

Update

Constitutional Law No. 1 of 19 October 2020 (Amendments to Articles 56, 57 and 59 of the Constitution on the reduction of the number of members of Parliament), published in Official Gazette No. 261 of 21 October 2020, amended the following articles of the Constitution, which are provided below as updated.

Article 56

The Chamber of Deputies is elected through universal and direct suffrage.

The number of Deputies is four hundred, eight of which are elected in the Overseas Constituency.

All voters who have attained the age of twenty-five on the day of elections are eligible to be Deputies.

The division of seats among the electoral districts, with the exception of the number of seats assigned to the Overseas Constituency, is obtained by dividing the number of inhabitants of the Republic, as shown by the latest general census of the population, by three hundred and ninety-two and distributing the seats in proportion to the population in every electoral district, on the basis of whole shares and the highest remainders.

Article 57

The Senate of the Republic is elected on a regional basis, with the exception of the seats assigned to the Overseas Constituency.

The number of Senators to be elected is two hundred, four of which are elected in the Overseas Constituency.

No Region may have fewer than three Senators; Molise shall have two, Valle d'Aosta one.

The division of seats among the Regions or the Autonomous Provinces, in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, is made in proportion to the population of the Regions, as shown by the latest general census of the population, on the basis of whole shares and the highest remainders.

Article 59

Former Presidents of the Republic are Senators by right and for life, unless they renounce the office.

The President of the Republic may appoint citizens who have honoured the Nation through their outstanding achievements in the social, scientific, artistic and literary fields as life Senators. The total number of sitting Senators appointed by the President of the Republic may not, under any circumstances, be greater than five.

According to Article 4 of Constitutional Law No. 1 of 2020, the amendments to Articles 56 and 57 of the Constitution “apply starting from the day Parliament is first dissolved or ends after the entry into force of this Constitutional Law, and in any event no earlier than sixty days after the aforementioned date of entry into force.”