCESS

For this case we developed a special form, which allowed political parties to register its members and then refer them to our office with information of the city, his signature and a copy of their card for validation.





Web Form for Political Parties' Roll





It requires an appropriate electoral logistic for the selection of the voting centers abroad and for the accessibility for voting integrity.

The Electoral Central Board has the obligation to inform about the regulations and procedures of each Electoral Logistic Coordination Office Abroad to political parties and political groups. The information must be provided before the polling day in order to guide members, delegates and supporters.







Statistics Registered Citizens, 2008



OCLEE	País	2008
New York	Estados Unidos	55,989
Madrid	España	21,593
New Jersey	Estados Unidos	15,056
Puerto Rico	Estados Unidos	11,311
MASSACHUSETTS	Estados Unidos	11,504
Barcelona	España	9,761
Miami	Estados Unidos	9,529
Milano	Italia	2,347
Philadelphia	Estados Unidos	3,326
Caracas	Venezuela	2,570
San Martin	Antillas Menores	2,984
Washintogton DC	Estados Unidos	1,375
Panama	Panama	2,074
Curazao	Antillas Menores	1,369
Zurich	Suiza	1,964
Amsterdam	Holanda	903
Montreal	Canada	1,134
Total		154,789



Parliamentarian representation for Voters abroad

In January 26th, 2010, the Dominican Republic enacted a new constitution, in which is established the representation right in National Congress to all Dominicans outside the country.

In 81 article of the Constitution, which explained the representation and composition of Deputy Chamber, states in its third paragraph "shall be elected SEVEN OVERSEAS Deputies, representing the Dominican community abroad."

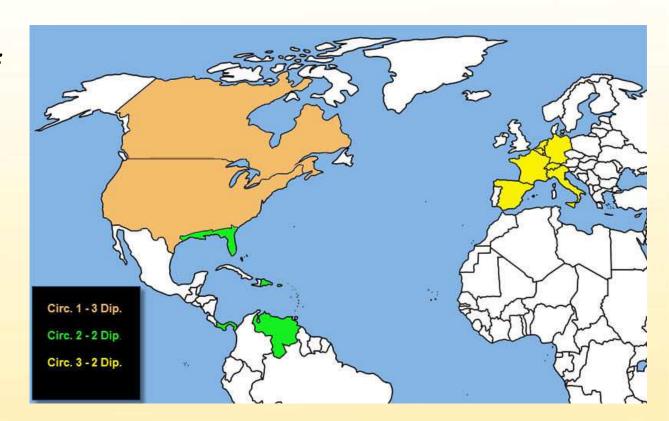
In this way, the Dominican Republic is one of the four Latin American countries which recognizes the diaspora representation in Legislative Power.

In this sense, the 136-11 law was passed in February 10, 2011. The objective of it is to regulate the vote of the Dominicans abroad for deputies elections.

Creation of three (3) constituencies:

- •1ra. United States with 3 seats
- •2da. Caribe, South and Central America with 2 seats
- •3ra. Europe with 2 seats

Total: 7 seats



For 2012, the electoral process challenge was the reorganization and making of an overseas electoral registry; a great job in this regard was developed in order to obtain a huge increase in our goals.

In this process, which concluded on Sunday May 20, 2012, allowed us a greater displacement in all countries and cities where we have offices and create new ones, thus increasing the number of places where people voted, from 11 countries and islands in the 2008 to 19 countries and islands in 2012. Reaching 108 cities and towns, distributed in 189 polling stations with 605 electoral colleges.

Thus increasing the electoral roll of eligible voters to vote from 154,789 in 2008 to 328,649 voters eligible in 2012, an increase of 173,860 equivalent to 112.3%.

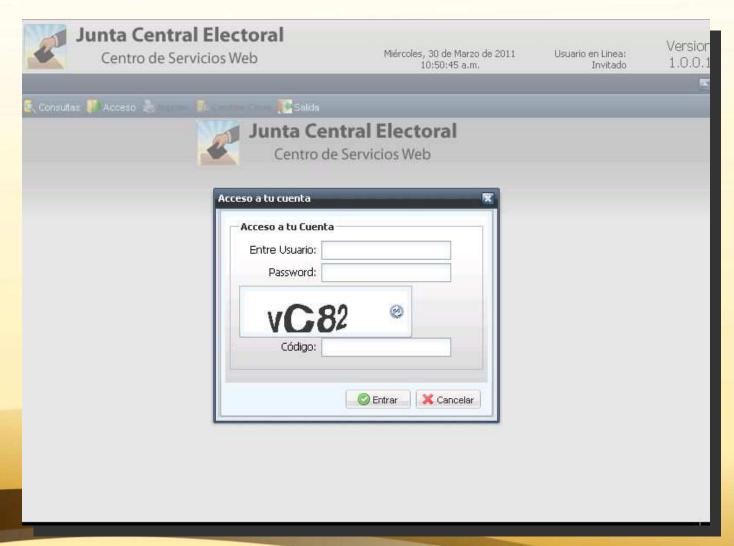
In order to achieve this increase, some procedures such as registration techniques and voters' registry, were improved. For example, the pre-registration forms for political parties job, which were exchanged for a pre-enrollment application via web.

During this process, these methods were sharpened modifying the registry applications because previously were manuals which were difficult to integrate when verifying the citizen's information because many adresses lacked of zip code, specially those in United States and Europe.

In order to solve this problem, the dominican voting from abroad unit, applied for the zip code database of those countries which are organized like this, this way we were able to solve the 99% of the adress mistakes.

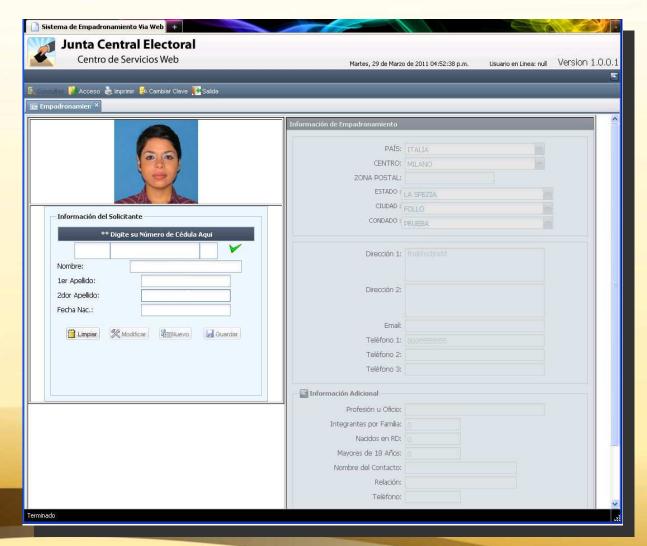


Web Registration Form





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The equipment positioning and the "Verificate" program creation, installed in strategic places where dominican's overseas live.





Registration by City and Locality Overseas

MILAN	9,581
BOLOGNA	814
СОМО	673
FIRENZE	590
GENOVA	912
LA SPEZIA	445
MILAN	2,509
NAPOLI	252
PAVIA	476
ROMA	817
TORINO	672
TREVISO	800
VICENZA	621
MONTREAL	1,992
QUEBEQ	1,992

NEW JERSEY	35,359
CALIFORNIA	703
NEW JERSEY	19,135
NEWARK	3,266
PASSAIC	874
PATERSON	2,252
PERTH AMBOY	4,316
PLAINFIELD	540
TRENTON	203
UNION CITY	4,070
NEW YORK	103,337
NEW YORK	103,337
ORLANDO	4,514
KISSIMMEE	1,443
ORLANDO	1,968
TAMPA	1,103

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640
520
3,511
768
9,378
1,690
1,944
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876
2,289
1,237



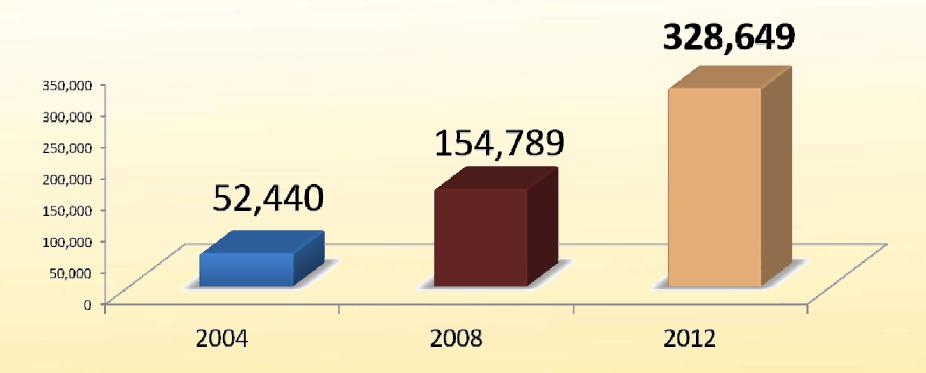
Registration by City and Locality Overseas

PUERTO RICO	25,600
BAYAMON	1,762
CAGUAS	860
CANOVANAS	770
CAROLINA	2,560
MAYAGUEZ	666
SAINT CROIX	360
SAINT THOMAS	585
SANJUAN	16,928
TOA BAJA	789
TORTOLA	320

Total: 108
Cities/Localities

SAN MARTIN	5,519
ANTIGUA Y BARBUDA	1,079
GUADALUPE	579
SAN MARTIN	3,861
TORONTO	705
ONTARIO	705
VENEZUELA	5,848
VENEZUELA	5,848
WASHINGTON	5,494
ATLANTA	861
LOUISIANA	362
MARYLAND	2,182
NORTH CAROLINA	638
WASHINGTON DC	1,451
ZURICH	4,261
BERN	549
GINEBRA	518
TICINO	381
ZURICH	2,813

Registration Overseas Growth



Election Year	Number of Registrations	Growth	Percentage
2004	52,440		
2008	154,789	102,349	195%
2012	328,649	173,860	112%





Voting from Abroad Electoral Results 2004 - 2008 - 2012

		2004		2008			20.	12		
		CANTIDAD	VOTOS	%	CANTIDAD	VOTOS	%	CANTIDAD	VOTOS	%
	OCLEE	ELECTORES	VALIDOS	Votacion	ELECTORES	VALIDOS	Votacion	ELECTORES	VALIDOS	Votacion
1	NEW YORK	24,343	16,369	67%	<i>55,989</i>	29,883	53%	103,337	48,975	47%
2	MADRID	5,944	2,913	49%	21,593	7,365	34%	45,986	17,648	38%
3	NEW JERSEY	6,418	4,439	69%	15,056	8,864	59%	35,359	17,458	49%
4	PUERTO RICO	4,622	3 ,22 5	70%	11,311	5,695	50%	25,636	10,886	42%
5	BOSTON	4,202	3,491	83%	11,504	6,483	56%	24,581	11,773	48%
6	BARCELONA	2,989	1,329	44%	9,761	2,657	27%	17,204	5,919	34%
7	MIAMI	2,942	2,138	73%	9,529	4,715	49%	16,252	6,754	42%
8	MILANO	* - ,	=	0%	2,347	847	36%	9,581	3,041	32%
9	PHILADELPHIA	7, = 1	=	0%	3,326	1,803	54%	9,378	4,357	46%
10	VENEZUELA	576	369	64%	2,570	1,351	53%	5,848	2,229	38%
11	WASHINGTON DC			0%	1,3/5	//4	56%	5,494	2,487	45%
12	SAN MARTIN	-	- 7	0%	2,984	1,602	54%	5,483	2,982	54%
13	ΡΛΝΛΜΛ	*: = ;	=	0%	2,071	1,516	73%	<i>5,1</i> 39	2,933	54%
14	CURAZAO	===	=	0%	1,369	618	45%	4,747	2,191	46%
15	ORLANDO	7,27	=	0%	** <u>=</u> *;	=	0%	4,514	<i>2,055</i>	46%
16	ZURICH	y = y	-	0%	1,964	815	41%	4,231	1, 579	37%
17	HOLANDA	-	-	0%	903	271	30%	2,882	782	27%
18	MONTREAL	404	303	75%	1,134	699	62%	1,992	924	46%
1.9	TORONTO		-	0%	- 1	-	0%	705	331	4/%
	ΤΟΤΛL GENERAL	52,440	34,576		154,789	75,958		328,649	145,304	
			66%			49%			44%	

2004
2008
2012



Number of positions elected from abroad

President	1
Vice-President	1

Overseas' Deputies				
Constituency	Boundaries	Deputies		
1st	Contintental United States	3		
2nd	The Caribbean, Center and South America	2		
3rd	Europe	2		
Total		7		

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