

Concurrent Election: A Rearrangement Toward Consolidated Democracy

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Abstract

Background - The general election and the local head elections were separately and partially implemented. The general elections were concurrently implemented in 2019 and 2024. The concurrent elections of local heads were implemented partially in 2015, 2017, 2018, 2020, and nationally in 2024. Such elections surely impacted on ineffectively managing the implementation of democracy. In this context, the concurrent election is necessarily rearranged.

Purpose - The study aims to rearrange the concurrent election in order to perform a consolidated democracy.

methodology - This study uses the descriptive-qualitative method to legally-formally and empirically analyze the concurrent election.

Findings - This study indicates that the concurrent election is seen as an electoral system that establishes some elections at one time simultaneously. It includes the legislative and executive elections at the national and local levels. The concurrent election is rearranged into the national concurrent election separated from the local concurrent election. The national concurrent election is implemented to simulatenously elect DPR, DPD, and president-vice president. Meanwhile the local concurrent election is implemented to simultaneously elect provincial DPRD and governor-vice governor, and regency/municipal DPRD and regent-vice regent/mayor-vice mayor. The rearrangement of concurrent election beholds the key elements of democracy, namely people as electorates, party system, electoral system, and presidentialism.

Originality - This study analyzes the rearrangement of concurrent election into the national concurrent election separated from the local concurrent election.

Keywords: Coalitional presidentialism, Electoral democracy, Local concurrent election, Multipartism, National concurrent election
