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BJP looks to up its tally as 7 seats go to polls on June 29

Bengaluru: Elections to seven legislative council seats will be held on June 29. The Election Commission on Tuesday announced the poll schedule, according to which nominations can be made till June 18. The last date for withdrawal of papers is on June 22 and results will be announced the day of polling itself.

MLC ELECTIONS

The polls are being held as the tenures of sitting MLCs Naseer Ahmed, Jayamma, MC Venugopal, NS Boseraju, HM Revanna (Congress), TA Saravana (JDS) and DU Mallikarjun (independent) will end on June 30.

With 117 MLAs, the ruling BJP is set to bag four of the seven seats as each candidate has to get 28 valid votes of MLAs to win. Congress and JD(S) will win two and one seat, respectively. While Congress has 67 MLAs, JD(S) has 34.

These elections will also help BJP narrow down its gap with Congress in the upper house. Currently, Congress

Disqualified MLAs in council race

Disqualified MLAs AH Vishwanath, MTB Nagaraj and R Shankar are in the race for council elections. The trio has been lobbying with state and national BJP leaders for the past one month. They had resigned from their assembly membership along with 15 others to propel BJP to power last year. While the others got elected in the bypolls, Vishwanath and Nagaraj lost despite the party's advice not to contest. R Shankar did not contest as an intelligence report suggested his defeat.

has 37 members, BJP 19 and JD(S) 16, besides two independents and a chairman. Post June 29, Congress' tally will come down by three seats and BJP's will go up by four.

With five more seats due to be filled by the council (through nominations) in July, the saffron party's strength will become almost equal to that of the Congress.