

**REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION: Apportionment of Council of Representatives  
Seats**

On 6th December 2009 the Council of Representatives issued a decision to clarify the distribution of seats based on the 23 November 2009 amendments to the election law. The clarification established a total number of 325 seats, of which, 15 are designated as compensatory. Of these 15 seats, eight have been reserved for the following components:

Yizidi Component: one seat in Ninewa.

Sabean Mandeian Component: one seat in Baghdad.

Shabak Component: one seat in Ninewa.

Christian component: five seats distributed on Baghdad, Ninewa, Kirkuk, Dohuk and Erbil.

The clarification stated that the five Christian seats are to be allocated within one national constituency. The remaining 310 seats are to be distributed to Iraq's eighteen governorates in accordance with the table below that was issued by the Council of Representatives as an annex to the decision:

<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Seats</u></b>
1	Baghdad	68
2	Ninewa	31
3	Basra	24
4	Thi-Qar	18
5	Babel	16
6	Sulaymaniyah	17
7	Anbar	14
8	Erbil	14
9	Diyala	13
10	Kirkuk	12
11	Salah El-Din	12
12	Najaf	12
13	Wassit	11
14	Qadissiya	11
15	Missan	10
16	Dohuk	10
17	Kerbala	10
18	Muthanna	7
	Compensatory	15

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