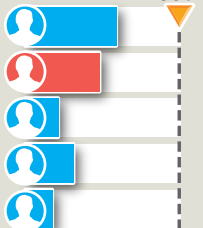


French face two months of elections

French voters will cast their ballot four times over eight weeks. On April 23 and May 7 they will select their president, followed by votes on June 11 and June 18 to select the 577-seat National Assembly



First round, Apr 23: If candidate wins more than 50% of vote, he or she is elected



Second round, May 7: If no candidate wins 50%, two with most first-round votes compete in run-off. Candidate with most votes wins



Inauguration: President takes office about 6-10 days after second round



National Assembly, Jun 11-18: Between inauguration and legislature convening in July, president names temporary prime minister and can pick cabinet to pass legislation

*Analysis by Journal du Dimanche of 38 polls conducted since January