

**GG A 11/2008**

**LAW No. 3636**

Amendment of Law 3231/2004 "election of Members of Parliament"

THE PRESIDENT

OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

Issues the following law, passed by the Parliament:

**Article 1**

***Determination of seats***

1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 6 of Law 3231 / 2004 (GG 45 A) are replaced as follows:

"1. To determine the seats each party is entitled to, the total votes it accumulated in the State is multiplied by the number 250. The product is divided by the sum of valid votes accumulated in the State by the parties involved in the distribution of seats in accordance with the provisions of Article 5. The seats each party is entitled to in the State is the integral part of the division's quotient.

If the sum of those integral parts of the quotient is below the number 250, then seats are ceded, in order, up to the achievement of this number, to parties whose quotients have the largest decimal fractions.

2.a. The independent Party that accumulated the largest number of valid votes throughout the State, shall be given, in addition to the seats it shall receive, in accordance with paragraph 1, fifty (50) more seats, which originate from constituencies where seats are still available after completion of the procedure under Article 8.

Fifty (50) additional seats are also given to coalitions of parties, if the average power of the parties that comprise this is greater than the power of the independent party, which accumulated the largest number of valid votes. The average is obtained by dividing the percentage achieved by this coalition by the number of parties that comprise this.

b. In a session during the announcement of parties, the 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the Supreme Court opines, irrevocably, on the independent or coalition nature of each Party. Its opinion is formed, without procedural constraints, based on existing data, which can be supplemented by a memorandum of parties and candidates."

**Article 2**

***Replacement of heading***

The heading of Article 8 of Law 3231/2004 is replaced as follows:

"Allocation of 238 seats to constituencies".

### **Article 3**

#### ***Percentage of candidates by gender***

A last paragraph is added to Article 2 of Law 3231/2004, as follows:

“For the designation of electoral combinations of independent parties, coalitions of parties and independent MPS, the number of candidate MPS of each gender must be at least equal to 1/3 of the total number of their candidates, respectively, throughout the State. Any decimal number is rounded to the nearest unit, if the fraction is equal to half of the unit or more.”

### **Article 4**

#### ***Entry into force***

The validity of the present is governed by Article 54 of the Constitution, except Article 3, whose entry into force begins with its publication in the Government Gazette.

We order the publication of the present in the Government Gazette and its execution as a law of the State.

Athens, January 30, 2008

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

KAROLOS GR. PAPOULIAS

THE MINISTERS

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OF JUSTICE

P. PAVLOPOULOS

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Certified and stamped with the Great Seal of the State.

Athens, February 1, 2008

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

SOTIRIS HADJIGAKIS