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Over 420,000 Cubans to Support Referendum on New Constitution

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More than 420,000 Cubans will work on February 24 to guarantee the success of the referendum on the new Constitution, Alina Balseiro, president of the National Electoral Commission (CEN), said.

According to the official, the figure includes electoral authorities, collaborators and pioneers, as students of primary schools are called in Cuba. The latter are the responsible of taking care of the polls.

Balseiro said during the Cuban roundtable TV program that the country is working on organizational details, when there are one month left to the consultation in which more than eight million Cubans are called to ratify the Constitution approved on December 22 by the People's Power National Assembly.

Colonel Mario Mendez, Chief of Identification, Immigration and Foreign Affairs Direction, said that the electoral register with its public, permanent and trade nature contributes significantly to the transparency of the elections.

At the polls, in addition to those authorized to vote in Cuba, thousands of Cubans who comply with official missions abroad, including diplomats, collaborators and scholarship holders, will be capable of doing so.

The conditions for this process have already been established, in which 1,051 polling stations will be involved in about 120 countries, said Marcos Rodriguez, president of the Special Electoral Commission at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.