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**ON THE PARLIAMENT**  
**OF THE CHECHEN REPUBLIC**

**THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

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The Law  
On the Parliament of the Chechen Republic

**Chapter 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic is the permanent supreme and unique legislative (representative) body within the system of public authority of the Chechen Republic.
2. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic has two chambers, The Council of the Republic and the People's Assembly.

**Article 2. The purposes and functions of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.**

The Parliament of the Chechen Republic, in accordance with its mandate stipulated in the Constitution of the Russian Federation and the Constitution of the Chechen Republic, is responsible for:

- 1) legislative regulation within the jurisdiction of the Chechen Republic and the common jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic as to matters pertaining to the competence of the Chechen Republic;
- 2) supervision within the jurisdiction of the Chechen Republic;
- 3) cooperation with the legislative bodies of the entities of the Russian Federation, executive bodies of the public authority of the Chechen Republic and institutions of the local self-government of the Chechen Republic;
- 4) involvement of the citizens and public organizations in governing the Republic.

**Article 3. Legal basis for the activities of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The activities of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are based on the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the Constitution of the Chechen Republic, the present law, as well as other legal acts of the Republic adopted on the basis of the above-mentioned legislation.

2. The mandate of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic can be terminated anticipatorily in case of:

- 1) the Parliament taking the decision of voluntary dissolution by no less than two thirds of the required number of deputies of each chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;
- 2) the President of the Chechen Republic dissolving the Parliament on the grounds laid out in the present Constitution;
- 3) entering into force of the judgment issued by the Supreme Court of the Chechen Republic on the ineligibility of the current body of deputies of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, including due to their abdication;
- 4) entering into force of the federal law on the dissolution of the specified body.

3. The mandate of a chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic may be terminated anticipatorily in case of the judgment issued by the Supreme Court of the Chechen Republic on the ineligibility of the current body of members of a chamber in the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, including due to their abdication.

4. In case of an early termination of the mandate of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic (or a chamber of the Parliament), the President of the Chechen Republic appoints an early election to the Parliament of the Chechen Republic (to a chamber of the Parliament). This election is appointed and held within the time limit stipulated by the federal law.

#### **Article 4. Principles for determination of the responsibilities of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic, in accordance with the Constitution of the Chechen Republic, shall adopt laws, resolutions and other regulatory legal acts pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Republic, as well as to the common jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic.

2. Laws, resolutions and other regulatory legal acts adopted by the Parliament of the Chechen Republic pertaining to the common jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic shall take into account the specificities of the Chechen Republic and shall not contradict the federal legislation.

#### **Article 5. Relations between the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, the President of the Chechen Republic and the Government of the Chechen Republic**

1. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, while legislating, shall act independently within the limits of their mandate in interaction with the executive and judicial branches in accordance with the principle of division of powers and their equality in the interests of the people of the Republic.

2. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, in accordance with the constitution of the Chechen Republic, shall adopt laws on the President of the Chechen Republic, the Government of the Chechen Republic, as well as on other bodies of the public authority and local governments.

3. The range of issues and the arrangements for cooperation between the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic and the President of the Chechen Republic, the Government of the Chechen Republic and the Constitutional Assembly of the Chechen Republic are defined by the Constitution of the Chechen Republic and the present law.

4. The decrees by the President of the Chechen Republic, the resolutions and orders by the Government of the Chechen Republic of regulatory and legal character shall be sent for examination to the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

5. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic have the right to propose the President of the Chechen Republic, the Government of the Chechen Republic to introduce changes and additions into the regulatory legal acts put forward by the President of the Chechen Republic and the Government of the Chechen Republic, or to take the law off the books.

6. Disputes between the institutions of the public authority of the Chechen Republic over the matters of their competence, the adoption of regulatory legal acts or other issues shall be settled through the creation on parity basis of the conciliation commissions. If there is no conciliation, the dispute shall be then settled by the Constitutional Court of the Chechen Republic.

7. The President of the Chechen Republic shall determine the number of and appoints his/her representatives to the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic that shall represent the President of the Chechen Republic when it comes to matters of presidential discretion, shall take part in sittings (open and closed) of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, as well as its committees.

8. The President of the Chechen Republic and the Government of the Chechen Republic shall assist the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic in building the legal system of the Republic.

#### **Article 6. Relations between the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic and the representative bodies of the local public authority and local self-governments**

The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic shall ensure the guarantees for the development and functioning of the representative bodies of the local public authority and local self-governments on the territory of the Republic in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation and the Constitution of the Chechen Republic, the present law, other laws of the Chechen Republic and the federal law on general principles of self-government in the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 7. The right to initiate legislation**

1. The right to initiate legislation belongs to the President of the Chechen Republic, the Government of the Chechen Republic, the deputies of the Council of the Republic and the People's Assembly of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, the representative bodies of the local self-government.

2. The right of legislative initiative belongs also to the Constitutional Court of the Chechen Republic, the Supreme Court of the Chechen Republic, the Arbitration Court of the Chechen Republic, the Prosecutor of the Chechen Republic and the Election Commission of the Chechen Republic as to matters of their respective competence.

3. The draft laws shall be introduced to the People's Assembly of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

4. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic exercise its right to initiate legislation as to the introduction of draft laws to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 8. Legal status of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

The Parliament of the Chechen Republic is a legal entity, has its proper assets, sources of funds in the budget of the Chechen Republic, its proper current account or other types of bank accounts, its official stamps, moulds, set forms and other requisites containing state symbols of the Chechen Republic.

### **Chapter 2. THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CHECHEN REPUBLIC**

#### **Article 9. Election to the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are elected by the citizens of the Chechen Republic through secret ballot on the basis of universal equal and direct suffrage in accordance with the Constitution of the Chechen Republic. The procedure for the election of deputies of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic is laid out in the law 'On the election to the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.'

2. The Council of the Republic has 21 deputies representing the administrative territorial entities of the Republic (cities of republican significance and districts) elected in single-mandate constituencies through secret ballot on the basis of universal equal and direct suffrage.

3. The People's Assembly has 40 deputies elected through secret ballot on the basis of universal equal and direct suffrage.

4. The members of the Parliament of both chambers work on a permanent basis with emolument.

#### **Article 10. Arrangements for the activities of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic is legally qualified if the number of the deputies elected to each chamber represents no less than two thirds of the required number of deputies of each chamber. If the necessary two thirds of the required number of deputies have been elected only to one chamber of the Parliament, this chamber is legally competent only in the matters of its exclusive competence. The legal competence of the sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic is defined by its rules of procedure.

2. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic is called for its first sitting by the election commission of the Chechen Republic no later than fifteen days after the election. The President of the Chechen Republic has the right to call the first sitting of a chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic before the time stipulated in the Constitution of the Chechen Republic.

3. The first sitting of each chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic is opened by the oldest deputy and he/she presides over the sitting until the election of the Chairman of the relevant chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

4. The day of election of a deputy of a chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic is the day election takes place in the constituency of this deputy.

5. From the first day of work of the newly elected Parliament of the Chechen Republic (the newly elected chamber of the Parliament) the mandate of the previous Parliament of the Chechen Republic (a previous chamber of the Parliament) expires.

#### **Article 11. Convocation of the sittings of the chambers of the Parliament and provisions regulating their work**

1. The main form of work of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are sittings during which the chambers decide on the matters attributed to the competence of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic by the Constitution of the Chechen Republic and the laws of the Republic.

2. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic sit separately. Their sittings are open, with the exceptions of the cases stipulated in the federal laws, the Constitution of the Chechen Republic, the laws of the Chechen Republic, as well as in the rules of procedure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

3. Regular sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are held at least once a month. Extraordinary sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic can be called on the initiative of no less than one third of the total number of deputies of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, on the initiative of the President of the Chechen Republic, the Presidiums of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, within the time frame determined by the initiator.

4. The sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are legally competent if no less than one half of the total number of deputies takes part in a sitting.

5. The procedure for convocation and holding of the sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic is defined by the rules of procedure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

## **Article 12. The minutes of the sittings of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

The minutes of the sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are kept on the basis of transcripts of sittings and are signed by the Chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, or by their deputies.

## **Article 13. The procedure for the adoption of laws of the Chechen Republic or other acts by the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Chechen Republic are adopted by the majority of at least two thirds of the required number of deputies of each chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

2. The laws of the Chechen Republic are adopted by the simple majority of the required number of deputies of each chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, if not otherwise provided for by the Constitution of the Chechen Republic.

3. The resolutions by the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are adopted by the simple majority of the number of deputies elected to each of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, if not otherwise provided for by the Constitution of the Chechen Republic.

4. The draft laws of the Chechen Republic are examined by the People's Assembly at least in two readings (with the exception of the draft laws on the endorsement (of the signing or termination) of the treaties of the Chechen Republic. The decision on adoption or rejection of a law is formalized by a special resolution of the People's Assembly.

5. The laws of the Chechen Republic, adopted by the People's Assembly, are sent within five days for the examination of the Council of the Republic.

A law is considered adopted by the Council of the Republic if it receives more than half of the votes of the total number of deputies of this chamber; the law is also considered adopted if the Council of the Republic does not examine it within fourteen days. If this law is rejected by the Council of the Republic, the chambers may set up a conciliation commission in order to settle the disagreement, after that the law is subject to the second examination by the People's Assembly.

6. If the People's Assembly does not agree with the decision made by the Council of the Republic, the law is considered adopted if in the second vote the law gets no less than two thirds of the required number of the deputies of the Peoples' Assembly.

7. The laws of the Chechen Republic adopted by the Peoples' Assembly and pertaining to the matters stipulated in paragraphs a), e), f), g), h), k), m) (or Cyrillic «а», «д», «е», «ж», «з», «т» and «н») of Article 84 of the Constitution of the Chechen Republic are subject to obligatory examination by the Council of the Republic.

8. An adopted law is submitted within five days to the President of the Chechen Republic for signing and official publication. If the President of the Chechen Republic rejects it within fourteen days from the day of its submission, the Parliament of the Chechen Republic examines the law in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Chechen Republic. If after the second examination the law is adopted in the previously agreed version by the majority of no less than two thirds of the total number of deputies of both chambers of the Parliament, this law is subject to signing by the President of the Chechen Republic within seven days and subsequent publication.

9. The laws of the Chechen Republic, as well as the resolutions of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic of regulatory character, enter into force from the day of their official publication. Laws and other regulatory legal acts of the of the Chechen Republic that touch upon the rights and freedoms of man and citizen enter into force no earlier than ten

days after its official publication. The procedure for official publication of a law or other regulatory legal acts of the Chechen Republic is determined by the law of the Chechen Republic.

10. The procedure for taking a decision by the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic over the adoption of the agenda or other procedural issues is stipulated in the rules of procedure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

#### **Article 14. Rules of procedure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

The procedures for introduction, preparation and examination of issues at the sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, for voting and everyday work of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic and their bodies, as well as the responsibility of the parliamentary members for not having participated in the work of the chambers of the Parliament without a legitimate excuse, are determined by the law of the Chechen Republic and the rules of procedure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

#### **Article 15. The structure and the staffing table of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

The structure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic is determined separately for each chamber in accordance with the budget allocated for them. The staffing table is defined within the limits of the payroll and in accordance with the salary lay-out.

#### **Article 16. The Chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The Chairmen manage the work of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

2. The Chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are elected at a sitting from among the deputies through a secret ballot for the term corresponding to the mandate of a chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic. A deputy shall be considered elected if he receives more than a half of votes of the total number of deputies.

3. The Chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are accountable to the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic and can be dismissed if such a decision is taken during a sitting through a secret ballot by two thirds of the total number of deputies of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic. The procedure for the introduction of a proposal to elect, recall or dismiss the Chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic is defined by the Rules of Procedure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

4. The voluntary abdication of the Chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic is accepted on the basis of their written notice.

5. The Chairmen the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic shall:

- 1) represent the Chechen Republic in federal bodies of the state authority;
- 2) coordinate inter-parliamentary activity of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;
- 3) preside over the sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, manage the internal procedures of work of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;
- 4) manage the preparation and examination of issues subject to discussion in the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

5) coordinate with the President of the Chechen Republic, the Government of the Chechen Republic, the Constitutional Court of the Chechen Republic, the Constitutional Assembly of the Chechen Republic;

6) sign the resolutions of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, its Presidium, as well as the minutes of the sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

7) sign the agendas for the sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

8) determine the personnel policy of the Administration of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

9) determine the range of responsibilities of the deputy chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, or redistribute responsibilities between the deputy chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

10) instruct the committees (commissions) of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic on the implementation of the resolutions of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

11) appoint and relieve from office the heads of departments of the Administration of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, determine the procedure for employment and dismissal of other staff members of the Administration of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

12) manage the budget of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

13) consider other issues in accordance with the legislation of the Chechen Republic or the instructions of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

6. The Chairmen of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic shall issue instructions as to matters of their jurisdiction.

#### **Article 17. Deputy chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. Deputy chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic shall perform their functions in accordance with the distribution of responsibilities between the deputy chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, the instructions of the Chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, and, in case of absence of the Chairmen or their inability to perform their functions, shall fulfill the functions of the Chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic upon their request.

2. Deputy chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are elected through secret ballot during a sitting of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic from among the deputies for the term corresponding to the mandate of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic may elect several deputy chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic to deal with the main areas of activity of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

3. Deputy chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic can be relieved of their office through secret ballot during a sitting by a majority of the total number of deputies of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

#### **Article 18. The Presidium of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic shall set up the Presidiums of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic comprising the Chairmen of the



chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, their deputies and the chairmen of the committees of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

2. Presidiums of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic shall:

1) convene regular and extraordinary sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

2) prepare draft agendas for the sittings of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

3) send for examination of the committees of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic the draft laws introduced to a chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic by the entities possessing the right to initiate legislation;

4) take decisions on holding parliamentary hearings;

5) award the Certificate of Honor of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

6) introduce proposals to the President of the Chechen Republic on awarding deputies of the Parliaments with state decorations of the Chechen Republic;

7) take decisions on accreditation of the representatives of mass media of the Chechen Republic with a chamber of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

8) make decisions on operational issues related to the work of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

3. The decisions of the Presidium of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are formalized in resolutions.

4. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic have the right to cancel resolutions adopted by the Presidiums of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

#### **Article 19. Committees (commissions) of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic set up committees (commissions) to conduct legislative activity, to have preliminary examination and organize preparation for examination of issues in their competence, to conduct supervision, to hold parliamentary hearings and investigations.

2. The number of committees (commissions) is determined by the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic with regard to the main areas of their activities.

3. The procedure for election of the chairman, deputy chairman and members of a committee (commission) from among the deputies, as well as distribution of responsibilities and management of work of the committees (commissions), are defined by the Rules of procedure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

#### **Article 20. The Administration of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic sets up the Administrations of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic for operational, legal, informational, technical and financial support of the activities of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, for assisting the deputies, standing committees (commissions), deputy unions.

2. The Administrations of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic work according to the legislation of the Chechen Republic and the Regulations on the Administrations of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

3. The structure and the composition of the Administrations of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are confirmed by of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

4. The office expenses of the Administrations of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are defined by of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic within the limits of funds available for operational support of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

5. The staff members of the Administrations of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are civil servants of the Chechen Republic.

### **Chapter 3. THE JURISDICTION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CHECHEN REPUBLIC**

#### **Article 21. The responsibilities of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic in the sphere of the state development of the republic**

1. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic shall:

1) introduce proposals on amendments in the Constitution of the Chechen Republic to the Constitutional Assembly of the Chechen Republic;

2) conduct legal regulation of the matters in the jurisdiction of the Chechen Republic and matters in common jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic pertaining to the competence of the Chechen Republic;

3) set up the Accounts Chamber of the Chechen Republic to monitor the performance of the budget of the Chechen Republic, the composition and the procedures for work of the Chamber being defined by the law of the Republic;

4) exercise the right to initiate legislation as to the introduction of draft laws to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation;

5) elect, in accordance with the federal law and for the term of its mandate, a representative of the legislative (representative) body of the public authority of the Chechen Republic in the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation;

6) fulfill other responsibilities stipulated in the Constitution of the Russian Federation and the federal law on general principles of work of the legislative (representative) and executive institutions of the public authority of the entities of the Russian Federation, by the Constitution of the Chechen Republic and the laws of the Republic;

2. The Council of the Republic:

1) appoints and relieves of office the Chairman of the National Bank of the Chechen Republic;

2) upon the proposal of the President of the Chechen Republic, appoints judges, the Head and deputy heads of the Constitutional Court of the Chechen Republic and the justices of peace in the Chechen Republic;

3) appoints and relieves of office the deputy head of the Accounts Chamber of the Chechen Republic and half of the college of its auditors;

4) appoints and relieves of office one forth of the members of the Election Commission of the Chechen Republic;

5) agree upon the candidate for the post of the Prosecutor of the Chechen Republic;

6) appoints referendums of the Chechen Republic in cases provided for in the laws of the Chechen Republic;

7) appoints the date of the election to the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, as well as the date for the election of the President of the Chechen Republic.

3. The People's Assembly:

1) gives its accord to the President of the Chechen Republic for the appointment of the Chairman of the Government of the Chechen Republic, its deputies, as well as ministers responsible for finance, economy, industry and agriculture of the Republic;

2) appoints and relieves of office the Head of the Accounts Chamber of the Chechen Republic and half of the college of its auditors;

3) appoints and relieves of office one forth of all the members of the Election Commission of the Chechen;

4) appoints and relieves of office the Human Rights Ombudsman in the Chechen Republic.

4. The chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, within the limits and according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Chechen Republic and the laws of the Republic:

1) along with other institutions assigned, ensure the control over the implementation of and compliance with the laws of the Chechen Republic, the execution of the budget of the Chechen Republic, the compliance with the established procedure for the management of the property of the Chechen Republic;

2) perform other functions stipulated in the federal laws and the laws of the Chechen Republic.

3) appoint the election of deputies to the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

4) upon the proposal of the President of the Russian Federation, consider the candidature for the post of President of the Chechen Republic and take decision on its rejection or on lodging the candidate with the powers of President of the Chechen Republic;

5) establish state decorations and honorary titles of the Chechen Republic;

6) endorse the Decree of the President of the Chechen Republic on imposing the state of emergency;

7) give official interpretation of the laws of the Chechen Republic;

8) take decision on impeachment to the President of the Chechen Republic.

**Article 22. The competence of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic as to ensuring the respect of rights and legitimate interests of man and citizen, as well as the guarantees for local self- government**

The competence of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic includes:

1) legal regulation of the implementation of rights and legitimate interests of man and citizen on the territory of the Republic;

2) determination of the principles regulating the work of local authorities and local self-government;

3) ratification of the conclusion and termination of the treaties of the Chechen Republic;

4) approval of the agreement on changing the borders of the Chechen Republic.

**Article 23. The competence of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic as to social and economic development of the Republic**

The competence of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic includes:

1) approval of the budget of the Chechen Republic and the report on its execution submitted by the President of the Chechen Republic;

2) adoption of the law on the budget structure and budget process in the Chechen Republic;

3) introduction of taxes, levies, the introduction of which is left by the federal law to the discretion of the Chechen Republic, as well as the procedure for their collection;

4) approval of programs of social and economic development of the Chechen Republic, submitted by the President of the Chechen Republic;

5) approval of the budget of the territorial state extra-budget foundation of the Chechen Republic and the report on its execution;

6) determination of the procedure for management and use of the property of the Chechen Republic, including of the shares (participatory interests, capital shares) of the Chechen Republic in the capital assets of business companies, partnerships and enterprises of other operational and legal status;

4) determination of the procedure for granting loans (credits) and financial guarantees from the funds of the budget of the Republic;

5) determination of payment rates to the republican budget of the organizations residing on the territory of the Republic; determination of privileges and preferences, including tax relieves, as to payments to the republican budget, provided that it is authorized by a special decision by the Government of the Chechen Republic;

6) determination of the procedure for management and use of the property of the Republic, as well as of the items of federal property conceded to the Republic for economic control and management;

7) determination of the legal status of the possession, use and management of the land, subsoil, water and other natural resources of the Chechen Republic;

8) determination of the procedure for maintaining international relations and international economic relations of the Republic, the procedure for the implementation of the international treaties by the republican public authorities;

9) determination of the procedure for privatization of the items of state property of the Chechen Republic.

#### **Article 24. The competence of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic as to social and cultural development of the Republic**

The Parliament of the Chechen Republic exercise legal control of:

1) various aspects of education, science, culture, physical training and sport;

2) matters of health care, sanitary and epidemiological safety, social care and welfare of the population, labor protection and job security, family protection, the protection of motherhood, fatherhood, youth and children;

3) the status of specially protected natural territories, historic and cultural monuments;

4) the institutions of mass media;

5) the establishment, on the proposal of the President of the Chechen Republic, of the permanent representative missions of the Chechen Republic outside of its territory.

#### **Article 25. The competence of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic as to administrative and legal development of the Republic**

1. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic exercise legal control of:

1) administrative and procedural relations;

2) the status of emergency and mitigation of consequences;

3) matters of legitimacy, public security, crime prevention, law and order enforcement;

4) matters of administrative and territorial structure of the Chechen Republic and the issue of changing its borders;

5) functions of the Bar and notaries operating on the territory of the Republic;

6) appeals to the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, Constitutional Assembly of the Chechen Republic and the Constitutional Court of the Chechen Republic;

7) determination of the responsibility for violation of laws and other regulatory legal acts issued to cover the matters of jurisdiction of the Chechen Republic, exercise of supervisory functions within the limits and practices stipulated in the Constitution of the Chechen Republic and the laws of the Chechen Republic.

2. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic hear the yearly addresses by the President of the Chechen Republic.

#### **Article 26. The competence of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic as to management of its own activity**

1. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic shall:

1) appoint and relieve of office the Chairman of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic and his/her deputy;

2) set up and dissolve committees (commissions), their chairmen, change the membership of the committees (commissions), hear the reports on their activity;

3) approve the structure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, their Administrations and approves the regulations on the Administrations of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

4) adopt the rules of procedure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

5) resolve the issues of early termination of deputy mandates;

6) exercise control over the observance of the Constitution of the Chechen Republic, the laws of the Chechen Republic, resolutions and other acts adopted by the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

7) initiate parliamentary investigations over the matters within the competence of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic;

8) perform other functions stipulated in the Constitution of the Chechen Republic and the laws of the Chechen Republic.

2. The Parliament of the Chechen Republic has no right to delegate its own mandate to the Chairmen of the chambers of the Parliament or other officials of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

### **Chapter 4. THE DEPUTY OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CHECHEN REPUBLIC**

#### **Article 27. Requirements imposed on a deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. A citizen of the Russian Federation residing permanently on the territory of the Chechen Republic who has reached upon the date of election the age of twenty one years and who has the right to participate in elections according to the law, can be elected deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

2. A deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic can not be deputy of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, a judge, or to hold any other public office of the Russian Federation, public offices of the civil service, other public offices of the Chechen Republic or public offices of the civil service of the Chechen Republic, as well as other elective municipal offices or municipal offices in a municipal service, if not otherwise provided for in the federal law.

3. In case the activity by a deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic is performed on a professional basis, he/she can not be engaged in other paid activities except for teaching, scientific or other creative work, if not otherwise stipulated by the federal law.

4. A deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic can not use his/her status in an activity not related to the performance of his/her functions of a deputy of the Parliament.

5. A deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic has deputy identity card and deputy badge.

### **Article 28. Immunity of a deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

A deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic possesses immunity during all the term of his/her mandate according to the federal law. A deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic can not be detained, arrested, searched, except for the cases provided for by the federal law when he/she is arrested on the scene of crime. Individual physical search of a deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic or of his dwelling and property, the search of the transportation vehicle he/she uses can be done only in cases provided for by the federal law when it is necessary to ensure safety and security of other persons.

### **Article 29. The mandate of a deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic and guarantees for his/her activity**

1. The mandate of a deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic, the procedures for fulfilling this mandate, as well as guarantees of his/her deputy activity are defined by the present Law and the law of the Chechen Republic on the status of deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

2. A deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic has the right to send a request to the relevant public authorities and public officials who are obliged to respond to the request in ten days, if no other term is determined by the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

3. A deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic can terminate his mandate anticipatorily. The procedure for termination of a deputy's mandate is determined by the law of the Chechen Republic.

### **Article 30. Relations of a deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic with electors**

A deputy of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic keeps contacts with the electors of his/her constituency, regularly informs the electors about his/her activity and the work of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

### **Article 31. Deputy unions within the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

Deputies can set up standing or ad hoc groups, factions or other deputy unions within the Parliament of the Chechen Republic. The procedure of setting up such unions, their mandate and the procedure for their registration are defined by the Rules of Procedure of the chambers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic.

### **Article 32. Obligatory presence of administrative officers of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

Upon invitation of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic or its Presidium, the heads of ministries and agencies of the Chechen Republic, administrative officers of organizations

residing on the territory of the Chechen Republic irrespective of their form of ownership, are obliged to be present at a sitting of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic when the parliament consider matters related to the activity of these bodies and organizations.

**Article 33. The obligatory character of the laws of the Chechen Republic and the resolutions of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

1. The laws of the Chechen Republic and the resolutions adopted by the Parliament of the Chechen Republic within the limits of its jurisdiction are obligatory for implementation by all institutions of the public authority on the territory of the Chechen Republic, as well as by all local authorities, organizations, administrative officers and citizens.

2. The failure to supply to the Parliament of the Chechen Republic the information requested by this body leads to administrative sanctions against the responsible officials in the form of a penalty equal to the amount from two to thirty minimum monthly wages.

**Article 34. Limitations on holding other posts and receiving other incomes for senior officials and civil servants of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic**

Limitations on holding other posts and receiving other incomes for senior officials and civil servants of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic are determined by the law on civil service of the Chechen Republic.

**Article 5. FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 35. Entry into force of the present Law**

The present law enters into force from the day of its official publication.

**The President of the Chechen Republic**