

Act on Amending the Act on Parliamentary Elections 319/1975

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26 §

A political party on the register of political parties shall be entitled to put up fourteen candidates for election as representatives in each constituency and to have their lists of candidates publicized in the combination of lists of candidates of the constituency. If more than fourteen members of Parliament are elected from the constituency, the party shall notwithstanding have the right to put up as many candidates as representatives are elected from the constituency.

The same person may stand as the candidate of only one political party and only in one constituency.

The provisions for putting up candidates in Ahvenanmaa are stipulated in 31 f.

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26a §

For purposes of putting up candidates for election the political party shall take a secret and equal vote among its members, those entitled to vote being members of the party resident in the constituency and members of the basic organizations.

Such vote among the members, however, is not mandatory if at most the same number of individuals have been put forward as there may be candidates in the constituency.

In other case such vote among the member shall be taken and the candidates put up for election according to the rules. In the event of there not being provisions in the party rules regarding membership votes or putting up of candidates for election, the provisions in 26 b – 26 f § shall apply.

26 b §

The right to nominate people to the membership vote rests with the association belonging to the party operating in the constituency in which there are only physical persons as members (basic organization). The decision on nomination will be made by the basic organization organ with executive power or on its authorization the board of the basic organization.

Likewise to be included in the membership vote is a person nominated in writing by at least 15 people belonging to the same basic organization operating in the constituency.

Nomination may be accomplished by at least 30 people who may belong to different basic organizations operating in the constituency. A member of a basic organization may be part of only one proposal referred to here.

A person who has not given written consent to being nominated may not be nominated to the membership vote.

26 c §

Those entitled to vote in the membership vote are those members of the basic organizations who before the year in which such vote is to be taken are 18 years old.

A member of a basic organization may only vote as a member of one organization.

26 d §

The decision on the number of candidates and on putting them up for election will be taken by the association (areal association) operating as the party's area organization in the constituency.

26 e §

Those people receiving the greatest number of votes shall be in the membership vote shall be put up as candidates. If for reasons as in 26 a § 2 above no membership vote has been taken the people or some of them put forward for a membership vote shall be put up as candidates.

With the consent of the party board deviation from the result of the membership vote shall be possible with no more than one quarter (1/4) of the number of those people which the party puts up as its candidates (*right to change*). In such case, too, at least half of the party's candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in the membership vote must be put up for election.

If the right to change is invoked the result of the membership vote will not be deemed to include those people who due to lack of eligibility, refusal or other such reason cannot be put up as candidates.

30 §

Two or more parties in the same constituency shall be entitled to merge into and *electoral union*.

Regarding the formation of an electoral union the political parties shall submit to the central committee of the constituency a joint notification in which the political parties joining the electoral union are listed. Such notification shall be signed by the political parties' areal delegates.

Notification of an electoral union shall be given to the central committee of the constituency at the same time as the application for the publicizing of the list of candidates of the party.

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Political parties belonging to the same electoral union may not in the constituency have more candidates than the political parties not belonging to the electoral union may put up for election.

31 a §

An electoral association which at least 100 enfranchised persons of the same constituency have established for a certain election of representatives shall be entitled to put up a candidate for election to Parliament and to have the *list of candidates of the electoral association* publicized in the combination of lists of candidates of the constituency.

31 e §

Two or more of the electoral associations referred to in 31 a § shall be entitled to present a joint list.

The candidates of the joint list may not exceed as many as the political party under 26 § 1 is entitled to put up for election.

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