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Simultaneous regional election is a happening legal issue in early 2017. It involves 102 regions which consist of 94 districts/cities and 8 provinces conducting the elections. In the context of autonomy, the sustainability of regional elections is an attempt to seek an aspirative, accommodative and progressive leader profile. Leadership figures which are close to society become the key of success for development and empowerment of the region by its characteristics.

The aspect of democracy has given wide space for the society to be active in politics, either as party officials or as voters. It is the democratic process that delivers political parties as a strategic media to gain power including winning the people's sympathy for the sake of power.

Various attempts are made by the political parties of the regional candidates to attract the voters. The vision and mission become the vanguard to bring interest as close as possible and minimizes the gap between voter expectations and party platform. The work program carried by the candidates is designed more concrete so that the voters are encouraged to vote. Furthermore (mass and social) media play significant role to bring down the opposing party and make the work program go viral. This is the phase that implies the political interest in the jurisdiction which then becomes public consumption as it is widely shared in media.

Positively, democratization process should have created an awareness of the importance of power control and political education, as well as building an active role of the community to jointly create legal reform in government. Ironically, the criticism phenomenon that tends to be black and negative campaigns and the prevalence of bullying practices still occupy the largest issue in society. Case by case is revealed as an integral part of the democracy process. The exploitation of this negative space seemed to dilute the tolerance and diversity of the nation that had been built by Indonesian founding fathers long time ago. In response to this issue, it is the law that remains the commander by promoting justice to the development of humanitarian law.

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