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Egypt: 98.1 % of voters approve new constitution

Egypt's Election Committee says more than 98 percent of voters have approved a new constitution in a referendum.

The High Election Commission said Saturday that 38.6 percent of the country's more than 53 million eligible voters took part in the two-day poll. This is the first vote since the military removed Egypt's first freely elected president, Mohammed Morsi, following massive protests in July.

Officials view the vote as key in legitimizing the country's military-backed interim government and its plan for parliamentary and presidential elections. But Morsi's supporters and his outlawed Muslim Brotherhood group boycotted the vote and have alleged the results were forged. The Brotherhood has vowed to keep up their near-daily protests.