

**Shafie: Sabah Requires Additional State, Parliamentary Constituencies**  
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PAPAR, Sept 2 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal agrees that there is a need to increase the number of state and parliamentary constituencies in Sabah due to its size and the huge number of electors.

However, he said any increase in seats would have to be approved by Parliament before it could be implemented.

"This is a proposal at the state level. Each state has the right to propose but in the end it has to be brought to parliament for approval," he told reporters at the Hari Raya Open House of Pantai Manis assemblyman Datuk Abdul Rahim Ismail here today.

Shafie who is also the Minister of Rural and Regional Development was commenting on the proposal of several Barisan Nasional component parties asking for additional number of state and parliamentary constituencies in Sabah.

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