

Milestones in Women's Political Participation in Lebanon



ELECTED

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1963
Myrna Boustani

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1991
Nayla Mouawad

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1992
Nayla Mouawad . Bahia Hariri
Maha Khoury Asaad

3

1996
Bahia Hariri . Nayla Mouawad
Nouhad Soueid

3

2000
Bahia Hariri . Nayla Mouawad
Ghinwa Jalloul

6

2005
Bahia Hariri . Nayla Mouawad
Ghinwa Jalloul . Gilbert Zouein
Sethrida Geagea . Solange Gemayel

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2009
Bahia Hariri . Gilbert Zouein
Nayla Tueini . Sethrida Geagea

Nov. 1952

Establishment of
the Lebanese Women's Council

Dec. 1952

Decree issued granting suffrage
to literate women

Jan. 1953

Law establishing right of women to vote
and to run for parliamentary office

Aug. 1953

First woman candidate (Emily Ibrahim)

Jan. 1957

Law establishing equal right of all men
and women to be registered as voters

Jan. 1963

First woman elected to Parliament

Jan. 1963

Law establishing equal right for women to
vote and to run for municipal office

Sep. 1995

Lebanon participates in the 4th World Conference
on Women and signs the Beijing Declaration

Apr. 1997

Lebanon signs and ratifies CEDAW

Oct. 2004

First women appointed as Ministers
(Layla Solh Hemadeh, Wafaa Dika Hamze)

May. 2006

The Boutros Commission for the Reform
of the Electoral Law proposed a Women's Quota