

Journalist brief

Kazakhstan Constitution 2026

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At a glance

1. What Changed on July 1, 2026: Since July 1, 2026, the Constitution has been in force. New wording on digital rights and enhanced protection upon detention (48 hours instead of 72) now apply. The right to submit appeals continues,
2. What We Already Know About the 2026 Kurultai Elections: On July 1, 2026, after the Constitution entered into force, the President signed the decree calling the first Kurultai elections. The Kurultai deputy elections are scheduled for
3. What Digital Rights Mean in the New Constitution: The 2026 Constitution expressly protects personal data and the secrecy of communications transmitted using digital technologies. The legal grounds for processing data, accessing
4. What Rights a Person Has Upon Detention: If detained, establish the reason and actual time, request a lawyer and retain the documents. The 48-hour limit operates together with procedural law; the type of proceeding and a person's
5. Constitutional Court: The Constitutional Court is an independent body of constitutional review. A citizen may challenge a normative legal act that directly affects their constitutional rights, but the constitutional law sets

Key dates

- 28 January 1993 · First Constitution of independent Kazakhstan
- 30 August 1995 · 1995 Constitution adopted
- 21 May 2007 · Constitutional reform
- 10 March 2017 · Redistribution of powers
- 5 June 2022 · Referendum on constitutional amendments
- 8 October 2025 · Working group established
- October 2025 – February 2026 · Discussion and text preparation

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