



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق  
كۆمیسۆنی باڵای سه ربه خۆی هه ئیژارد نه كان له عیراق

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## Fact Sheet

### Legal Framework Kurdistan Iraqi Parliament ('KIP') Elections 2009

The 1992 Kurdistan National Assembly Electoral Law provides the framework for the renamed Kurdistan Iraqi Parliament (KIP) elections in Kurdistan. The law has been amended four times, most recently with the adoption by KIP of the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to the 1992 law, Law no. 2 of 2009. In brief, the main points of reform in the law for the 2009 KIP elections are as follows:

1. The name Kurdish National Assembly ('KNA') has been changed to Kurdistan Parliament-Iraq ('KIP').
2. The KIP elections will be conducted by the Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC).
3. The electoral system will be a 'closed list'
4. The electoral district will be one constituency. Political entity lists will represent the whole region.
5. Political entities and coalitions will submit lists with a minimum of three candidates, with the exception of the Armenian lists which will have one candidate only.
6. The KIP shall have a minimum of 30% female representation. To accommodate this quota the female candidates must be evenly distributed throughout the list with the second candidate in first group of three candidates being a female and the first candidate in every group of three candidates thereafter.
7. The minimum age of candidates is twenty-five years of age.
8. Candidates must be resident in Iraqi-Kurdistan in order to stand for election.
9. Voters will elect 111 members of the Parliament.
10. The rights of component groups are protected as follows: five seats reserved for Christians; five seats for Turkomen and one seat for Armenians.
11. Special voting procedures for police and military, hospital patients and prisoners will be provided 48 hours prior to election day.

The relevant laws and amendments can be viewed online at [www.ihec.iq/](http://www.ihec.iq/) and [www.uniraq.org/electoral](http://www.uniraq.org/electoral). The laws are:

- KNA-Electoral Law no. 1 of 1992
- 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment of Law no. 1 1992, Law no. 4 of 1994
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of Law no. 1 of 1992, Law no. 5 of 1998
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment of Law no. 1 of 1992, Law no. 47 of 2004
- 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment of Law no. 1 of 1992, Law no. 2 of 2009

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