

Legislative Updates

From the National Assembly of Korea

Key Legislation Passed in June 2026



Amendment to the Special Education Act

The National Assembly passed an amendment to the *Special Education for Persons with Disabilities Act* to strengthen government responsibility for providing appropriate educational environments for students with disabilities.

Under current law, standards exist for establishing special education classes in both special schools and mainstream schools. However, despite growing demand, inadequate planning and support by regional education offices have often prevented these standards from being fully implemented.

The amendment requires each metropolitan and provincial superintendent of education to prepare an annual special education operation plan, including a year-by-year plan for establishing special education classes, and submit it to the Minister of Education each year.

The measure is intended to improve long-term planning and ensure that students with disabilities have better access to appropriate educational services.

Amendment to the National Election Commission Act

The National Assembly passed an amendment to the *National Election Commission Act* to strengthen the political neutrality and independence of the National Election Commission (NEC).

Under current law, the NEC and each regional election commission have a standing commissioner responsible for assisting the chairperson and overseeing administrative affairs. Concerns have arisen that the NEC Secretary General was appointed directly to a standing commissioner position upon leaving office, raising questions about the Commission's political neutrality and independence.

The amendment prohibits former NEC officials from being appointed as standing commissioners until three years after leaving office, establishing a cooling-off period intended to reinforce the independence and impartiality of Korea's election management body.

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Amendment to the Occupational Safety and Health Act

The National Assembly passed an amendment to the *Occupational Safety and Health Act* to eliminate overlapping chemical import regulations and strengthen workplace safety for foreign workers.

Under current law, certain hazardous chemicals are regulated under both the *Occupational Safety and Health Act* and the *Chemicals Control Act*. As a result, importers have been required to obtain separate approvals from two different government ministries for the same substance.

The amendment removes this duplication by allowing a single import permit issued under the *Chemicals Control Act* to satisfy both regulatory requirements.

The amendment also requires employers to ensure that foreign workers complete basic occupational safety and health training before beginning work. Employers who fail to comply may be fined up to KRW 5 million. The measure is intended to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens while improving workplace safety.

Amendment to the Framework Act on the Management of Disasters and Safety

The National Assembly passed an amendment to the *Framework Act on the Management of Disasters and Safety* to strengthen evacuation measures for vulnerable populations during disasters.

Under the amendment, local governments must establish and implement evacuation plans for individuals who may have difficulty evacuating on their own. These plans must include measures to improve evacuation routes and designated shelters in order to reduce disaster-related casualties.

The amendment also authorizes emergency alerts and disaster notifications to include information on shelter locations and evacuation instructions when evacuation orders are issued.

The measure is intended to improve disaster preparedness and help vulnerable populations respond more effectively during emergencies.

Key Developments in the National Assembly: June 2026



June 5

- Rep. Cho Jeong-sik (Democratic Party) elected Speaker of the National Assembly for the second half of the 22nd Assembly (2026–2028); Rep. Nam In-soon (Democratic Party) and Rep. Park Duk-hyum (People Power Party) elected Deputy Speakers.

June 8

- Both the Democratic Party and the People Power Party submitted requests for a parliamentary inquiry into the "ballot paper shortage" from the June 3 local elections.

June 10

- Speaker Cho met with Prime Minister Kim Min-seok.
- The People Power Party elected Rep. Jeong Jeom-sig as its new floor leader.

June 18

- Plenary session processed 32 bills, including approval of the inquiry plan on the ballot paper shortage.

June 25

- Confirmation hearing held for Prime Minister-nominee Han Seong-suk, who was nominated to succeed PM Kim Min-seok.

June 30

- Plenary session approved the confirmation motion for Prime Minister-nominee Han Seong-suk and the approval motion for Secretary General-nominee Koh Yong-jin.

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