

Annex I : Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

2010 Amendments

2015 Proposed Amendments

1. The Chief Executive shall be elected by a broadly representative Election Committee in accordance with this Law and appointed by the Central People's Government.

#2. The Election Committee shall be composed of 800 members from the following sectors:

Industrial, commercial and financial sectors	200
The professions	200
Labour, social services, religious and other sectors	200
Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of district-based organizations, Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress, and representatives of Hong Kong members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference	200

The term of office of the Election Committee shall be five years.

3. The delimitation of the various sectors, the organizations in each sector eligible to return Election Committee members and the number of such members returned by each of these organizations shall be prescribed by an electoral law enacted by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in accordance with the principles of democracy and openness.

Corporate bodies in various sectors shall, on their own, elect members to the Election Committee, in accordance with the number of seats allocated and the election method as prescribed by the electoral law.

Members of the Election Committee shall vote in their individual capacities.

#4. Candidates for the office of Chief Executive may be nominated jointly by not less than 100 members of the Election Committee. Each member may nominate only one candidate.

Note:

For amendments to this Article, please see the Amendment to Annex I to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China Concerning the Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Approved at the Sixteenth Session of the Standing Committee of the Eleventh National People's Congress on 28 August 2010)

#1. The Election Committee to elect the fourth term Chief Executive in 2012 shall be composed of 1200 members from the following sectors:

Industrial, commercial and financial sectors	300
The professions	300
Labour, social services, religious and other sectors	300
Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of members of the District Councils, representatives of the Heung Yee Kuk, Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress, and representatives of Hong Kong members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference	300

The term of office of the Election Committee shall be five years.

2. Candidates for the office of Chief Executive may be nominated jointly by not less than 150 members of the Election Committee. Each member may nominate only one candidate.

1. Starting from 2017, the Chief Executive shall be selected by universal suffrage upon nomination by a broadly representative Nominating Committee in accordance with democratic procedures and appointed by the Central People's Government.

2. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of 1200 members from the following sectors:

Industrial, commercial and financial sectors	300
The professions	300
Labour, social services, religious and other sectors	300
Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of members of the District Councils, representatives of the Heung Yee Kuk, Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress, and representatives of Hong Kong members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference	300

The term of office of the Nominating Committee shall be five years. In the event that the office of Chief Executive becomes vacant within the five-year term of office of the Nominating Committee and a by-election is held, the term of office of the new Chief Executive shall be the remainder of the previous Chief Executive.

3. The delimitation of the various sectors of the Nominating Committee, the organizations in each sector eligible to return Nominating Committee members and the number of such members returned by each of these organizations and how to return them shall be prescribed by an electoral law enacted by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in accordance with the principles of democracy and openness.

Corporate bodies in various sectors shall, on their own, elect members to the Nominating Committee, in accordance with the number of seats allocated and the election method as prescribed by the electoral law.

Members of the Nominating Committee shall discharge their duties in their individual capacities.

4. A person seeking nomination by the Nominating Committee may be recommended jointly by not less than 120 members and not more than 240 members of the Nominating Committee. Each member may recommend only one person.

The Nominating Committee shall, from the persons recommended as aforesaid, nominate two to three persons seeking nomination to become Chief Executive candidates by secret ballot. Each Nominating Committee member shall vote for at least two persons, and may at most vote for all persons seeking nomination by the Nominating Committee. Each candidate must have the endorsement of more than half of all the members of the Nominating Committee. The specific nominating method shall be prescribed by the electoral law.

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5. The Election Committee shall, on the basis of the list of nominees, elect the Chief Executive designate by secret ballot on a one-person-one-vote basis. The specific election method shall be prescribed by the electoral law.

6. The first Chief Executive shall be selected in accordance with the Decision of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China on the Method for the Formation of the First Government and the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

*7. If there is a need to amend the method for selecting the Chief Executives for the terms subsequent to the year 2007, such amendments must be made with the endorsement of a two-thirds majority of all the members of the Legislative Council and the consent of the Chief Executive, and they shall be reported to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress for approval.

5. All eligible electors of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region who have registered in accordance with the law shall, from the list of candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee, elect one Chief Executive designate by secret ballot. The specific election method shall be prescribed by the electoral law.

Note:

* See The Interpretation by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of Article 7 of Annex I and Article III of Annex II of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (Adopted at the Eighth Session of the Standing Committee of the Tenth National People's Congress on 6 April 2004)