

ABSTRACT

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Since the great political change in Thailand in 1932 until nowadays, the democratization in Thai politics still faces many problems. The constitution of the constitution of the kingdom of Thailand of the B.E. 2540 (1997), and, on the other hand, to analyze some eminent points in that constitution of the kingdom of Thailand. The finding is (A.) The process for checking and controlling the politicians in the new constitution is increased, but there are still some problems concerning this issue namely the people in general are not able to really control the politician, especially the property and debt declaration of the minister for example. At last the constitutional court must still decide this issue as usual. (B.) The role and duty of the member of the House of Representative and the Senate and also the post entering of the minister, according to the new constitution, has been changed. The member of the Senate, especially, besides having the duty of law reconsidering

and controlling of the administrative power, they also have duty to consider the appointment and discharge of the person with high public position. The entry of the minister post also has been changed, their status as member of the House of the Representative would be over once they become ministers. This is for the definitive separation of power between the legislative and the administrative power. Lastly, the controlling of the election to be fair and just according to the constitution, the election controlling committee was still not able to have it fully done because there were still widely cheating and a lot of money using in the past elections. (C.) According to the new constitution, people get more rights and liberty in order to be a part of political reform in Thailand. In fact, people have come out and make more requests for their legal rights. In some cases they are not able to settle up the issues and it might lead to violence which in turn seems to be disturbing of law and order in the society. (D.) Radio broadcasting frequency is another issue which the will of the constitution wants the people to have maximal utilization of the frequency so well nationally and locally by creating free and fair competition. However, there is still some problem namely how the state independent organization for management of the frequency is organized. There has been questioned on the transparency of the selection of different committees. (F.) The community's rights. The new constitution recognizes the rights of the community by supporting the people to increase in the participation of community affairs. However, there are still some problems, namely some people in some communities come out to claim fully right in their community which is doubted that if they could do so. Another is still not sure on the practice of the state on this issue.