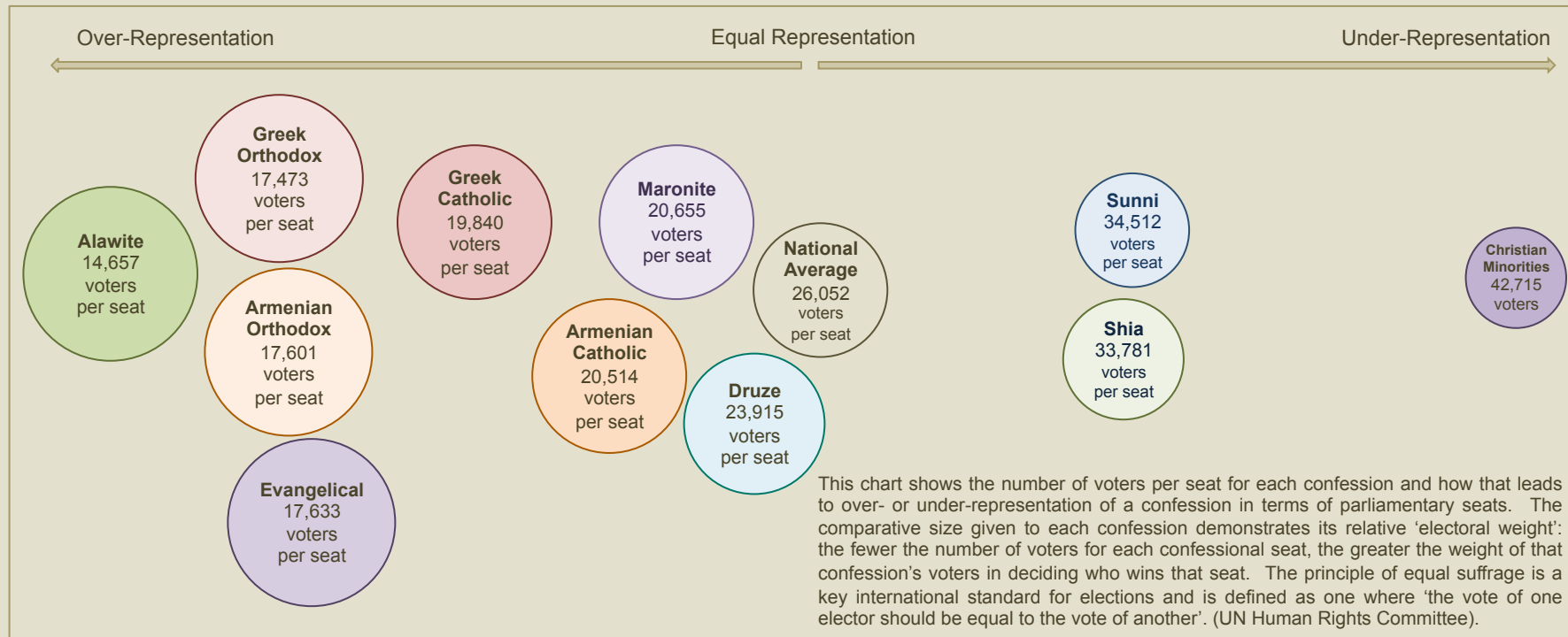


The Orthodox Gathering's Proposed Electoral System

The 128 parliamentary seats would continue to be allocated on a confessional basis. The current number of seats reserved for each confession, shown opposite, would not change. However, Lebanon would become one single geographical electoral district with eleven different 'confessional contests' taking place. Voters would be able only to vote for candidates that are exclusively from their confession. Thus, the winners of the 34 Maronite seats would be elected only by Maronite voters, the winner of the single Armenian Catholic seat would be elected only by Armenian Catholic voters, the winners of the two Alawite seats would be elected only by Alawite voters, and so on. The seats reserved for each confession would be allocated on a proportional basis according to the number of votes won by each list. For the three single-seat confessions, it would be a 'first-past-the-post' contest.

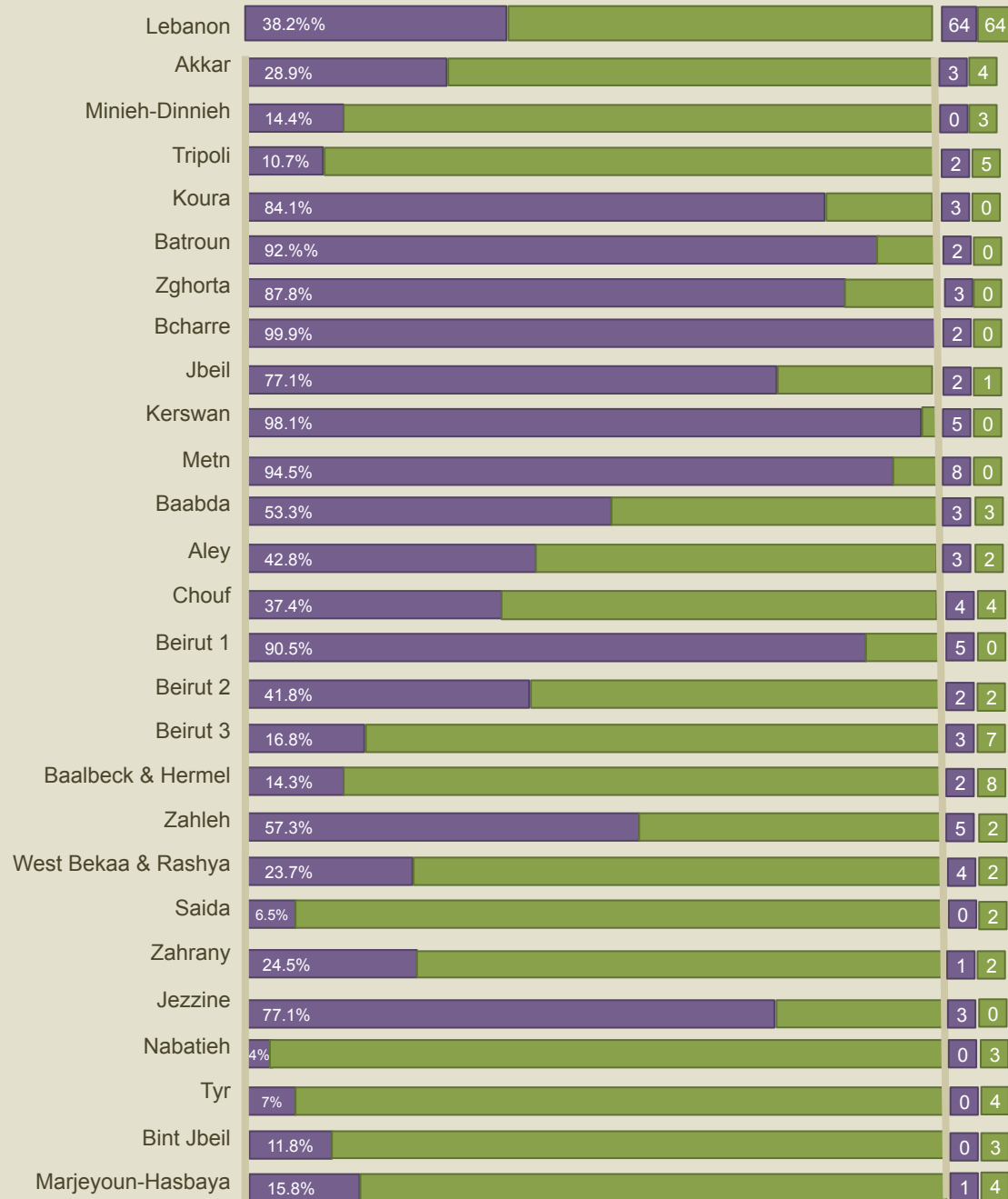
The proposed system would appear to have a negative impact on the principle of the 'free expression of the will of the voter'. While the current system is problematic in allowing only some confessions to stand for election in certain districts, there is no restriction on who voters in that district may wish to vote for. Thus, a Greek Orthodox voter in Tripoli can choose to vote only for a Greek Orthodox candidate if they wish; but the voter is also free to vote, or not to vote, for other candidates from other confessions also.

National	3,334,672 voters (2011 data)	128 seats
Sunni	922,125 voters (27.65%)	27 seats
Shia	912,095 voters (27.65%)	27 seats
Maronite	702,291 voters (21.06%)	34 seats
Greek Orthodox	244,627 voters (7.34%)	14 seats
Druze	191,321 voters (5.74%)	8 seats
Greek Catholic	244,627 voters (4.76%)	8 seats
Armenian Orthodox	88,005 voters (2.64%)	5 seats
Christian Minorities	42,715 voters (1.28%)	1 seat
Alawite	29,314 voters (0.88%)	1 seat
Armenian Catholic	20,514 voters (0.62%)	1 seat
Evangelical Christian	17,633 voters (0.53%)	1 seat
Other Confessions	5,309 voters (0.16%)	0 seats



Representation of Christian voters in Lebanese elections

(2011 voter registration data, seat allocation under the 2008 election law)



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'Christian Only Seats'

Number of Christian seats in the eight districts where there are only Christian seats.

45.7%

Percentage of the total number of Christian voters who are registered in districts where there are only Christian seats.

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'Christian Majority Seats'

Number of Christian seats in the three multi-confessional districts where Christian voters are in the majority.

18.2%

Percentage of the total number of Christian voters who are registered in multi-confessional districts where there is a majority of Christian voters.

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'Christian Minority Seats'

Number of Christian seats in the ten multi-confessional districts where Christian voters are in the minority

18.2%

Percentage of the total number of Christian voters who are registered in multi-confessional districts where there is a minority of Christian voters.

3.8%

Percentage of the total number of Christian voters who are registered in the five districts where there are no Christian seats.