

GENDER QUOTE IN THE KOSOVO ELECTORAL LAW

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ABSTRACT

This paper addresses the participation and position of women in the representative institutions of Kosovo. Legal Framework in general and in particular the legal framework for elections has delineated a quota of 30% of the seats in the institutions of representative for women. However, the ratio of the population census in Kosovo (2011) presents quite equal statistics between the two sexes (Women 863.925, Men v 875.900 distinction 101.4). General statistics of representation in Kosovo show for male-dominated institutions therefore political will is required for the inclusion and empowerment of women in decision making positions. The influence of political parties on increasing the representation of women is one of the most important determinants for the empowerment of women in governance while gender quotas or legal mechanism is a guarantee of representation and participation in political life, and other areas of social life. Gender equality is a fundamental element and barometer of democracy, pluralism and constitutional value in Kosovo and the foundation for building democratic society.

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