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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

ACT
TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT
THE ELECTION CODE
OF BULGARIA

R E P U B L I C O F B U L G A R I A
F O R T Y - F I R S T N A T I O N A L A S S E M B L Y

A C T
to Amend and Supplement
the Election Code

(promulgated in the *State Gazette* No. 9 of 2011, SG No. 36 of 2011 – Judgment No. 4 of the Constitutional Court of 2011)

§ 1. In Article 1, Paragraph (1) shall be amended to read as follows:

“(1) This Code establishes the arrangements and procedure for conduct of elections of National Representatives, President and Vice President of the Republic, Members of the European Parliament for the Republic of Bulgaria, municipal councillors, municipality mayors and mayoralty mayors, as well as the terms for electing Members of the European Parliament for the Republic of Bulgaria, municipal councillors, municipality mayors and mayoralty mayors.”

§ 2. In Article 3 (4) and (5), the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 3. Article 4 shall be amended as follows:

1. In Paragraphs (3) and (4), the words “two years” shall be replaced by “six months”.
2. In Paragraphs (5) and (6), the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 4. In Article 25 (2), the number “six” shall be deleted.

§ 5. In Article 42 (2), the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 6. In Article 45 (2), the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 7. In Article 53 (2), the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 8. In Article 62 (2) and (3), the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 9. In Item 2 of Article 63 (1), the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 10. In Article 64, the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 11. In Article 72 (7), the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 12. In Article 79 (2), the words “two per cent” shall be replaced *passim* by “one per cent”.

§ 13. In Article 283 (3) and (4), the number “twelve” shall be replaced by “six”.

§ 14. § 1 of the Supplementary Provisions shall be amended as follows:

1. In Item 3, the words “two years” shall be replaced by “six months”, and the words “one year and four months” shall be replaced by “six months”.
2. In Items 4 and 5, the number “twelve months” shall be replaced *passim* by “six”.

§ 15. § 10 of the Transitional and Final Provisions shall be amended as follows:

1. In Paragraph (3), the number “ten” shall be replaced *passim* by “four”.
2. In Paragraph (4), the words “six months” shall be replaced *passim* “four months”.

§ 16. In § 14 of the Transitional and Final Provisions, Item 2 shall be repealed.

§ 17. In the Transitional and Final Provisions, there shall be inserted a new § 16:

“§ 16. Elections of mayoralty mayors shall be conducted only in those mayoralties which satisfy the requirements of Item 1 of Article 16 of the Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria at the date of promulgation of the decree of the President scheduling the elections of municipal councillors and mayors”.

FINAL PROVISION

§ 18. This Act shall enter into force as from the date of promulgation thereof in the *State Gazette*.

This Act was passed by the 41st National Assembly on 2 June 2011, and the Official Seal of the National Assembly has been affixed thereto.

**CHAIRPERSON OF
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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