

Selangor state assembly to be dissolved on June 23

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Selangor ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has consented to the dissolution of the Selangor state legislative assembly effective June 23 to pave the way for state elections.

This was announced by the ruler's private secretary Mohamad Munir Bani at a ceremony on the dissolution of the state assembly at Balai Dewan Diraja, Istana Alam Shah, Klang, today.

The sultan also signed the proclamation on the dissolution of the state assembly.

Earlier, Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari had an audience with the ruler to seek his consent to dissolve the state assembly.

Also present at the ceremony was Raja Muda of Selangor Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Also in attendance were state secretary Haris Kasim, Selangor state assembly

speaker Ng Suee Lim and members of the Dewan Diraja Selangor.

Selangor is among three states under Pakatan Harapan which will hold their state elections this year, with the other two being Penang and Negeri Sembilan, which have announced that they will dissolve their state assemblies on June 28 and 30 respectively.

Apart from this, three states ruled by Perikatan Nasional will also hold their state polls this year, namely Kelantan, which will dissolve its state assembly on June 22, and Kedah (June 28), while Terengganu has yet to announce its dissolution date.

Four by-elections

With the consent given by Sultan Sharafuddin, the Selangor state assembly will be dissolved just two days before the expiry of its term on June 25.

The first meeting of the Selangor state assembly after the 14th general election of May 9, 2018, was held on June 26, 2018.

Selangor Harapan, which was then led by Mohamed Azmin Ali, retained power in GE14 with a two-thirds majority, winning 51 of the 56 state seats.

Azmin was sworn in as menteri besar for a second term on May 11, 2018, before resigning to take up the post of economic affairs minister in the cabinet of then-prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Harapan then picked Amirudin, who was state empowerment, young generation and sports, entrepreneur development, rural development and traditional village committee chairperson, as the 16th Selangor menteri besar and he was sworn in on June 19, 2018.

During the current term of the state assembly, Selangor saw four by-elections, namely for the Sungai Kandis, Balakong, Seri Setia and Semenyih seats due to the deaths of the state assemblypersons from Harapan.

Harapan retained three of the seats but lost Semenyih to BN.

In the Selangor state assembly, Harapan has 40 seats (PKR-19, DAP-15, Amanah-six); BN (six); Bersatu (four); Parti Bangsa Malaysia (two); while PAS, Pejuang and Warisan have one each and there is an independent assemblyperson.

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