ORGANISATION OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT

The main decision-making body of the State Parliament is the plenary, the assembly of all the Members of the State Parliament. In addition to the main committee, there are also twelve technical committees and three subcommittees that prepare specific subject matter for the Parliament and make recommendations for decisions.

PRESIDENT OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT

On January 18, 2024, Astrid Wallmann was re-elected President of the State Parliament by the Members of the State Parliament of Hesse. She has held this office since May 31, 2022. The President of the State Parliament is the highest representative of the Parliament, she presides over the plenary sessions and heads the State Parliament's adminis-



tration. She is supported by two female and two male Vice-Presidents.

PRESIDIUM

The Presidium is the executive body of the State Parliament, comprising the President, the Vice-Presidents and other elected members, the number of which is determined by a resolution of the State Parliament.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council of Elders consists of the members of the Presidium, the secretaries and other members, the number of which is determined by an official State Parliament decision. The council's task is to assist the President of the State Parliament in conducting parliamentary business: planning plenary sessions, deciding agendas and speaking times and mediating between parliamentary groups.

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THE TASKS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT

The Hessian State Parliament – or Landtag – has 133 Members and is the legislative – so law-making – body of the State of Hesse. Its composition and tasks are enshrined in law in Articles 75 to 99 of the Hessian Constitution.

1. ELECTING

The State Parliament elects inter alia the President of the State Parliament, the Minister President and the members of the Constitutional Court.

2. PASSING LAWS

Only the Hessian State Parliament can pass state laws.

3. OVERSIGHT

The State Parliament can demand information, comments or statements of accounts from the State Government.

4. PUBLIC AWARENESS

The public plenary sessions make the work of the State Parliament transparent.

ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENT

The state elections on October 8, 2023, resulted in a majority for the CDU and SPD parties in terms of percentages and seats in Parliament. The two parties concluded a Coalition Agreement. Minister President Boris Rhein, who has been in office since May 31, 2022, was re-elected in the constituent meeting of the State Parliament on January 18, 2024.

ELECTION RESULTS 2023



34,6 % CDU 18,4 % AfD 15,1 % SPD

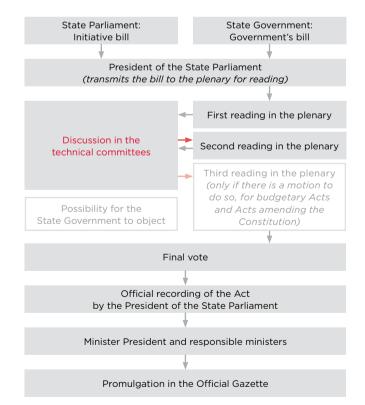
14,8 % ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS

5,0 % Free Democrats

Registered voters: 4 332 235 Voters: 2 858 313 Turnout: 66,0 % Invalid votes: 45 000 (1,6 %) Valid votes: 2 813 313 (98,4%)

THE LAWMAKING PROCESS

In addition to lawmaking through an Act of Parliament, laws can also come into being by means of a petition for a referendum and a referendum (Article 124 Hessian Constitution).



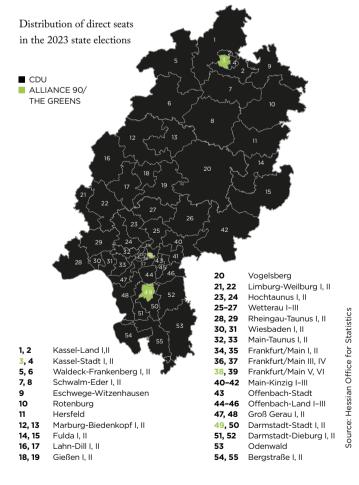
WHAT DOES THE HESSIAN STATE PARLIAMENT TAKE DECISIONS ON?

This includes:

- State budget
- Cultural funding
- Police law
- Schooling and education
- Health service
- Municipal services
- Law governing restaurants and public houses
- Law governing care homes
- Court organisation and prisons



STATE PARLIAMENT ELECTORAL MAP



PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

The members of the same party who win a seat in Parliament come together to form a parliamentary group (of at least five Members of Parliament). The main task of the parliamentary group is to prepare and define decisions, official parliamentary decisions and comments for committee work and plenary debates. Members of Parliament can also have a seat without belonging to a parliamentary group.

