

# Likely Distribution of Seats in the National Constituent Assembly

The allocation of seats to electoral districts for the 2011 Constituent Assembly elections is established by Articles 31 and 33 of Decree-Law No. 35 (the Election Law), dated 10 May 2011.

According to the decree-law, electoral districts in Tunisia are based on the 24 governorates. One seat is allocated for every 60,000 inhabitants, rounded to the nearest multiple of 60,000. Governorates with fewer than 270,000 inhabitants will have an additional two seats, while governorates with between 270,001 and 500,000 inhabitants will have one additional seat. A governorate with more than 10 seats (i.e. more than 630,000 inhabitants) is divided into two electoral districts. Seats will also be provided for expatriate Tunisians.

Under current 2011 population data from the National Statistics Institute, the likely number of seats for districts in Tunisia is 199. It has been reported that there will be 16 seats reserved for expatriate Tunisians. The NCA, therefore, would consist of 215 seats.

