



## Tammuz Organization for Social Development's Recommendations about the Law of the Iraqi parliamentary Election

On these days, the Iraqis are waiting the amendments on the "Iraqi Election Law" that the parliamentary election will be pursued upon it on January 16 2010. This law will outline the frame of the coming electoral process as well as its compatibility with the international standards to fulfill the democracy. We intend to present hereby our organization standpoint towards the conflicting issues of the election law our observation is the jest of our pursuance of the social and political status quo, as well as the opinion of the parliament lobbies.

We concisely present our viewpoint as follows:

1. The necessity of the open-district election as it guarantees the democracy, transparency and the free of choice for the voters.

2- The significance of counting the whole land of Iraq as one electoral district. This way troubleshoots the election law problems as it has the following benefits:

-One electoral district guarantees that all competing lists will have voters and no lost votes. It also keeps the voters balloting in safe ground.

-It participates in troubleshoots the matter of Kirkuk province equally like other provinces. Kirkuk governorate votes will be gathered with the general voting, so it guarantees the province participation in the election with no delay.

-It counts for Iraqis who live abroad. We as an organization, emphasize the abroad-residents importance in participating in the election even though it costs great sums of money. The Iraqis who live abroad reached two millions recently.

-It renders all the parliamentary seats equally, as it makes the electoral threshold equally on diverse electoral districts in comparing the participation ratio between one district and another. So, it will be just for all parliamentarians to have the same winning threshold.

-It protects the minorities and women quota from being lost or from diversion.

3-The importance of increasing parliamentary seats to be 311 representatives according to the constitution.

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4-Widening legal age scale of the candidates to include 25 years. This will motivate the youth leaders to be decision makers.

5-The importance of having election in Kirkuk normally and equally like other provinces. The delay of election in Kirkuk will be unjust for the residents as well as depriving them from choosing their representatives in the parliament. There are opinions calling to divide Kirkuk province into four districts. This deed will be a pre-execution sentence on the governorate future. The reason is that the authorities have not yet naturalized the situation in the conflicting areas of Kirkuk, which item 41 of the constitution includes them.

It also wastes the efforts which were exerted in last years in this purpose.

6- The importance of taking advantage from the ex-laws since 2005 and collecting them as amendments of the present law.

7- The necessity of legislating laws as soon as possible, as the delay will be confusing for the Iraqi High Commission of Election and backfires negatively on the electoral process on the balloting day

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