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On Oct. 8, National Congress president and deputy from the governing National Party (PN) Rodolfo Irias introduced a bill which would reduce the number of elected deputies in the legislature from the current level of 128 to 86. Since it deals with electoral laws, if the bill is approved during the current legislative session, it would then have to be ratified by the next legislature, which begins its term in 1995. The measure would thus not have any direct effect on the 1993 general elections. Small opposition parties have criticized the bill as a maneuver by the PN to further entrench the two-party system in Honduras and to make it nearly impossible for third parties or for independents to win congressional representation. (Source: Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 10/08/92)

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