

Summary of the meeting
The Committee on Considering the Draft Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand Amendment
(No. ..) Buddhist Era
6th meeting
Wednesday 21st March 2012
At the Budget meeting room, 3rd floor, Parliament Building 3

The Committee considered the Draft Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand Amendment (No. ..) Buddhist Era Started from article 291/1 summarized as follow.

Article 291/1

pending

Issue of consideration

Source and number of the Constitution Drafting Assembly Members (CDA): How should they be like?

The Committee discussed and commented broadly on the above issue, summarized as follows.

1. Should retain the Cabinet's Draft because it is appropriate defined. If the CDA members are too many, the performance of the CDA may be delayed.

2. Should amend the source/ types/ and number of the CDA. The Committee submitted to amend in different ways, namely;

- The CDA should be only 1 type from direct election by the people being 100 persons.

- In case the CDA from specialists or experts, should not be from selection of the Parliament sitting but should be from direct election by the people/ or by the CDA themselves electing one another.

- Number of the CDA from direct election by the people must relate to proportion of population in each province. Appropriate number of the CDA should be around 150 – 200 persons. The eligible voters can vote for one candidate only.

- Number of the CDA from direct election by the people should be 2 persons per a province. For example, Candidates who get the 1st and the 2nd highest total score would win the election.

Result of the consideration

The meeting agreed to wait for further consideration in this article.

Article 291/2

pending

Issue of consideration

The eligible candidate for CDA members in article 291/1 (1) should have what kind of qualification.

The Committee discussed and commented broadly, summarized as follows.

1. In paragraph (1), should cut provisions “by birth” out so that exile Thai people holding Thai nationality and being eligible voter to be eligible candidate for the CDA

2. In paragraph (2) age limit of eligible candidates for the CDA. The committee commented in various points such as it should be stipulated age limit just like the

qualification of the eligible candidate for the Member of Parliament which is not under 25 year old or stipulate higher age limit, such as, not under 40 year old because people in these age are matured and experienced enough.

3. Should add qualification of the eligible candidate for the CDA in order to have political neutral and not to be political stakeholder, etc. In addition, it should also determine qualification about education: education levels and fields of study.

Result of the consideration

The meeting agreed to wait for further consideration in this article.

Article 291/3

pending

Issue of consideration

The eligible candidate for CDA members in article 291/1 (1), what kind of prohibition should be stipulated.

The Committee discussed and commented broadly, summarized as follows.

1. Should gather qualification and prohibition of the eligible candidates for the CDA in article 291/1 (1) with this article.

2. Should stipulate more prohibition. The candidate for the CDA must not relate to political appointees, for example, not to be parent/ spouse/ offspring/ or being member of political party at least 1 year. For candidates who have been political appointees, they must have been retired for at least 5 years, etc.

3. Eligible candidate for the CDA must not possess prohibition under the Constitution article 102 (5) just like candidate for Member of Parliament.

Result of the consideration

The Committee agreed to wait for further consideration in this article. The Committee will listen to comments of the civil representatives who proposed 3 Draft Constitution and representatives of human rights and peaceful Institution, Mahidol University. Then consider in this article again.

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Summarized

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