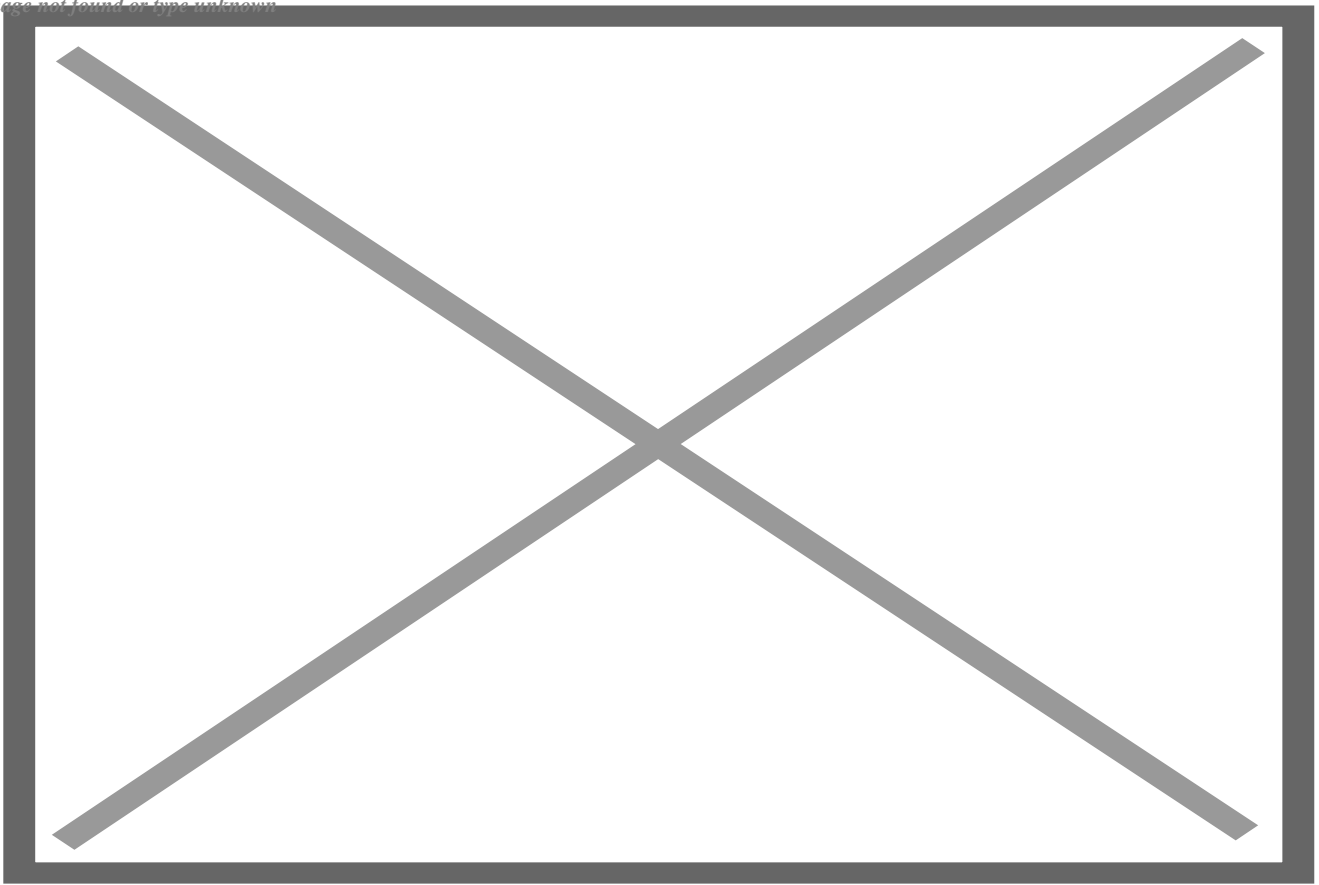


Voting underway in presidential elections in Argentina

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Buenos Aires, October 22 (Prensa Latina)-- More than 16 thousand election polls authorized to vote opened their doors today in the 24 districts of Argentina and will close at 18:00, local time, as part of the general elections.

Around 104 thousand 520 ballot boxes were distributed throughout the national territory and 35 million 405 thousand 13 people are summoned to participate in the elections.

The citizens will define who will hold the offices of president and vice-president of this nation for the next four years, while the residents of this capital will also elect the head of government of the autonomous city and those of the provinces of Catamarca, Entre Ríos and Buenos Aires will elect their respective governors.

Argentines will also decide who will occupy 130 seats in the Chamber of Deputies and 24 in the Senate, which are renewed in parts every two years.

Likewise, they will select 19 parliamentarians of the Southern Common Market, provincial legislators, mayors and municipal councilors.

The presidential candidates are Sergio Massa (Unión por la Patria), Javier Milei (La Libertad Avanza), Patricia Bullrich (Juntos por el Cambio), Juan Schiaretti (Hacemos por Nuestro País) and Myriam Bregman (Frente de Izquierda y de Trabajadores Unidad).

In order to win in the first round and occupy the Casa Rosada, a candidate must obtain more than 45 percent of the ballots or 40 percent with a difference of at least 10 points with respect to the second most voted.

If this does not happen, it will be necessary to go to the ballot, which is scheduled for November 19.

According to the National Electoral Director, Marcos Schiavi, the first results of the provisional scrutiny of this day will be known after 22:00, local time, as they will wait for consolidated and representative data without geographical bias.

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