

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS 2012

### **Advance polls Consulate of Finland, Vancouver (BC):**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 9am – 5pm and the second round, if deemed necessary

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 9am – 5pm.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

According to the Finnish Constitution the President of the Republic is elected by a direct vote for a term of six years. The President shall be a native-born Finnish citizen. The same person may be elected President for no more than two consecutive terms of office.

The President is elected by a direct vote, if necessary in two rounds. Election day is the third Sunday of January. If one of the candidates receives more than half of the (approved) votes cast in the election, he/she is elected President. If none of the candidates has received a majority of the votes cast, a new election shall be held on the second Sunday after the first election between the two candidates who received most votes in the first election. The candidate receiving most votes in the second round is elected President. If only one candidate is nominated, he/she is appointed President without an election. The President assumes office on the first day of the month following the elections.

### **Right to vote**

Every Finnish citizen who has reached eighteen years of age has the right to vote in presidential elections.

You must have your valid photo ID with you at the advance polling station. If you received the “notice of the right to vote” (voter’s card) in the mail, please bring it with you. However, if you do not have it, you can still vote.

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