



ELECTIONS

Presidential election

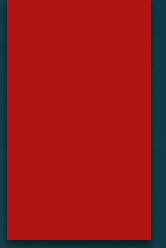
Kazakhstan's president elected by popular vote for a five-year terms; last election held on April 26, 2015 (next to be held in 2020)

Nazarbayev has official status as the "first president of Kazakhstan" and is allowed unlimited terms





The President of the Republic of Kazakhstan is elected for a five-year terms. The President of the Republic may be a citizen of the Republic by birth, not younger than forty years old, fluent in the state language and living in Kazakhstan for the last fifteen years.



Electronic Voting Machine (EVM)



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Electronic voting in Kazakhstan is based on the AIS "Sailau". Electronic voting system developed in Belarus and in Kazakhstan.



The right to elect and to be elected is regulated by the Constitutional Act “On Elections in the Republic of Kazakhstan”, adopted in September 1995.

According to the provisions of the Constitution and this Act the elections of the President, deputies of the Majilis of Parliament and of local representative bodies as well as members of local self-government bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan are held on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage by secret ballot.

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Parliament

Majilis

Senate

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The lower house is the Majilis, with 107 seats, which are elected to four year terms



98 seats are from party lists



9 seats are from Assembly of People Nation

Senate

The upper house is the Senate, which has 47 members.

 **15 Senate deputies are appointed by the Head of State**

 **32 Senate deputies are elected representing by two persons from each region, cities of Astana and Almaty.**

Election of Senate deputies is held on the basis of indirect suffrage by secret ballot. A Senate deputy may be a person, who reached the age of thirty years, has a higher education and length of service of not less than five years, and has been a permanent resident for not less than three years on the territory of the respective region, city of republican status and the capital of Republic.

Electoral System in Kazakhstan

The voting age in Kazakhstan is 18. Elections are overseen by Kazakhstan's Central Election Commission, which is regarded as loyal to Nazarbayev. The dates for elections are set by the Constitutional Council, which is made up of former justice officials, presumably loyal to Nazarbayev. The dates need to be formally confirmed by Parliament.