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Section 2 [Unicameral Parliament]

Parliament shall be unicameral and shall comprise two hundred representatives.

Section 3 [Term, Elections]

(1) Parliamentary elections shall be held every fourth year at the same time throughout the country. Provisions on the participation of Finnish citizens abroad in parliamentary elections shall be prescribed by Act of Parliament.

(2) If the President of the Republic has ordered new elections pursuant to the Constitution Act, the next election shall be held when the regular electoral period ends four years thereafter, unless Parliament is dissolved again before that time.

(3) The authority of a representative shall begin when he is declared elected and shall continue until the next election has been held.

Section 4 [Direct and Proportional Ballot]

(1) The representatives shall be elected by a direct and proportional ballot, for which purpose the country shall be divided into no fewer than twelve and no more than eighteen electoral districts.

(2) However, if local conditions require an exception from electoral proportionality, one electoral district or several electoral districts may be formed, in addition to those referred to in Paragraph (1), for the election of one representative only.

(3) The suffrage of those enfranchised shall be equal in the elections.

(4) The right to vote may not be exercised by proxy.

(5) More detailed provisions on electoral districts and on the timing and manner of the elections shall be enacted in a special Act of Parliament.

Section 6 [Right to Vote]

(1) Regardless of domicile, every citizen of Finland who has reached the age of eighteen years no later than on the day of the election shall be entitled to vote.

(2) Provisions on registers of those entitled to vote shall be prescribed by Act of Parliament.