

The legal system in Ethiopia

Ethiopia follows a parliamentary system. This means that the prime minister is the head of government, the most powerful figure in Ethiopian politics.

Here's how the prime minister is chosen:

Every five years, general elections are conducted so that the citizens of Ethiopia over and at the age of 18 choose the members of House of Peoples' Representative.

The House of Peoples' Representative constitutes of 547 seats (22 seats are reserved for representatives of minority nationalities and peoples).

The party with the majority votes wins the majority seats in HPR and wins the general election. The prime minister is designated by this ruling party.

A person must be of age 21 and above and an Ethiopian citizen that have lived in Ethiopia uninterruptedly for the past, at least, 5 years, to be an eligible candidate.