

South Korea's Election Body Moves To Scrap Restriction On Online Election Campaigns
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SEOUL, Jan 5 (Bernama) -- South Korea's election watchdog plans to urge a revision of the law that restricts online election campaign activities, according to China's Xinhua news agency cited local media on Wednesday.

The National Election Commission will ask the parliament to allow online campaigns via online social networking services anytime by revising the law that bans such activities for 180 days before an election, according to local reports.

The move comes less than a week after the Constitutional Court ruled the current restriction unconstitutional, citing the widespread access to the Internet that can also cut campaign spending.

In a 6-2 decision, the top court said the current ban can be used to discourage constructive criticism of political parties and government policies.

South Korea, one of the world's most wired countries with a rapidly increasing number of social media users, awaits key parliamentary and presidential polls this year.

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