

France – one of the oldest republics in Europe

- **1792-1804** – First Republic
- **1848-1852** – Second Republic
- **1870-1940** – Third Republic
- **1944-1958** – Fourth Republic
- **October, 4, 1958** – Fifth Republic

Parliament

National meeting

557 members: 555 members are selected in 555 election districts and 22 members — in overseas departments.

Are selected according to the majority system in 2 rounds for a period of 5 years.

Senate

321 members: 15 are the members from the overseas departments

Members are selected by indirect voting according to the majority system for a period of 9 years. Each 3 years the Senate structure is updated on one third.

The residence of
the National
meeting is the
Burbonsky
palace

The residence of
the Senate is
Luxembourg
palace

The structure of the chamber

- The chairman
- The bureau
- The vice-chairmen, the secretaries and the cvestors

The competence of the French Parliament - absolutely limited

The parliament accepts three kinds of laws — constitutional (changing the Constitution), organic (on questions especially specified in the Constitution) and usual.