

# *Algerian Electoral System*

## **1. Definition of Electoral System:**

The electoral system is fundamental to the democratic process, as it determines how citizens elect their representatives and how political power is distributed. In Algeria, the electoral system has undergone several reforms to improve representation and transparency.

An electoral system is a set of rules that determine how elections are conducted and how votes are translated into political power. It defines the way candidates are elected and how electoral results are computed.

The electoral law in Algeria is represented by Ordinance No. 21-10 of August 25, 2021, amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 21-01 of March 10, 2021, which includes the organic law relating to the electoral system.

## **2. Types of Elections in Algeria:**

- **Presidential Elections:** Held every five years to elect the President of the Republic.
- **Parliamentary Elections:** Held every five years to elect members of the People's National Assembly (lower house) and the Council of the Nation (upper house).
- **Local Elections:** Elections for municipal councils and local government bodies.
- **Referendums:** Citizens vote directly on constitutional amendments or important national issues.

## **3. Electoral Process and Procedures :**

- **Voter Registration:** Citizens must be registered to vote, and eligible voters are typically those 18 and above.
- **Campaigning:** Political parties and candidates campaign within the allowed period to present their policies and engage with voters.
- **Voting:** Voters cast their ballots at designated polling stations.
- **Vote Counting and Results:** Votes are counted and results are announced publicly, with a focus on transparency.
- **Election Monitoring:** Observers, including national and international bodies, monitor elections to ensure fairness.

It is worth noting the role of the National Independent Authority for Elections (ANIE) is a key body established to oversee the electoral process in Algeria. Its role includes organizing elections, ensuring transparency, and resolving electoral conflicts.

ANIE helps to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process and ensure that elections are free and fair.

## Legal Terms Related to the Subject

- Electoral System: نظام انتخابي  
Ordinance: أمر  
Organic Law: قانون عضوي  
Democratic Principles: مبادئ الديمقراطية  
Fundamental: أساسي  
Citizens: المواطنين  
Reforms: إصلاحات  
Proportional Representation: التمثيل النسبي  
Fair Representation: التمثيل العادل  
Majority System: نظام الأغلبية  
Transparency: شفافية  
Political parties: الأحزاب السياسية  
Mixed System: النظام المختلط  
Presidential Elections: الانتخابات الرئاسية  
Parliamentary Elections: الانتخابات البرلمانية  
Local Elections: الانتخابات المحلية  
Referendum: استفتاء  
Constitutional Amendments: التعديلات الدستورية  
Voter Registration: تسجيل الناخبين  
Campaigning: حملات انتخابية  
Vote Counting and Results: فرز الأصوات والنتائج  
Election Monitoring: مراقبة الانتخابات  
National Independent Authority for Elections: السلطة الوطنية المستقلة للانتخابات  
Integrity of Electoral Process: نزاهة العملية الانتخابية  
Voter Turnout: نسبة المشاركة في التصويت  
Political Polarization: الاستقطاب السياسي  
Electoral Fraud: التزوير الانتخابي  
Accountability: المساءلة  
Public Trust: الثقة العامة