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## Delayed law signing forces candidate submission rush

President Filipe Nyusi signed the new municipal elections law only last night (Thursday 2 August), two weeks after it was approved by parliament. This delay put huge pressure on the National Elections Commission (CNE) because the law says candidates lists for municipal assemblies must be submitted 60 days before the 10 October election.

The CNE met today (Friday) and said candidates lists would have to be submitted Monday through Saturday 6-11 August, and that there would be a check on the spot that each candidate submitted the five required documents: authenticated photocopies of identify card and voters card, no-criminal record certificate, and declarations that the candidate is eligible and agrees to be a candidate.

Names of rejected candidates will be posted 14-15 August and parties will have to correct problems or submit new candidates on 16-17 August. Definitive lists will be posted 19-22 August.

Under the new law, there will only be elections for municipal assembly in the 53 municipalities. The order of the list is fixed, and the head of the list that receives the most votes become mayor of the municipality.

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There are two archives of historic elections data, at IESE on <http://www.iese.ac.mz/eleicoes-resultados/> and at London School of Economics on <http://bit.ly/MozEIData> The LSE archive now has detailed 2013 and 2014 results, by polling station.

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