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History of the Election of Members of the Senate in Cambodia

There are only 15 days remaining, the Election of Members of the Senate in the 4th Legislature 2018 will be conducted. Since the establishment of the Senate in 1999 as of the present, the Senate has gone through various stages of its history.

The Paris Peace Accords on 23 October 1991 brought about the 1st Legislature of General Election, which was held on 28 May 1993 and was administered by the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC).

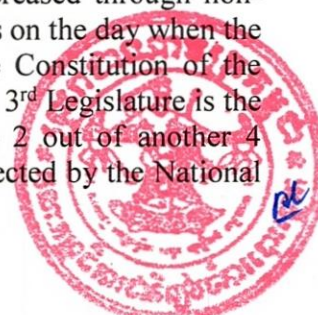
The 2nd Legislature of Election of Members of the National Assembly was held on 26 July 1998; indeed, Cambodia organized such election by itself under jurisdiction of the National Election Committee (NEC), and then an internal political crisis took place in Cambodia. To resolve the crisis, a high level meeting between the top leaders of the two major political parties, namely the Cambodian People's Party and the FUNCINPEC Party, was held on 12th and 13th November 1998 at **Khem Rin Temple** in Royal Palace, under the highest presidency of the King Father **Norodom Sihanouk**. As a result, the Senate was established with a series of amendments to the 1993 Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, including Articles 11, 12, 13, 18, 22, 24, 26, 30, 34, 51, 90, 91, 93, and Article 8 to Chapter 14 of the Constitution, adopted by the National Assembly on 04 March 1999.

The Election of Member of the Senate in the 1st Legislature was established on 25 March 1999, with a mandate of 5 years, and it was re-elected for another year in 2005, as the National Assembly was busy with drafting the Law on the Election of Member of the Senate.

The Senate in the 1st Legislature composed of 61 members, resulting from appointment and election include as follows:

- His Majesty the King appointed 2 members of the Senate
- Cambodian People's Party elected 31 members of the Senate
- FUNCINPEC Party elected 21 members of the Senate
- The Sam Rainsy Party elected 7 members of the Senate.

The number of Members of the Senate in the 2nd and 3rd Legislature increased through non-universal election and Members of the Senate serve five-year term which terminates on the day when the new Members of the Senate take office according to Article 102 (New) of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia 1993. The number of Members of the Senate in the 2nd and 3rd Legislature is the same, 57 members of whom was elected through non-universal election, while 2 out of another 4 members were appointed by His Majesty the King and another 2 members were elected by the National



Assembly at a relative majority vote in accordance with Article 100 (New) of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia 1993.

The Election of Members of the Senate in the 2nd Legislature was held on Sunday of 22nd January 2006. The Members of the Senate elected through the non-universal elections including:

- Cambodian People's Party 45 members
- FUNCINPEC Party 10 members
- Sam Raingsy Party 2 members

The Election of Members of the Senate in the 3rd Legislature was held on Sunday of 25th January 2012. The Members of the Senate elected through the non-universal elections include as the followings:

- The Cambodian People's Party 46 members
- Sam Raingsy Party 11 members

The number of the Senate in the 4th Legislature is 62, equivalent to half of the total number of 125 members of the National Assembly. 2 members shall be appointed by His Majesty the King and another 2 members shall be elected by the National Assembly at a relative majority vote by secret ballot.

The seats in the Senate shall be classified into regions as follows:

- 1st Region Phnom Penh 6 Seats
- 2nd Region Kampong Cham and Tbaung Khmum province 8 Seats
- 3rd Region Kandal province 5 Seats
- 4th Region Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Siem Reap
Oddor Meanchey and Pailin province 10 Seats
- 5th Region Takeo, Kampot and Kep province 7 Seats
- 6th Region Prey Veng and Svay Rieng province 7 Seats
- 7th Region Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, Pursat
Koh Kong and Preah Sihanouk province 9 Seats
- 8th Region Kampong Thom, Preah Vihear, Kratie, Steung Treng,
Ratanakiri and Mondulakiri province 9 Seats

It is worth reminding there are 4 political parties running for the Election of Members of the Senate in the 4th Legislature, which will be held on Sunday of 25 February 2018, including Cambodian People's Party, Cambodian Youth Party, Khmer National United Party and FUNCINPEC Party.

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