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Section 14 - Electoral and participatory rights
Every Finnish citizen who has reached eighteen years of age has the right to vote in national
elections and referendums. Specific provisions in this Constitution shall govern the eligibility to
stand for office in national elections. Every Finnish citizen and every foreigner permanently
resident in Finland, having attained eighteen years of age, has the right to vote in municipal
elections and municipal referendums, as provided by an Act. Provisions on the right to otherwise
participate in municipal government are laid down by an Act. The public authorities shall
promote the opportunities for the individual to participate in societal activity and to influence the
decisions that concern him or her.

Section 24 - Composition and term of the Parliament
The Parliament is unicameral. It consists of two hundred Representatives, who are elected for a
term of four years at a time. The term of the Parliament begins when the results of the
parliamentary elections have been confirmed and lasts until the next parliamentary elections have
been held.

Section 25 - Parliamentary elections
The Representatives shall be elected by a direct, proportional and secret vote. Every citizen who
has the right to vote has equal suffrage in the elections. For the parliamentary elections, the
country shall be divided, on the basis of the number of Finnish citizens, into at least twelve and at
most eighteen constituencies. In addition, the Åland Islands shall form their own constituency for
the election of one Representative. The right to nominate candidates in parliamentary elections
belongs to registered political parties and, as provided by an Act, to groups of persons who have
the right to vote. More detailed provisions on the timing of parliamentary elections, the
nomination of candidates, the conduct of the elections and the constituencies are laid down by an
Act.