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# How will the outcome of PRN affect the Government?



## Forecasting the Implications: What if PN wins all six states

- Some have speculated that a PN victory in all six states would mean a change in the federal government.
- **However**, the outcome of the 2023 state elections will not affect the position of the federal government should the opposition win in all six states.
- **Members of Parliament are bound by the anti-party hopping law** which prohibits them from jumping parties after being elected.
- The anti-party hopping law came into effect on October 5th 2023 at the federal level, but has yet to be universally implemented in all states.
- **In addition**, the outcome of PRN will not affect the federal government's position as there is no provision in The Federal Constitution of Malaysia which stipulates as such.



**"No provision in constitution saying results of state elections will lead to change in federal government"**

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## What would cause a change in Government? #02

**#01** The Prime Minister voluntarily resigns after the upcoming state elections

The opposition could push for a "vote of no confidence" in the Prime Minister in the Dewan Rakyat, which could lead to the resignation of the Prime Minister should a majority of the members in the Dewan Rakyat

**#03** If a by-election is triggered, whether through the resignation of an MP or otherwise, causing a new 'simple majority' to be formed



The outcome of the state elections does not directly destabilize the federal government. However, there are still various mechanisms that may potentially trigger another political crisis. Whatever the outcome, a democratic country must ensure the **mandate from the people is prioritized.**