ABSTRACT

THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF POLITICAL RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS OF LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE MEMBER ON POLITICAL PARTY IN 2014
(Study On DPC Partai Demokrat and DPD Partai Keadilan Sejahtera in Lampung Tengah)

By

ERWIN MERALDI

The election system in Indonesia which is in the form of direct elections for the implementation has made the open space system being a good representation. One form of the general election is the choice of legislative members. A political party is a core organization of legislative elections. So far, the efforts made by the political parties including Partai Demokrat and Partai Keadilan Sejahtera in creating good quality of legislative members are still minimum. These weaknesses can be seen from the recruitment and selection process that does not take place in an open and participative way. The purpose of this study was to determine the process and comparison of recruitment and selection process of the candidates at DPC Partai Demokrat and DPD Partai Keadilan Sejahtera in Lampung Tengah.

This Study used a qualitative descriptive study that was done by comparing the recruitment and selection process in both parties. There were three indicators from elaborations of several theories used in this study. The three indicators were the implementation of legislative candidate recruitment at the level of political parties, the implementation of the selection legislative members candidates at the party level, and the establishment of legislative candidates and determining the sequence number of political parties. The data in this study were collected through interviews with multiple informants and through the study of documentation.

The results of this study indicated that there were differences in the recruitment and selection process of candidates in both parties. Recruitment and selection of legislative members in DPC Partai Demokrat was open to internal and external parties which were disseminated directly and through mass media. On the other hand, the selection process was done based on the administrative data and based
on seeing the accountability level of the candidate. The selection is carried out exclusively and decentralized territorial. Determination of candidates was determined by consensus and the serial number was assigned by the chairman of the DPC, besides the indications of the use of proximity and the dominance of the elite was found in this party. While in DPD Partai Keadilan Sejahtera, internal recruitment was closed for the party only. The selection was done in the level of electability and personal justification. The selection is carried out exclusively and decentralized territorial. Candidates were determined by the DPW on the recommendation of DPD, while the serial number was assigned by the consensus. In addition, there were no indication of misconducts in this party. Based on the result of the research, if it is compared in the part of recruitment and selection process, DPD Partai Keadilan Sejahtera tends to be better than DPC Partai Demokrat, even though basically both parties have not done the process of recruitment and selection maximally yet.

Keyword: recruitment, selection, legislative members