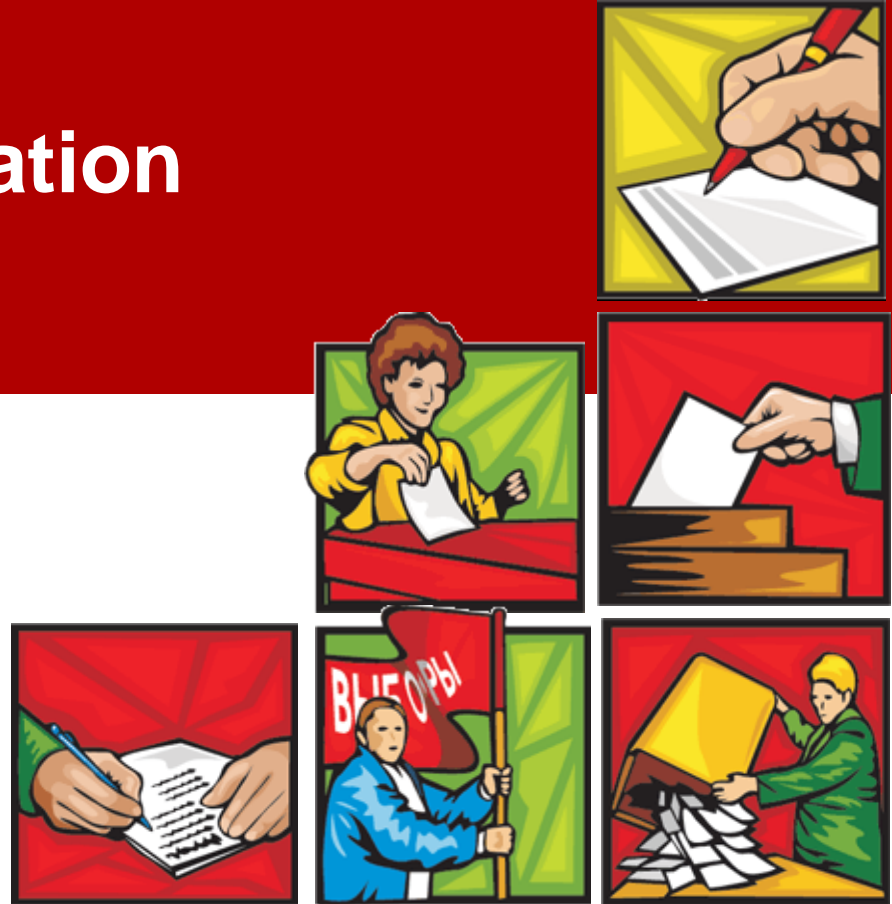


# The electoral system of the Russian Federation



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Russia has a  
system of a single  
voting day.

Except Presidential  
election

In 2015 it was  
decide that national  
parliament will be  
elected on this day  
too.

October 14, 2012 - 4,6 thousands campaigns. 5 governors

September 8, 2013 - 7 thousands campaigns. 8 governors

September 14, 2014 - 5,8 thousands campaigns. 30 governors

September 13, 2015 - 10,7 thousands campaigns. 21  
governors

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September 18, 2016 – National parliament election, 38 regional  
parliaments, 5 governors

Next election date: March 11. 2018

Single federal electoral district

Six years term

President of the Russian Federation can become a person older than 35 years (resident in Russia for at least 10 years)

The candidate must be nominated by a political party

Filter: collection of voters signatures: 2 million signatures (Tycoon Mikhail Prokhorov was able to gather 2 mln. signatures in 2012)

A candidate nominated by the party represented in the State Duma can avoid the procedure of signatures gathering

The State Duma consists of 450 deputies, each elected to a term of five years

A mixed system: 225 deputies elected by party lists, 225 deputies elected in single-mandate constituencies

Single-mandate constituencies will be held in one round. The winner must obtain a simple majority of votes

Parties are allowed to include in their lists non-party candidates, but not the representatives of other parties

Filter: collection of voters signatures: for parties 200.000 and only 7.000 can be collected in a single region

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- Election threshold – 5%
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- Party who wins from 3 to 5% of popular vote will be reimbursed for all expenses for the elections and secure state financial support for the next elections
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- To participate in the federal elections party must:
    - collect 200.000 thousand signatures of voters
    - or to be represented at least in one regional parliament



- New and experimental idea for Russian elections
- United Russia make procedure of primaries obligatorily for the next campaign.
- The primaries will be open (all voters can participate)
- Other parties except People's Freedom Party (radical liberal opposition) do not use primaries

- «United Russia»



- CPRF



- LDPR



- «Fair Russia»



- «Yabloko»



- «Patriots of Russia»



- «Pravoe delo»



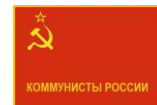
- People's Freedom Party



- «Civic Platform»



- «Communists of Russia»



- «Russian Pensioners For Justice Party»



- «Rodina» («Homeland»)

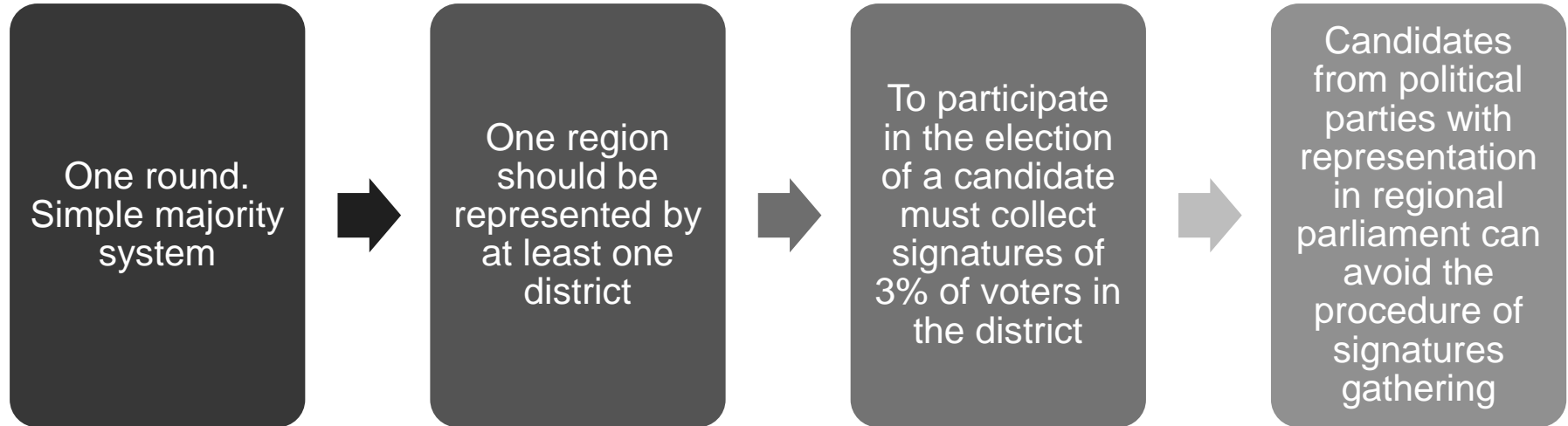


- «Civic Power»



- «Russian Ecological Party "The Greens"»





Who  
can't  
finance:

- Foreign states and organizations
- Underage persons
- Russian legal entities with foreign ownership of more than 30%
- Charitable and religious organizations
- anonymous donors
- State and municipal authorities

Limits:

- Parties on federal level – 700 mln. roubles
- Parties on regional levels – 25 mln. roubles for 1 million of voters

Free national TV and radio:

- 1 hour for each party on state-owned TV channels (50% of time for the debates and 50% - for TV-spots)

## Indirect elections of governors

- The head of the region's is elected by deputies of the regional parliament from the list of candidates preliminary approved by President

## Direct elections of governors

- All other regions

### North Caucasus regions:

- Dagestan
- Ingushetia
- Kabardino-Balkaria
- North Ossetia
- Crimea regions
- Crimea
- Sevastopol

Nenets Autonomous District



Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District



Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous District





- Age at least 30
- Russian citizenship only
- Lack of outstanding conviction
- Walkthrough the municipal filter
- In most regions - nomination is only possible from the political parties



- From 5 to 10% of municipal deputies Signatures in the borders of the region
- Signatures must be notarized
- Deputies must represent 75% of all municipal districts
- The signature can not be given in favor of two candidates simultaneously

Region	The maximum size of the election fund	Number of voters
Mariy El Republic	\$0,5 mln.	551 361
Tatarstan Republic	\$1 mln.	2 932 742
Krasnodar	\$0,167 mln.	3 991 482
Bryansk	\$0,8 mln.	1 021 107
Irkutsk	\$1 mln.	1 875 174
Kaliningrad	\$0,33 mln.	774 242
Калужская область	\$0,66 mln.	800 740
Kemerovo	\$2 mln.	2 057 707
Kostroma	\$0,5 mln.	545 447
Leningrad region	\$1,1 mln.	1 313 431
Rostov	\$3,3 mln.	3 272 161



- Oleg Denisenko (nominee for the governor of the Omsk region in 2015 from the Communist Party) received a refusal during registration because of the double signature of one of the municipal deputies.
- His candidacy has been restored by the decision of the Supreme Court.



- Sergei Katasonov was nominated by the Liberal Democratic Party for the governor of the Orenburg region in 2014. Shortly before the registration he was withdrawn by his own party.



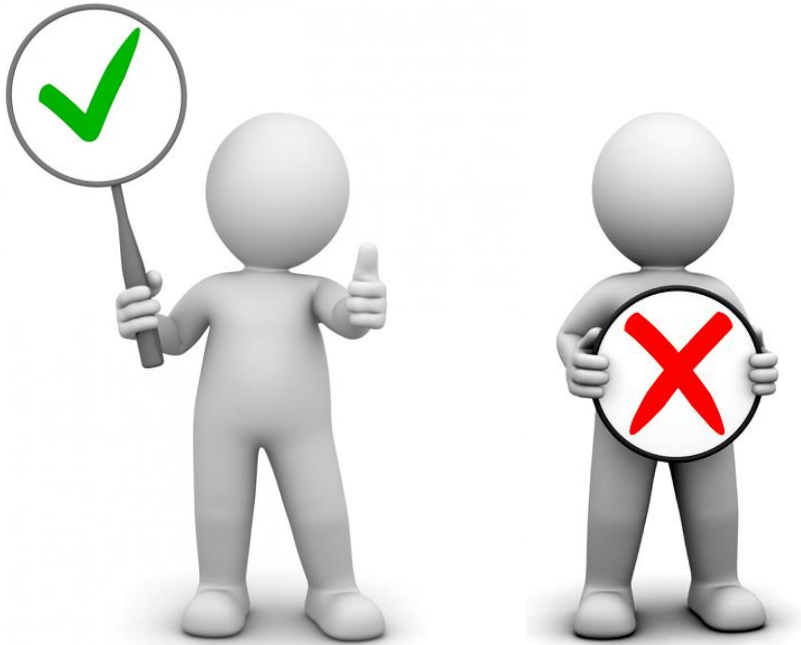
- Rail Sarbaev was withdrawn from the election of the President of Bashkortostan in 2014 by the party "Civil Force".



- Ex-General Prosecutor Yuriy Skuratov was withdrawn from the elections to the State Duma in 2003.
- The basis was the fact that Skuratov did not mention his "professor" position in the official documents for registration.



- Andrew Kliment'ev won the election of the mayor of Nizhni Novgorod in 1998, gaining 34% of votes. The electoral commission declared the election results invalid.
- Then there was the court decision on the recognition of Klimentyev guilty of financial fraud.



- Magadan. List was not registered. Invalid signatures
- Novosibirsk. List was not registered. Invalid passports data
- Kaluga. Party decided to step back due to fraud signatures
- Kostroma. Party list was registered after involvement of Central Election Committee

## Municipal representative bodies:

New rules were established in 2013 by so-called «Klishas» law.

- Now not less than 50% of municipal deputies must be elected in a single-mandate constituencies. All requirements of a minimum proportion of deputies elected by party lists were eliminated.
- Model of municipal elections is decided by regional parliament.

## Heads of municipal districts:

- There are few direct mayor elections in Russia. Most mayors elected indirectly from the deputies of municipal representative bodies.

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