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### NEWS REPORT

<b>Country:</b>	Turkey
<b>Title:</b>	Mobile ballot boxes at shelter homes during elections
<b>Date:</b>	15 May 2018
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<b>Context</b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	Right to vote
<b>Ground of discrimination:</b>	Sex
<b>Source:</b>	Policy development
<b>Field:</b>	Other
<b>Applicable law:</b>	Law no. 298 on Basic Rules on Elections and Electoral Rolls ( <i>Seçimlerin Temel Hükümleri ve Seçmen Kütükleri Hakkında Kanun</i> ), Official Gazette, 2 May 1961, No. 10796. Law no. 7102 amending Law no. 298, Official Gazette, 16 March 2018, No. 30362.

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**Policy development:** The chair of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission submitted a written request to the Ministry of Justice requesting measures in order to protect the right to vote of women staying at shelter homes. There are 142 shelter homes in Turkey with a total capacity of 3.444 places. In response, the Ministry of Justice offered mobile ballot boxes at shelter homes to enable the women to use their right to vote free of fear.

The Composition of mobile ballot box boards is envisaged to accommodate those confined to bed because of disability or sickness.<sup>1</sup> An amendment has to be made in Law no. 298 on Basic Rules on Elections and Electoral Rolls (register of electors) for its extension to shelter homes. If legislated, it will be put in practice for the first time during the elections for the presidency on 3 November 2019.

**Key points of analysis:** Women at shelter homes may fear to use their right to vote at officially designated ballot boxes. The Provision of mobile ballot boxes for these women at shelter homes could be a solution to the problem.

**Internet link source:** [www.resmigazete.gov.tr](http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr) (official site of the official gazette).

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<sup>1</sup> Art. 14 of Law no. 298 on Basic Rules on Elections and Electoral Rolls (*Seçimlerin Temel Hükümleri ve Seçmen Kütükleri Hakkında Kanun*), Official Gazette, 2 May 1961, No. 10796, as amended by Law no. 7102 (Official Gazette, 16 March 2018, No. 30362).