

The powers of an Assembly end when the new Assembly takes up its duties. Whenever the circumstances make it impossible, at the end of a legislature to make new elections, the King may keep in office that legislature for periods of one year.

In case of the decease, resignation, exclusion of a deputy the vacancy will be filled according to the Law.

Article 51 - Before proceeding with its duties the Assembly must validate its members.

Article 52 - At the opening of each legislature, and before taking up their duties, the members of the Assembly whose mandate is validated, take at the meeting of the House, and in the presence of the King, the following oath:

"I swear to be true to the King and to the Constitution and to bear all my efforts to the welfare of the country."

The Deputies elected in the course of a legislature and whose mandate is validated, take the oath in the presence of the King, at the next Tang-Toc, together with the officials.

Article 53 - The members of the National Assembly are the representatives of the whole Cambodian Nation and not only of those by whom they have been elected, they cannot be bound by any imperative mandate.

Article 54 - No deputy can be prosecuted, wanted, arrested, taken into custody and tried for the opinions or votes expressed by him while assuming the charges of his office.

The stipulations of the preceding paragraph constitute the immunity of the members of the Assembly from arrest.

Article 55 - During his mandate no deputy can be prosecuted or arrested for criminal or minor offence unless it is sanctioned by the National Assembly; except in the case of "Flagrante delicto". The detention or prosecution of a deputy is suspended if the Assembly applies for it at the majority of 4/5 of its members.

Article 56 - Any deputy who during his mandate incurs a penalty entailing the incapacity of being elected, forfeits his quality of a member of the Assembly. This forfeiture is pronounced by the Assembly.

Article 57 - The deputies receive emoluments, fixed by reference to the salary of a class of civil servants.

Article 58 - The Assembly sit in normal session twice a year at least. Each of those session lasts at least three months. One of them takes place in September.

For an ordinary session the Assembly is summoned by the King.

Article 59 - The Assembly is summoned for a special session by its Board either by the King's orders, or on the motion of the Cabinet Council, or at the request made by at least one-third of the Assembly. The order of the day