

ABSTRACT

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Legislative power is one of the supreme powers in sovereignty, which is significantly important to political and governmental system. It is particularly in a country where democracy adopted as a political system. This Power connects with people in ways of; the origin of legislative power and their power has given to their representatives to perform authorities and duties of representation. It was set through process of direct or indirect elections and selection representatives from various supporting groups who intend to perform the power for their people and nation. So, the study about the origin of Legislative Power and its authorities and duties is necessary in order to indicate the political development of a country. The study focused only on the Legislative Power which has legislated in the Thai 1997 Constitution and the present Constitution. It was conducted by comparing the Legislative Power with those from the previous constitutions, and/or with international cases. This study aimed to indicate the power changes and effects which resulted to the development of Thai politics. The study found that the origin of Legislative Power especially of Members of Representatives of Parliament did not affect to the principle of sovereignty, which has been used passing through their representatives from both direct and indirect elections. However, the change has occurred only on the types of representatives, means of elections, and numbers of representatives that has been changed back and forth. The key changing point is that the Party-list basis's election was set. It is also found that the change of Senators' legislative power has been changed on its the principle. All of the seats were previously selected, changing to elected by people. Later, the law stipulated the mixed system, some elected from people and the rest selected by the selection committee. The study about roles, authorities and duties of Senators found that the changes in their legislative roles on gaining more monitoring power to check and balance the administrative body. It is happened especially on the power to appoint and recall persons who taking positions in political organizations and constitutional institutions. The finding of the changes of the origin, role and authorities of legislative body is consistent with the principle of the representatives' democracy. This has brought to be more efficiency of the monitoring, checking and balancing systems in Thai political system. The result of overall process will lead to the more security, stability of the development of the Thai politics in the future.