

## **Somali Republic Political Elections Law - Law No. 4 of 22 January 1964**

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*This Law which governed the first election of the Somali Republic National Assembly in 1964 is currently only available in Italian. To get a flavour of the law, I set out below the Italian language headings of the Chapters and articles and their English translation.*

*There is also at the bottom the annex to the Law which listed the numbers of the National Assembly seats allocated to each district (and region). Prior to 1964, the 123 seats were held by the members of the pre Somalia/Somaliland union respective Legislative Assemblies consisting of 90 members from Somalia and 33 members from Somaliland.*

*The allocation of seats for the 1964 and the following 1969 National Assembly elections continued to be based on the same formula until the military coup of October 1969 abolished the National Assembly and abrogated the then constitution and the democratic base of the union.*

*(I would welcome hearing from anyone who may have an English language copy of this Law or, for that matter, a copy of the **1968 Political Elections and Local Councils Elections – Law No. 13 of 6 June 1968** - which replaced this Law and was used for the conduct of the last ever Somali Republic March 1969 National Assembly and Local Councils Elections. I served as a member of a Polling Station staff in those 1969 elections.)*

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*(Included as an annex to the Law)*

	Number of Deputies	
	District	Region
<b>MIJERTENIA REGION</b>		
Bosaso	2	
Alula	1	
Qandala	1	
Skushuban	2	
Qardo	2	
Bebder Beila	1	
Eil	2	
Garoe	2	13
<b>MUDUG REGION</b>		
Galkayo	4	
El Bur	2	
El Dere	2	
Dusa Mareb	3	
Obbio	3	13
<b>HIRAN REGION</b>		
Beletwein	5	
Bulo Burte	7	12
<b>BENADIR REGION</b>		
Mogadishu	2	
Merka	2	
Qoryolay	1	
Jowhar	3	
Adale	2	
Adan Yabal	1	
Brave	3	
Afgoi	2	
Walaweyn	1	
Balad	1	18
<b>UPPER JUBA REGION</b>		
Baidoa	6	
Lugh Ganane	2	
Bardere	2	
Dinsor	2	
Oddur	4	
Bur Hakaba	6	22
<b>LOWER JUBA REGION</b>		
Kismayo	3	
Jamame	3	
Jilib	2	
Afmadou	4	12
<b>HARGEISA REGION</b>		
Hargeisa	6	

Gabiley	1	
Borama	3	
Zeila	2	
Berbera	5	17
<b>BURAO REGION</b>		
Burao	5	
Odweine	1	
Erigavo	2	
Las Korei	2	
Garadag	1	
La Anod	3	
Buhodle	2	16
	Total	123