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*The free expression of the will of the people* – The popular will, freely expressed through genuine elections, must be the basis for legitimate political power.

and be held at reasonable intervals, in a context that protects other fundamental rights.

*State must take necessary steps to ensure free elections* – States must take the necessary steps to ensure that elections are free and fair.

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Table 1. Voter Registration: Obligations, Indicators, and Questions

Obligation	Key Indicators	Sample Analytical Questions
Universal Suffrage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of registered voters</li> <li>Percentage of eligible voters who are registered</li> <li>Percentage of registered voters who are eligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why are some eligible voters not registered?</li> <li>Are there any barriers to registration?</li> <li>How does the registration process affect voter turnout?</li> </ul>
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age</li> <li>Citizenship</li> <li>Residence</li> <li>Mental capacity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do these criteria affect the size of the electorate?</li> <li>Are there any groups of people who are excluded?</li> <li>How do these criteria change over time?</li> </ul>
Registration Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost</li> <li>Complexity</li> <li>Accessibility</li> <li>Convenience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do these factors affect registration rates?</li> <li>Are there any ways to make the process easier?</li> <li>How do these factors vary across different groups of people?</li> </ul>
Eligibility and Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of eligible voters who are registered</li> <li>Percentage of registered voters who are eligible</li> <li>Percentage of eligible voters who are not registered</li> <li>Percentage of registered voters who are not eligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why are some eligible voters not registered?</li> <li>Why are some registered voters not eligible?</li> <li>How do these percentages change over time?</li> <li>How do these percentages vary across different groups of people?</li> </ul>
Current Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of eligible voters who are registered</li> <li>Percentage of registered voters who are eligible</li> <li>Percentage of eligible voters who are not registered</li> <li>Percentage of registered voters who are not eligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do these percentages change over time?</li> <li>How do these percentages vary across different groups of people?</li> <li>What are the reasons for these changes?</li> <li>How can these percentages be improved?</li> </ul>
Future Projections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of eligible voters who are registered</li> <li>Percentage of registered voters who are eligible</li> <li>Percentage of eligible voters who are not registered</li> <li>Percentage of registered voters who are not eligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do these percentages change over time?</li> <li>How do these percentages vary across different groups of people?</li> <li>What are the reasons for these changes?</li> <li>How can these percentages be improved?</li> </ul>

The first step in the process of reaching overall assessments is to identify the key indicators that are most relevant to the obligation. This is done by looking at the legal text and identifying the key terms and concepts. Once the key indicators have been identified, the next step is to collect data on these indicators. This is done by looking at official statistics and other sources of data. Once the data has been collected, the next step is to analyze the data. This is done by looking at the trends and patterns in the data and identifying any significant differences or changes. Finally, the last step is to reach overall assessments. This is done by looking at the results of the analysis and making conclusions about the overall status of the obligation.

**CONCLUSION: THE CHALLENGE OF REACHING OVERALL ASSESSMENTS**

The challenge of reaching overall assessments is a complex one. It requires a deep understanding of the legal text and the data that is used to assess the obligation. It also requires a willingness to look at the data from a critical perspective and to identify any potential biases or limitations. Finally, it requires a willingness to make conclusions based on the evidence that is available.

