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**ON POLITICAL PARTIES**  
**OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION\***

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ON POLITICAL PARTIES**

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The Russian Federation has political diversity and plurality. Based on this constitutional principle the State guarantees the equality of political parties before the law regardless of the ideology, goals and objectives set forth in charter and program documents thereof. The State enforces the rights and lawful interests of political parties.

**Chapter I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1. Scope of this Federal Law**

Subject to regulation by this Federal Law are social relations arising in connection with Russian Federation citizens exercising their right to organize political parties, and specifics of establishment, operation, reorganization and liquidation of political parties in the Russian Federation.

**Article 2. Right of Citizens of the Russian Federation to joint together in political parties**

The right of citizens of the Russian Federation to join a political party includes the right to form voluntary political parties in accordance with their beliefs, the right to join political parties or to refrain from joining political parties, the right to participate in the activities of political parties in accordance with charters thereof as well as the right to freely withdraw from the political party.

**Article 3. Definition of political party and its structure**

1. Political party – is a public association created for the participation of Russian Federation citizens in the political life of society through the creation and expression of their

political will, participation in social and political actions, in elections and referendums as well as for representation of interests of citizens in bodies of state authorities and local governments.

2. A political party must meet the following requirements:

a) The political party shall have regional branches in more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation, however only one regional branch of that political party may be established at each subject of the Russian Federation;

b) a political party shall consist of:

before January 1, 2010 – at least fifty thousand members of a political party, whereby, in more than half of the subjects of the Russian Federation, a political party must have a regional branch of at least five hundred members of the political party in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 23 hereof. Each other regional branch shall consist of not lesser than two hundred and fifty members of the political party in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 23 hereof;

after January 1, 2010 and till January 1, 2012 – at least forty five thousand members of a political party, whereby, in more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation, a political party must have a regional branch of at least four hundred and fifty members of the political party in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 23 hereof. Each other regional branch shall consist of not lesser than two hundred members of the political party in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 23 hereof;

After January 1, 2012 - at least forty thousand members of a political party, whereby, in more than half of the subjects of the Russian Federation, a political party must have a regional branch of at least four hundred members of the political party in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 23 hereof. Each other regional branch shall consist of not lesser than one hundred and fifty members of the political party in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 23 hereof;

c) governing and other bodies of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units shall be located on the territory of the Russian Federation.

(c. 2 of Rev. Federal Law dd. 28.04.2009 N 75-FL)

3. The regional branch of a political party referred to herein is a structural unit of a political party created by decision of its authorized governing body and conducting its activities on the territory of Russian Federation. In subject of Russian Federation that includes an Autonomous Region (autonomous regions) a single regional branch of a political party can be established. Other structural units of the political party (local and primary branches) shall be established in cases and order provided by its Charter.

4. Aims and objectives of the political party shall be set forth in its Charter and Program. The main aims of the political party are:

formation of public opinion;

political education and training of citizens;

expression of citizens' opinion on all issues of public life, bringing such opinions to the attention of general public and state authorities;

nomination of candidates (lists of candidates) for participating in elections of the President of Russian Federation, deputies of the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, legislative (representative) bodies of state authority of subjects of the Russian Federation, elective officers of local government and representative bodies of municipalities; to participate in such elections as well as in work of the elected bodies. (Rev. Federal law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

5. The political party represented in the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation referred to herein is a political party whose federal list of candidates is admitted for distribution of seats in the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Rev. Federal Law dd. 12.10.2011 N 287-FL)

The political party represented in the legislative (representative) body of the subject of the Russian Federation referred to herein is a political party whose candidate list is admitted for distribution of seats in the legislative (representative) body of the appropriate subject of the

Russian Federation, or political party whose federal list of candidates is assigned a parliamentary mandate in accordance with the law of the Russian Federation subject stipulated by Para. 17 of Article 35 of the Federal Law N 67-FL dd. June 12, 2002 "On basic guarantees of electoral rights and the right to participate in referendum of Citizens of the Russian Federation"

(c. 5 introduced by Federal law dd. 04.06.2010 N 116-FL)

#### **Article 4. The Law of Russian Federation on Political Parties**

Activities of political parties shall be based on the Constitution of the Russian Federation and governed by federal constitutional laws, this Federal Law and other federal laws.

#### **Article 5. Territorial Domain of Political Party activities**

Political party is entitled to operate throughout the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 6. Name of Political Party**

1. It is not allowed to use in the name of a political party, full and abridged, names of other existing in the Russian Federation political parties and other all-Russia public associations as well as political parties to have ceased their activities due to liquidation in connection with violation of paragraph 1 of Article 9 hereof.

It is not allowed to use in the name of a political party names of state government bodies and local governments as well as the name and (or) surname of the citizen.

Regional branches and other structural subdivisions of political parties shall use the name of political party with indication of its territorial jurisdiction.

A political party can use in its name words "Russia", "Russian Federation" and words and phrases derived therefrom.

Name of political party shall comply with the legislation of the Russian Federation on protection of intellectual property and (or) copyrights. It is prohibited to use the name of a political party insulting racial, national or religious feelings.

Public associations not being a political party can not use the word "party" in its name.

#### **Article 7. Symbols of Political Party**

A political party can have own emblem and other symbols, the exact description of which shall be contained in the Charter of a political party. Symbols of a political party must not coincide with the national symbol of the Russian Federation, national symbol of the Russian Federation subjects, symbols of municipalities as well as national symbols of foreign states.

It is not allowed to use as an emblem and other symbols of a political party emblems and other symbols of political parties existing in the Russian Federation and other all-Russia public associations, as well as logos and other symbols of organizations whose activities on the territory of the Russian Federation is prohibited.

Symbols of a political party shall comply with the legislation of the Russian Federation on protection of intellectual property and (or) copyrights. It is prohibited to use symbols abusive or defamatory in relation to the State Flag of the Russian Federation, the State Emblem of the Russian Federation, the State Anthem of the Russian Federation, Flags, Emblems and Anthems of subjects of the Russian Federation, municipalities, foreign governments, religious symbols, as well as characters that are offensive to racial, national or religious feelings.

#### **Article 8. Main Principles of Political Parties Activity**

Activities of political parties shall be based on the principles of voluntariness, equality, autonomy, legitimacy and transparency. Political parties shall be free in determining internal structure, objectives, forms and methods of operation thereof, except for restrictions established

by this Federal Law.

Activities of political parties shall not infringe rights and freedoms of man and citizen guaranteed by the Constitution of the Russian Federation.

Political parties shall operate openly; information about their charter and program documents shall be available to the public.

Political parties shall provide men and women, citizens of the Russian Federation of various nationalities, members of political parties, with equal opportunities for representation in the governing bodies of political party, lists of candidates for deputies and other elective offices in state government bodies and local governments.

#### **Article 9. Restrictions on Formation and Activity of Political Parties**

1. It is prohibited the formation and activity of political parties whose aims or actions are directed toward carrying out extremist activities.

(Rev. Federal law dd. 25.07.2002 N 112-FL)

2. Inclusion in the statutes and programs of political parties of provisions on protection of social justice as well as activity of political parties aimed at protecting the social justice can not be regarded as inciting social discord.

By Decision of the Constitutional Court dared 15.12.2004 N 18-N, the paragraph 3 of Article 9 is not considered as contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation in terms of not allowing for the creation of political parties on the grounds of ethnic or religious affiliation.

3. The formation of political parties on the grounds of professional, racial, national or religious affiliation is not allowed.

Herein, the professional, racial, ethnic or religious identity means an indication in the charter and program of a political party the purpose of protecting the professional, racial, national or religious interests, as well as reflection of such aims in the name of a political party.

Political party shall not consist of persons of the same profession.

4. Structural units of political parties shall be formed and operate only on territorial basis. It is not allowed to form structural units of political parties in state government bodies and local government, the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, law enforcement and other government agencies, public and private organizations.

5. Activity of political parties and their structural units in the state government bodies and local governments (Except for legislative (Representative) bodies of state government bodies and representative bodies of municipal formations), the Russian Federation Armed Forces, law enforcement and other government bodies, in the apparatus of the legislative (representative) bodies of state government bodies, government organizations is not allowed. The political parties are prohibited to interfere with the educational process of educational institutions.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

Formation and activities of political parties of foreign states and divisions of such parties on the territory of the Russian Federation are not allowed.

In case of introduction throughout the Russian Federation or in certain areas, of emergency or martial law, political parties shall operate in accordance with federal constitutional law on states of emergency or martial law.

#### **Article 10. State and Political Parties**

Intervention of public authorities and their officials in the activities of political parties as well as interference of political parties in the activities of public authorities and their officials are not allowed.

Matters affecting the interests of political parties shall be resolved by state government bodies

and local governments with participation of relevant political parties or by agreement with them.

3. Persons holding state or municipal offices and individuals in state or municipal service shall not take advantage of their office or official position to benefit a political party to which they belong, or in the interests of any other political party. Aforementioned persons except for the deputies of State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, other deputies of legislative (representative) state government bodies and deputies of representative bodies of municipalities, can not be bound by decisions of a political party in performance of their official duties.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

4. The President of the Russian Federation has the right to suspend their membership in a political party for the term of their powers.

## **Chapter II. FORMATION OF POLITICAL PARTY**

### **Article 11. Methods of Political Party Formation**

1. Political party shall be formed freely without the permission of state government bodies and officials. A political party can be established at the founding congress of a political party or by conversion into a political party of all-Russia public association or the all-Russia civic movement at the Congress of all-Russia public association or the all-Russia civic movement.

2. A political party shall be deemed to be established after adoption by the constituent congress of decisions on forming a political party, establishing its regional branches in more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation, adoption of the Charter of political party and adoption of its program, formation of governing and audit bodies of the political party. The delegates of the constituent congress of political party are the founders of a political party.

3. From the date of its formation the political party carries out the organizational and outreach activities related to the formation of regional branches of political party and receipt by political party of a document confirming that the record about its registration in the state register of legal entities is made.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

In case of transforming all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement into a political party, Congress of -Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement shall make a decision on transformation of -Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement into a political party, transformation of their regional branches in the Russian Federation into the regional branches of a political party, adoption of the Charter of political party and adoption of its program, the formation of governing and auditing bodies of the political party.

When creating a political party by -Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement transforming into a political party, the political party is deemed to be formed from the date of the relevant record in the unified state register of legal entities.

The term of the organizing committees formed for preparation, convening and holding the constituent congress of political parties before enactment of the Federal Law dd. 20.12.2004 N 168-FL shall be extended for a period of six months.

### **Article 12. Organizing Committee**

For the preparation, convening and holding of the constituent congress of a political party of Russian Federation citizens eligible to be members of political parties shall form the organizing committee consisting of at least ten people.

The Organizing Committee shall notify in writing the federal executive body authorized to exercise the functions of registering political parties (hereinafter referred to as Federal Authority) of its intention to create a political party and specifying its intended name. The

notice to that body shall be accompanied by:

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL, dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

a) details of at least ten members of organizing committee (name, surname, patronymic, date of birth, nationality, contact phone numbers);

b) Minutes of the Meeting of Organizing Committee specifying the purpose of its creation, the term of powers (but not exceeding one year), location, procedure for application of funds and other property of the Organizing Committee as well as details of members of the Organizing Committee authorized to open an account for the formation of the organizing committee funds and to conclude civil contracts to ensure its activities (hereinafter referred to as the Authorized Person of Organizing Committee) (surname, name, date of birth, residence address, citizenship, series and number of passport or an equivalent document, contact phone number).

3. On the day of receiving the notice and other documents specified in paragraph 2 herein, the federal authority or a territorial agency of the federal registration authority (hereinafter referred to as the territorial authority) shall issue to an authorized person of the organizing committee a document confirming the submission thereof.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

4. Within one month from the date of receiving the document referred to in paragraph 3 herein the Organizing Committee shall publish information about the intention to create a political party and submission of relevant documents to a federal registration authority in one or several national print media.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

### **Article 13. Activity of Organizing Committee**

1. Organizing Committee determines the procedure of its activity. During the term of office the Organizing Committee shall hold a founding congress of a political party. For this purpose the organizing committee:

performs organizational and outreach activities aimed at forming the regional branches of established political party in the subjects of Russian Federation, including holding meetings of supporters of the new political party to elect delegates to the founding congress of a political party;

opens through an authorized person of the Organizing Committee bank account in one of the credit institutions of the Russian Federation and reports this to the federal authority.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

2. Funds of the organizing committee shall be formed of donations to political parties, gathering of which is in conformity with the requirements of Article 30 hereof.

3. After holding the founding congress of a political party, the organizing committee shall cease to function. In this case, funds and other property of the organizing committee, as well as the financial report on application thereof stating the sources of funds and other assets shall be transferred to the formed political party.

4. If the organizing committee during its term of office will not held the founding congress of a political party the organizing committee shall cease to exist after expiration of its term of office. Whereby the remaining funds of the organizing committee shall be returned to contributors in proportion to contributed donations and other property shall be returned to the relevant contributors.

If it is not possible to refund the remaining funds and other property of the organizing committee shall be applied to the revenue of the Russian Federation.

**Article 14. The founding congress of a political party or the congress of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement convened to convert such association or movement into a political party**

1. Information about the place and date of the constituent congress of a political party or the congress of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement convened for transformation thereof into a political party, the organizing committee or the all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement shall be published in "Rossiyskaya Gazeta" or other national print media. Such information shall be published not later than one month prior to the convening of a constituent congress of a political party or the congress of the all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement convened for transformation thereof into a political party.

"Rossiyskaya Gazeta shall at no cost publish information about the place and date of the founding congress of a political party or the congress of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement convened for transformation thereof into a political party within two weeks after the date of submission of such information for publication.

The founding congress of a political party shall be deemed competent in the event that it was attended by delegates representing more than half of the subjects of the Russian Federation and residing therein. The quota for representation of delegates of the constituent congress shall be established by organizing committee on the basis of each subject of the Russian Federation to be represented by at least three delegates. Decisions of the founding congress of a political party as provided in paragraph 2 of Article 11 hereof shall be adopted by a majority vote of delegates to the constituent congress of a political party.

Decision to transform the all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement into a political party and other decisions taken by the Congress of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement shall be made in accordance with charters thereof. Congress of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement shall be deemed to be valid if it was attended by delegates representing the regional branches of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement located at the territories of more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation and residing therein. The quota of representation of delegates of the Congress shall be set at the rate of at least three delegates from each of such regional branches. Formation of an organizing committee in case of transformation of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement into a political party is not required.

Federal Law dd. 03.11.2010 N 289-FZ – is void.

**Chapter III. STATE REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTY**

Political formed before the enactment of the Federal Law dd. 20.12.2004 N 168-FZ, but not passed the state registration shall submit to the federal authority documents required for state registration of political parties before January 1, 2006.

**Article 15. State registration of political party and its regional branches**

1. Political party and its regional branches are subject to state registration in accordance with Federal law "On state registration of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs" with consideration of a special order for state registration of political party and its regional branches set forth by this Federal Law. Political party and its regional branches shall carry out their activities in full volume, including as legal persons after the moment of state registration thereof. The state registration of political party or its regional branch is confirmed by a document certifying that the corresponding record about state registration of political party or its regional branch in the state register of legal entities is made.

(Rev. of Federal Laws dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL, dd. 08.12.2003 N 169-FL)

2. A decision on state registration of a political party and its regional branches shall be made by respective federal authorized body and its territorial bodies (hereinafter referred to



as the authorized bodies). The record in the Uniform State Register of Legal Entities of information on formation, reorganization and liquidation of a political party and its regional branches, as well as other information required by federal laws shall be made by the authorized in accordance with Article 2 of Federal Law "On state registration of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs" federal executive body (hereinafter referred to as - the registering body) based on respective decision made by the federal authorized body or its regional branch in respect to the relevant state registration. Whereby, the procedure for interaction between competent authorities with the registering body for state registration of political party and its regional branches shall be determined by the Government of the Russian Federation.  
(Rev. of Federal Laws dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL, dd. 08.12.2003 N 169-FL)

3. Documents required for state registration of political party shall be submitted to the federal authority not later than six months after the date of the constituent congress of the political party or the congress of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement where decision to convert the all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement was made.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

The state registration of regional branches of political party is carried out after the state registration of political party, whereby in more than half of the subjects of the Russian Federation the state registration of regional branches of political party shall be made not later than six months after the date of state registration of political party.

After determining the compliance of documents required for state registration of a political party or its regional branches with the requirements hereof the federal authorized body or its territorial body shall make a decision on state registration of political party or its regional branch and provide the registering body with information and documents required for this body exercising its functions to maintain a unified state register of legal entities.

On the basis of the aforementioned decision made by the federal authorized body or its regional branch and the required information and documents being provided to the registering authority within a period not exceeding five working days after receiving the necessary information and documents the record about registration of political party or its regional branch in the state register of legal entities shall be made; and not later than one business day following the date of making such record, the body that rendered the decision on state registration of a political party or its regional branches shall be notified.

The federal authorized body or its territorial offices not later than three working days from the date of receipt of information about entry into the Unified State Register of Legal Entities about registration of the political party or its regional branch from the registering body shall issue to an authorized person of a political party or its regional branch a document confirming the relevant entry in the unified state register of legal entities. Whereby, if there is no any decision to refuse to register a political party or its regional branches, the document shall be issued no later than one month from the date of filing the relevant application for state registration.

(c. 5 Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

6. If a political party within one month from the date of expiry of the period stipulated in paragraph 4 herein does not submit copies of documents on state registration of its regional branches in more than half of the subjects of the Russian Federation to the federal authority, the record of the formation of such political party shall be deemed as void and is subject to exclusion from the unified state register of legal entities.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

Terms provided by paragraphs 4 and 6 of this Article shall be extended if the decision to refuse in state registration of regional branches of political party is appealed in Court and on the date when such term is expired there is no effective Court's decision.

If the charter of political parties provides for the empowerment of legal entity or other structural unit of a political party, the state registration of such structural unit shall be performed according to the procedure established for state registration of regional branches of political party. In this case, the structural unit of a political party is subject to the requirements for state registration of

regional branches of political party set forth herein except for subparagraph "a" and "b" of paragraph 2 of Article 3 hereof.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 28.04.2009 N 75-FL)

9. For state registration of political party and its regional branches the state duty is charged in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

The paragraph is excluded – Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL.

10. Not later than 15 days after receiving the document of its state registration as provided in paragraph 1 herein the political party shall present main provisions of its program to the "Rossiyskaya Gazeta" for publication. Within 15 days after the date of providing the specified provisions by the political party, "Rossiyskaya Gazeta" shall publish the aforementioned provisions on a pro bono basis in volume not lesser than two hundred newspaper lines.

(c. 10 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 03.11.2010 N 289-FL)

#### **Article 16. Documents to be submitted for state registration of political party established at the founding congress of a political party**

1. For state registration of a political party established at the founding congress of political party, the following documents shall be submitted to the federal authority:

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

a) an application signed by authorized representatives of political party stating their names, surnames, patronymics, residence address and telephone numbers;

b) the charter of political party in two copies stitched, numbered and certified by authorized representatives of political party as well as the text of the Charter in a machine-readable form;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

c) A program of a political party certified by the authorized representatives of political party as well as the program text in machine-readable form;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

d) certified by the authorized representatives of political party copies of decisions made by the constituent congress of political party in respect to establishing a political party, adoption of the Charter of political party and adoption of its program, formation of regional branches of political party, formation of its governing and audit bodies with details of the representation of delegates at such Congress and voting results;

e) document confirming payment of the fee;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

f) information on address (location) of a permanent governing body of the political party for communication with it;

(sc. "f" of the Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

g) copy of national print media where the information about place and date of the founding congress of a political party have been published;

h) certified by authorized representatives of the regional branches of the political party copies of minutes of conferences or general meetings held by regional branches of political party in more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation indicating the number of members of political party in its regional branches meeting the requirements of paragraph 2 of Article 3 hereof as well as the location of the governing bodies of regional branches of political party.

2. At the date of receiving documents and materials referred to in paragraph 1 hereof the federal authority shall provide an authorized body of the political party with document confirming receipt thereof. Federal authority is not entitled to claim a political party to present any documents not stipulate by paragraph 1 hereof for the state registration of political party.

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL, dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

**Article 17. Documents to be submitted for state registration of political party created by converting all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement into political party**

1. For state registration of a political party created by converting all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement into political party, the federal authority shall be provided with the following documents:

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

a) an application signed by authorized representatives of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement or any other body responsible for transformation thereof into political party stating the name, surname, patronymic, residential address and contact phone numbers of such persons;

b) the charter of political party in two copies stitched, numbered and certified by authorized representatives of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement or any other body responsible for transformation thereof into political party, as well as the text of the Charter in machine-readable form;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

c) a program of a political party, certified by authorized persons all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement or any other body responsible for transformation thereof into political party as well as the program text in machine-readable form;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

d) certified by the authorized representatives of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement or any other body responsible for transformation thereof into political party copies of decisions of the congress of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement or any other body responsible for transformation thereof into political party in respect to adoption of the charter of political party and its program, transformation of the regional branches of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement into the regional branches of a political party, formation of its governing and auditing bodies with details of the representation of delegates at such Congress and voting results;

e) document confirming payment of fee;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

f) information on address (location) of a permanent governing body of the political party for communication with it;

(sc. "f" of the Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

g) copy of national print media where the information about place and date of the congress of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement have been published;

h) certified by authorized representatives of the regional branches of the all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement copies of minutes of conferences or general meetings held by regional branches of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement in more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation indicating the number of members of political party in its regional branches meeting the requirements of paragraph 2 of Article 3 hereof as well as the location of the governing bodies of regional branches of political party.

j) deed of transfer of the all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement executed in accordance with the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

2. At the date of receiving documents and materials referred to in paragraph 1 hereof the federal authority shall provide an authorized body of the political party with document confirming receipt thereof. Federal authority is not entitled to claim a political party to present any documents not stipulate by paragraph 1 hereof for the state registration of political party.

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FZ, dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FLZ)

**Article 18. Documents to be submitted for state registration of regional branches of political parties**

1. For state registration of regional branches of political party the territorial authority shall be provided with the following documents:

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

a) copy of the decision of the founding congress of a political party or the congress of all-Russia public association or all-Russia civic movement on creation (transformation) of regional (territorial) branches of a political party or a copy of the decision of the authorized body of political party on establishment of (transformation) of regional (territorial) branches of a political party;

b) copy of state registration of political party certified by the authorized representatives thereof;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

c) copies of the charter and program of political party certified by the authorized representatives thereof;

d) a copy of minutes of the conference or general meeting of political party regional stating the number of members of a political party therein as well as the location of governing bodies of regional branches of political party certified by the authorized representatives of the regional branch of a political party;

e) document confirming payment of fee;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

f) information on address (location) of a permanent governing body of the political party regional branch for communication with it;

(sc. "f" of the Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

By the decision of the Constitutional Court dated 16.07.2007 N 11-P provisions of subparagraph "g" of paragraph 1 of Article 18 and sub-clauses "d", "e" of paragraph 3 of Article 41 governing the terms and procedure of state registration of regional branches of political party as well as consequences of changing the status of a political party that does not meet the requirements to a political party being in unity with the regulatory provisions of the third clause of paragraph 2 of Article 3 hereof establishing the requirements to the number of political party and its regional branches members have been found not contradicting with the Russian Constitution.

g) list of political party regional branch members. (sc. "g" have been effected by the Federal Law dd. 20.12.2004 N 168-FL)

2. At the date of receiving documents referred to in paragraph 1 hereof the territorial authority shall provide an authorized body of the political party with document confirming receipt thereof. Territorial authority is not entitled to claim a political party to present any documents not stipulated by paragraph 1 hereof for the state registration of political party regional branch.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

### **Article 19. Data on registered political parties**

1. Data on formation and liquidation of political parties shall be published in the national periodicals.

2. The registration authority shall make entries on the state registration of political parties and regional branches thereof in the state register of legal entities open to public.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

3. Within two months after enactment hereof, the federal authority shall open a special website with publicly available information & telecommunication network and publish the address of such website in "Rossiyskaya Gazeta".

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

4. Federal authority shall publish on a per annum basis the list of political parties and regional branches thereof dd. January 1 in national print media and places such list together with the date of registration of each political party and each regional branches thereof as well as the texts of charters and programs thereof on a special website at information & telecommunication network. In the case of amending the Charter of a political party federal

registration body places on the indicated web-site the text of the Charter reflecting these changes, within five days from the date of state registration of changes to the Charter of a political party. Also, the consolidated financial statements of political parties, contact phone numbers of permanent governing bodies of such political parties and regional branches thereof and other open Information on political parties shall be published on such websites annually.

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL, dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL, dd. 23.07.2011 N 259-FL)

5. Upon request of the relevant election commissions authorized bodies shall provide them with lists of political parties and their regional branches meeting the requirements of paragraph 2 of Article 36 hereof dd. the day of receiving such request within ten days after such request have been received.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

6. Information on members of political party submitted for reference to authorized bodies shall be referred to as restricted information. Disclosure of information specified herein without consent of members of a political party entails responsibility set forth in the Laws of the Russian Federation.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

7. The authorised federal agency sends to the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation, a certified copy of the Charter of a political party in both printed and machine-readable form, within five days from the date of state registration of the political party or of changes to its Charter.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 23.07.2011 N 259-FL)

## **Article 20. Grounds for refusal to register a political party or its regional branches**

1. Political party may be denied registration if:

a) the provisions of the charter of a political party are contrary to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, Federal constitutional laws, this Federal Law and other federal laws;

b) name and (or) symbols of a political party does not comply with the requirements of articles 6 and 7 hereof;

c) the documents required in accordance with this Federal Law for state registration of political parties have not been provided;

d) federal authorized body has found that information contained in documents submitted for the state registration of political party does not meet the requirements of this Federal Law;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

e) documents required for state registration of political party have not been submitted within the term for such submission set forth herein.

2. Regional branch of a political party may be denied registration if:

a) the documents required in accordance with this Federal Law for state registration of political party regional branch have not been provided;

b) regional authorized body has found that information contained in documents submitted for the state registration of political party regional branch does not meet the requirements of this Federal Law;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

3. The program of a political party is provided solely for the information of the federal authority. Any errors, inaccuracies in the program of a political party can not serve as grounds for refusal to register a political party except for violations of requirements of paragraph 1 of Article 9 hereof. Federal authority is prohibited to demand political party to make any changes in its program.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

4. If the authority makes a decision to refuse to register political party or its regional branches, the applicant shall be notified of such refusal in writing not later than one month after the date of receiving documents specifying the exact provisions of Laws of the Russian Federation violation of which entailed the refusal to state registration of such political party or its regional branches.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

5. Refusal in state registration or evasion of state registration of political party or its regional branches may be appealed in court. Statement of the political party or its regional branch to appeal the refusal to register shall be considered by the court within one month after the date of application. The refusal to register a political party or its regional branch shall not be an obstacle for repeated submission of documents to competent authorities for registration of a political party or its regional branch provided that shortcomings that caused such refusal have been eliminated. Authorities shall consider the repeated submissions of documents and make decisions thereon in order stipulated by this Federal Law for the state registration of political parties or its regional branches.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

6. Within one month after enactment hereof the federal authorized body shall approve and publish in "Rossiyskaya Gazeta" samples of documents required for state registration of political party and its regional branches.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

7. Samples of documents required for state registration of a political party and its regional branches shall also be placed by the federal authorized body on a special website in information & telecommunications network within a month after adoption thereof.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

## **Chapter IV. INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY**

### **Article 21. Charter of the Political Party**

Political party, its regional branches and other structural units shall operate on the basis of the charter of political parties and in accordance therewith.

Charter of the political party shall contain the following provisions:

- a) aims and objectives of a political party;
- b) name of the political party including the abbreviated one as well as description of symbols (if available);
- c) conditions and procedures for acquisition and loss of membership in political party, rights and duties of its members;
- d) procedure for accounting members of political party;
- e) procedure of formation, reorganization and liquidation of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units;
- f) procedure for electing governing and supervisory-auditing bodies of the political party, its regional branches and other structural units, tenure and competence of such bodies;
- g) procedure for introduction of changes and amendments to the charter of political party and its program;
- h) rights of political party, its regional branches and other structural units in field of management of funds and other property, financial responsibility of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units and accountability of political party, its regional branches and other structural units;
- j) procedure for political party nominating candidates (lists of candidates) to deputies and other elective offices with state government bodies and local governments including for re-elections and additional elections, and;

(cc. "j" Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

Subparagraph "i" of paragraph 2 of Article 21 hereof shall apply in accordance with constitutional and legal sense identified in the Decision of the Constitutional Court dd. 09.11.2009 N 16-P.

i) grounds and procedure for revocation of candidates, registered candidates for deputies and other elective offices in state government bodies and local governments nominated by political party, its regional branches, other structural units entitled to participate in elections, the procedure for exclusion of candidates from nominations of political party, its regional branch, other structural units entitled to participate in elections, lists of candidates;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

k) procedure for political party nominating candidates for the position of senior official of the Russian Federation subject (head of the supreme executive body of the subject of the Russian Federation) in cases stipulated in article 26.1 hereof.

(sc. "k" Rev. Federal Law dd. 05.04.2009 N 41-FL)

The charter of a political party may also contain other provisions relating to its activities and not contradicting the Laws of the Russian Federation.

Changes made to the charter of political parties are subject to state registration in the same manner and at the same time as the state registration of the political party, and take effect from the date of such registration.

For state registration of amendments to the charter of political party the state duty shall be paid in the manner and amounts established by Laws of the Russian Federation.

At state registration of amendments to the charter of political party, the federal authority has no right to claim the compliance of political party with any requirements not related to changes made to its charter.

(c. 4 Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

## **Article 22. Program of Political Party**

A political party must have a program that defines philosophy of a political party, its aims and objectives, and methods for implementing such aims and objectives.

Changes and additions to the program of a political party shall be submitted to the federal authority for reference within one month after acceptance thereof.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

## **Article 23. Membership in Political Party**

1. Membership in political party is voluntary and individual.

Members of political parties may be citizens of the Russian Federation who has reached the age of 18. Foreign citizens and stateless persons, as well as citizens of the Russian Federation unfit to plead may not be members of political party.

Admission into a political party shall be based on the personal written applications of Russian citizens submitted in the manner prescribed by the charter of a political party.

Members of political party shall participate in the activities of political party have rights and bear responsibilities in accordance with its charter.

Members of political party shall have the right to elect and be elected to the governing bodies of political party, its regional branches and other structural units, to obtain information about the activities of a political party and its governing bodies, as well as to appeal decisions and actions of such bodies in the manner prescribed by the charter of the political party.

Citizen of the Russian Federation may be a member of only one political party. A member of a political party may be listed only in one regional branch of that political party, at the place of permanent or current residence.

7. It is prohibited to demand from Russian citizens when submitting official information about themselves to specify their membership in political party or lack thereof.

8. Membership of a Russian citizen in a political party or lack thereof cannot serve for limiting his/her rights and freedoms as well as be a condition for granting him/her any advantages.

9. Members of a political party shall not be bound by decisions of a political party in performance of their official duties, except for those working in governing and audit bodies of the political party, its regional branches or other structural units.

10. Membership in a political party can not be restricted on grounds of professional, social, racial, ethnic or religious affiliation as well as by gender, origin, property status, place of residence. Restriction of the right to enter into political party or the obligation to suspend membership in a political party may be established for certain categories of Russian citizens by the federal constitutional laws and federal laws.

#### **Article 24. The governing bodies of political party and its regional branches**

The highest governing body of a political party is the congress of political party.

The highest governing body of the regional branches of a political party is a conference or general meeting of the regional branch of a political party.

The election of the governing bodies of political party shall be not less than once every four years.

4. The election of the governing bodies of regional branch of political parties shall be carried out at least once every four years;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 26.04.2007 N 64-FL)

5. The Charter of political party shall provide for rotation of managers of peer and permanent governing bodies of political party and its regional branches.

(c. 5 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 28.04.2009 N 75-FL)

#### **Article 25. Procedure for adoption of the charter, program of political party and other important decisions**

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

Adoption of the charter and program of a political party, introducing amendments and additions thereto, the election of governing and supervisory-auditing bodies of the political party, political party nomination of candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies and other elective offices in state government bodies and local governments, consideration of issues on reorganization or liquidation of a political party shall be made at congress of a political party attended by delegates of regional branches of the political party formed in more than half of the subjects of the Russian Federation.

Decisions on the election of governing and supervisory-auditing bodies of political party regional branches, nomination of political party regional branches candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies and other elective offices in government bodies of the Russian Federation subjects and local governments shall be made at the conference or general meeting of the regional branches of a political party. Decisions on nominations of other political party structural units' candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies and other elective offices in local government shall be made at the general meeting of the relevant structural unit or any other authority stipulated by the charter of a political party.

3. Charter of a political party may provide that the decision to nominate candidates for deputies of legislative (representative) state government bodies and representative bodies of municipalities for re-elections and additional elections shall be made at the level of election by institutional collegial governing body of a political party, its regional branch or other structural unit.



3.1. In absence of regional or local office of political party the charter of a political party may provide that the decision on nomination of candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies of the legislative (representative) state government bodies of the Russian Federation, representative bodies of municipalities, candidates for other elective offices in local government can be made during elections to the legislative (representative) bodies of the subjects of the Russian Federation, by permanent collegial governing body of a political party, and during the elections of local self-government - a institutional collegial governing body of a political party or its regional branches.

(c. 3.1 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 05.04.2011 N 44-FL)

4. Decisions on election of governing and supervisory-auditing bodies of the political party and its regional branches as well as nomination of candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies and other elected positions in state government bodies and local governments shall be made by secret ballot.

Provisions of paragraph 5 of Article 25 as amended by Federal law as 12.07.2006 N 106-FZ shall not apply to legal relations arising in connection with elections scheduled before the enactment of this Federal Law.

5. When the regional branch of the political party make decision on matters involving participation of political party in elections to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, including the formation of a federal list of candidates, candidates who are not members of this or any other political party who has applied to its regional branch with a proposal for their inclusion in the federal list of candidates and supported by at least ten members of a political party in this regional branch, shall be subject to mandatory review at a conference or general meeting of the regional branch of a political party. When the congress of a political party considers the nomination of a federal list of candidates, the candidate supported by the conference or general meeting of the regional branch of a political party shall be considered along with other candidates offered to be included in the federal list of candidates. When the collegial institutional body of a political party, its regional branch or other structural unit makes decisions on issues related to participation in elections of deputies to legislative (representative) state government body of the Russian Federation subject, representative body of the municipality, where deputy mandates are distributed exclusively through the lists of candidates nominated by electoral associations, candidates, not members of this or any other political party who has applied with a proposal for inclusion in the appropriate list of candidates and supported by at least ten members of a political party (if there is a regional branch of a political party in the respective subject of the Russian Federation, the referred ten members of a political party shall be members of such regional branch), are subject to mandatory review at a meeting of a institutional body of a political party, conference or general meeting of its regional branch or other structural units along with other candidates offered for inclusion in the appropriate list of candidates.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 12.07.2006 N 106-FL)

The provisions of paragraphs 5.1 and 6 of Article 25 as amended by Federal law dd. 05.04.2009 N 42-FZ shall apply to legal relations arising in connection with the elections scheduled after enactment of this Federal Law. Legal relations arising in connection with the elections scheduled before enactment of the Federal Law dd. 05.04.2009 N 42-FL shall be governed by the relevant federal laws effective before enactment of this Federal Law.

5.1. When the political party that in accordance with paragraph "h" of paragraph 1 and paragraph 1.1 of article 26 hereof created a merger or alliance with other public association, its regional branch or other structural unit makes a decision on issues related to the formation of candidate lists for elections of deputies in representative bodies of municipalities, such political party, its regional branch or other structural unit shall include into a list of candidates, candidates proposed by such public association or its respective structural units. The number of candidates included in the list of candidates proposed by such public association or its

structural units may not exceed 15 per cent of all candidates nominated for the list of candidates. If in result of this requirement it would be found that the number of proposed candidates to be included in the list of candidates is lesser than one, such one candidate shall be included in such list.

The requirement provided herein to a maximum number of candidates to be included in the list of candidates proposed by a public association or its structural units shall also apply in case of political party forming association or union of two or more voluntary associations. Whereby, if the candidate list may include only one candidate from candidates proposed by such voluntary associations or subdivisions thereof, such candidate shall be determined by political party, its regional branch or other structural unit submitting such list of candidates.

Public association or its respective structural unit may apply to the political party, its regional branch or other structural unit nominating the list of candidates and acting on the territory of respective municipality, with proposal to include candidates into the list not later than five days after the official publication (publishing) of the decision to call elections. Listed candidates are subject to mandatory review, respectively, at the party congress, conference or general meeting of its regional branch or other relevant structural unit. Nominee having a passive right to vote shall not be included in the list of candidates on grounds stipulated by the agreement referred to in paragraph 1.1 of article 26 hereof and may be provided by the charter of a political party, and also if the number of proposed candidates exceeds the maximum number of candidates to be included in the list of candidates set forth herein. Public association or its relevant structural unit non-filing the proposal to include candidates in the candidate list does not preclude the nomination of list of candidates by a political party, its regional branch or other structural unit, as well as inclusion of members of public associations not being a political party into such list.

(c. 5.1 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 05.04.2009 N 42-FL)

6. Decisions on matters referred to in paragraphs 1 - 3, 5 and 5.1 of this Article shall be made in accordance with the charter of a political party, but not lesser than by a majority vote of delegates present at the congress of a political party or a conference, the regional branch, participants of the general meeting of the regional branch of the political party, members of the institutional collegial governing body of a political party, its regional branch or other structural unit.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 05.04.2009 N 42-FL)

Charter of a political party may provide additional conditions for making decisions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article.

Decisions on other matters related to the activity of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units shall be taken in accordance with the charter of a political party.

## **Chapter V. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF POLITICAL PARTY**

### **Article 26. Rights of political party**

1. In the manner prescribed by the Laws of the Russian Federation political party has a right:

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

- a) to freely distribute information about its activities, to promote its views, aims and objectives;
- b) to participate in decision-making by state government bodies and local governments in the manner and scope prescribed by this Federal Law and other laws;
- c) to participate in elections and referenda in accordance with the Laws of Russian Federation;
- d) to establish regional, local and primary branches, including the ones with rights of legal persons, to make decisions about reorganization and liquidation thereof;

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On the issue of holding meetings, rallies, demonstrations, marches and pickets, refer to the Federal Law dd. 19.06.2004 N 54-FL.

- e) to organize and hold meetings, rallies, demonstrations, marches, pickets and other public events;

- f) to establish publishing houses, news agencies, printing companies, mass media and educational institutions for further education of adults;
- g) to use state and municipal media on an equal basis;
- h) to create associations and alliances with other political parties and other public associations without forming a legal entity;
- j) to defend their rights and represent the legal interests of its members;
- i) to establish and maintain international relations with political parties and other public associations of foreign countries, to join international unions and associations;
- k) to engage in business activities in accordance with Russian law and the charter of a political party.

The provisions of paragraphs 1.1 of Article 26 as amended by Federal law dd. 05.04.2009 N 42-FZ shall apply to legal relations arising in connection with the elections scheduled after enactment of this Federal Law. Legal relations arising in connection with the elections scheduled before enactment of the Federal Law dd. 05.04.2009 N 42-FZ shall be governed by the relevant federal laws effective before enactment of this Federal Law.

1.1. Political party and any other legally established public association, not a political party, formed association or union, with aim (one of aims) to act jointly in formation of list of candidates for the election of deputies in representative bodies of municipalities shall enter into an agreement in writing. Such agreement shall provide for the obligations of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units to include into list of candidates nominates for such elections the candidates proposed by such public association or its structural unit, as well as the grounds on which a political party, its regional branches and other structural units may not include one or another proposed candidate into the list of candidates. Also the agreement shall provide for the manner in which the public association or its structural unit shall propose candidates for inclusion in such list of candidates, and state the date of the agreement.

(c. 1.1 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 05.04.2009 N 42-FL)

2. A political party has a right to perform any activity stipulated by the Laws of Russian Federation.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

The provisions of Article 26.1 of the Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL in terms of order and terms for consultations of the political party with the President of the Russian Federation, political party's proposals to the President of the Russian Federation in respect to candidates for the position of senior official of the Russian Federation subject (head of the supreme executive body of the subject of the Russian Federation), consideration by the President of the Russian Federation of such proposals shall not apply if any of such procedures has commenced before the effective date of the Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL except for cases stipulated by paragraph 3 of Article 4 of such Law.

Статья 26.1. Political party's proposals of candidates for the position of the senior official of the subjects of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive body of the subject of the Russian Federation)

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 05.04.2009 N 41-FL)

Proposals of candidates for the position of the senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive body of the subject of the Russian Federation) (hereinafter referred to as - the Candidates) can be submitted to the Russian Federation president by the political party whose list of candidates obtained the greatest number of votes according to the officially published - on the day next to the day of proposals submission - results of elections to the legislative (representative) state authority of the subject of Russian Federation, and admitted to the distribution of deputy's mandates.

Political party referred to in paragraph 1 of this article, shall submit to the President of the Russian Federation proposals about at least three candidates meeting the requirements of Article 18 of the Federal Law dd. October 6, 1999 N 184-FL "On general principles of organization of legislative (representative) and executive authorities of the Russian

Federation" (hereinafter referred to as - Federal law "On general principles of organization of legislative (representative) and executive authorities of subjects of the Russian Federation"). Political party's proposals on candidates (hereinafter referred to as – proposals on candidates) shall be submitted to the President of the Russian Federation by its institutional collegial governing body.

Proposals on candidates made in violation of the requirements stipulated in this Article and Article 18 of the Federal Law "On general principles of organization of legislative (representative) and executive authorities of subjects of the Russian Federation" will be not considered by the President of Russian Federation.

Proposals on candidates shall be submitted to the President of Russian Federation not later than 40 days prior to the expiration of term of senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive body of the subject of the Russian Federation).  
(Rev. Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL)

6. Proposals on candidates shall be made after consultation with the President of Russian Federation to be held not later than 45 days prior to the expiration of term of senior official of the Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive body of the Subject of the Russian Federation).  
(Rev. Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL)

7. President of the Russian Federation shall consider the submitted proposals on candidates and notify the institutional collegial governing body of a political party who proposed the candidates about his decision within a period not exceeding 10 days after the date of submission of proposals. The President of Russian Federation has the right to submit to the legislative (representative) state authority of the Russian Federation representation on the name of the senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (Head of the supreme executive body of the subject of Russian Federation) chosen from candidates proposed by political party, in term not exceeding seven days after the date of notifying the institutional collegial governing body of a political party who made proposals on candidates about results of his consideration of such proposals (hereinafter referred to as - notification).  
(п. 7 Rev. Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL)

Procedure for submission of proposals on candidates, list of required documents, procedure for consultation and consideration of proposals on candidates shall be determined by the President of Russian Federation.

If in result of consideration of proposal on candidates none of them has been supported by the President of Russian Federation, political party referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall have the right to re-submit to the President of Russian Federation proposals on no fewer than three candidates who has not been considered by the President of Russian Federation previously.

10. Re-submission of the proposals on candidates shall be made with consideration of consultation with the President of Russian Federation not later than 10 days after the date of notification. The President of the Russian Federation shall consider the submitted proposals on candidates and notify the institutional collegial governing body of a political party who proposed the candidates about his decision within a period not exceeding 10 days after the date of submission of proposals. The President of Russian Federation has the right to submit to the legislative (representative) state authority of the Russian Federation representation on the name of the senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (Head of the supreme executive body of the subject of Russian Federation) chosen from candidates proposed by political party, in term not exceeding seven days after the date of notification.  
(c. 10 Rev. Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL)

11. If after considering the re-submitted proposal on candidates none of them has been supported by the President of Russian Federation, the President of Russian Federation shall hold consultations with political party submitted proposals on candidates and legislative

(representative) authority of the relevant subject of the Russian Federation. Based on such consultation political party can submit to the President of Russian Federation proposal on at least three candidates who were not previously considered by the President of Russian Federation.

12. Proposals on candidates referred to in paragraph 11 of this article shall be submitted to the President of Russian Federation 14 days prior to the expiration of 180 days period after the date of last notification. The President of the Russian Federation shall consider the submitted proposals on candidates and notify the institutional collegial governing body of a political party who proposed the candidates about his decision within a period not exceeding 14 days after the date of submission of proposals. The President of Russian Federation has the right to submit to the legislative (representative) state authority of the Russian Federation representation on the name of the senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (Head of the supreme executive body of the subject of Russian Federation) chosen from candidates proposed by political party, in term not exceeding seven days after the date of notification.  
(c. 12 Rev. Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL)

13. In the event of early termination of the term of senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive authority of the subject of Russian Federation) the political party referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, taking into account results of consultations with the President of Russian Federation, has the right to submit to the President of Russian Federation proposals on at least three candidates within a period not exceeding 14 days after the date of early termination of the term of senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive authority of the subject of Russian Federation). The President of the Russian Federation shall consider the submitted proposals on candidates and notify the institutional collegial governing body of a political party who proposed the candidates about his decision within a period not exceeding 10 days after the date of submission of proposals. The President of Russian Federation has the right to submit to the legislative (representative) state authority of the Russian Federation representation on the name of the senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (Head of the supreme executive body of the subject of Russian Federation) chosen from candidates proposed by political party, in term not exceeding seven days after the date of notification. Re-submission of the proposals on candidates and consideration thereof shall be in manner and term stipulated in paragraphs 9-12 of this article.  
(c. 13 Rev. Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL)

13.1. If prior to the submission by the President of Russian Federation to the legislative (representative) authority of the subject of Russian Federation of nomination of the senior official of the Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive authority of the subject of the Russian Federation) during the period of consultation with the President of Russian Federation, or during submission to the President of Russian Federation of proposals on candidates, or during consideration thereof, the term of senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive authority of the subject of the Russian Federation) will be terminated preterm, or any of the candidates will submit a statement requesting not to consider his candidacy for the post of senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive authority of the subject of the Russian Federation), or it will be determined that any of the candidates can not be considered as a candidate for the position of the senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive authority of the subject of the Russian Federation) due to persistent inability of the candidate for health reasons to exercise the powers of the senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive authority of the subject of the Russian Federation), death of candidate as well as other circumstances preventing the replacement of the senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive authority of the subject of the Russian Federation), the initiated procedure can be terminated by the President of Russian Federation. In this case, proposals on at least three

candidates shall be submitted in a period not exceeding 10 days after the date of termination of the aforementioned procedure by the President of Russian Federation.

(c. 13.1 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL)

14. If a political party referred to in paragraph 1 of this article has not exercised its right to submit proposals on candidates to the President of Russian Federation or exercised it in part, or submitted proposals on candidates in violation of the requirements set forth in this Article and Article 18 of the Federal Law "On general principles of organization of legislative (representative) and executive authorities of subjects of the Russian Federation", the President of Russian Federation shall submit in the prescribed manner to the legislative (representative) state authority of the subject of Russian Federation a submission of candidacy for the post of senior official of the subject of Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive authority of the subject of the Russian Federation).

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 17.12.2009 N 319-FL)

**Article 26.2. Participation of political parties not represented in the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation or in the legislative (representative) authority of the subject of the Russian Federation in the plenary sessions of such authorities**

**(enacted by the Federal Law dd. 04.06.2010 N 116-FL)**

Political parties not represented in the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation shall be entitled to at least once participate in the plenary sessions of the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. Matters dealt with at such plenary sessions, the procedure for consideration thereof as well as the procedure for participation in plenary session of such political parties shall be determined by the Regulations of the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

Political parties not represented in the legislative (representative) authority of the Russian Federation shall be entitled to at least once a year participate in the plenary session of the legislative (representative) authority of the Russian Federation. Matters dealt with at such plenary sessions, the procedure for consideration thereof as well as the procedure for participation in plenary session of such political parties shall be determined by Laws of the subject of Russian Federation and (or) Regulations of legislative (representative) authority of the subject of Russian Federation.

Representatives of all political parties not represented in the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation shall be invited to attend plenary sessions referred to in paragraph 1 of this article. Representatives of all political parties not represented in the legislative (representative) authority of the subject of Russian Federation shall be invited to attend plenary sessions referred to in paragraph 2 of this article irrespective of whether there are regional branches of such political parties at the territory of the subject of Russian Federation. Non-participation of political parties in the plenary session shall not be considered as a ground for calling an additional plenary session.

Decision on the participation of political party not represented in the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, legislative (representative) authority of the subject of Russian Federation, in a plenary session referred to in paragraphs 1 or 2 of this article as well as on persons authorized to act on behalf of political party at the plenary session, shall be made by institutional collegial governing body of a political party. The Charter of a political party may provide for such decision in respect to political party not represented in the legislative (representative) authority of the subject of the Russian Federation, having a regional branch operating at the territory of the subject of Russian Federation to be made by institutional collegial governing body of the regional branch of political party.

## **Article 27. Obligations of political party**

1. Political party is obliged:

a) to comply in its activity with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws and regulations of the Russian Federation, and the charter of political party;

b) to submit annually to the competent authorities information on the number of members of political party in each of regional branches, the continuation of its activity stating the location of institutional governing body, their subdivisions not endowed with rights of legal entity but having, in accordance with the charter of a political party, right to participate in the elections and (or) referendums as well as a copy of submitted to the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation consolidated financial statements of the political party of income and expenditures for the reported year;

(sc. "b" Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

c) to admit representatives of authorized bodies to public events (including congresses, conferences or general meetings) held by a political party, its regional branches and other structural units;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

d) to notify in advance the election commission of appropriate level about events associated with nomination of candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies and other elected positions in state government bodies and local governments, and to allow representatives of the Election Commission of an appropriate level to attend such events.

2. Political party and its regional branches shall submit to the authorized bodies annually information about the number of registered candidates nominated by a political party, its regional branches and other structural units for deputies and other elective offices in state government bodies and local governments, as well as information about the registered electoral commissions, lists of candidates to deputies. Such information shall be submitted in form copy of the election results certified by the Election Commission of an appropriate level.

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FZ, dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

3. Political party and its regional branches are obliged to inform the competent authorities about changes in data referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Federal Law "On State Registration of Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs" except for information on obtained licenses, within three days after the date of such changes. Not later than one working day date after receipt of relevant information from a political party or its regional branches competent authorities shall report such information to the registering body that enters to the unified state register of legal entities records about change of data of the political party or its regional branch.

(c. 3 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FZ, Rev. Federal Law dd. 08.12.2003 N 169-FZ)

## **Article 28. Property of political party**

1. Political party can own any property necessary for performance of its activity stipulated by this federal law and the charter of the political party.

2. The owner of the property of the political party, including the property of its regional branches and other structural units shall be a political party as a whole. Members of political parties shall not have any rights to the property of a political party. Regional branches and other structural units with rights of legal entity (hereinafter referred to as - the registered structural units) of political party have the right of operative management of the property assigned thereto by the owner, have own balance sheet or estimate.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

Property of a political party shall be used only to implement aims and objectives of the charter and program of a political party.

Regional branches and other registered structural units of a political party shall be liable on their obligations in respect to the property in their disposal. In case of insufficiency of specified property the subsidiary liability on obligations of the regional branch or other registered structural units of a political party shall be borne by a political party.

Responsibility for the financial activity of political party, its regional branches and other registered structural units shall be borne by authorized persons assigned in accordance with the charter of a political party.

### **Article 29. Funds of political party**

1. Funds of political party are formed by:

- a) entrance and membership fees, if payment thereof is provided by the charter of a political party;
- b) the federal budget provided in accordance with this Federal law;
- c) donations;
- d) proceeds from events organized by political party, its regional branches and other structural units, as well as income from business activities;
- e) proceeds from the civil law transactions;
- f) other incomes not prohibited by the law.

2. Funds of a political party shall be placed on accounts with credit institutions registered in the Russian Federation. Political party, its regional branches and other registered structural units may have only one account.

### **Article 30. Donations to the political party and its regional branches**

Political party and its regional branches may accept donations of cash and other property from natural and legal persons, provided that such donations and source thereof to have been documented.

Donations to political party and its regional branches in form of cash shall be made by wire transfer. It is permitted to accept donations from individuals through the transfer of cash to a political party and its regional branches. The total amount of annual donations of cash from one individual shall not exceed four thousand three hundred and thirty rubles.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 22.07.2008 N 144-FL)

3. Political party and its regional branches are not allowed to receive donations from:

- a) foreign governments and foreign entities;
- b) foreign nationals;
- c) stateless persons;
- d) citizens of the Russian Federation aged below 18;
- e) Russian legal entities with foreign participation, if the share (contribution) of foreign participation in their authorized (share) capital exceeds 30 percent as at the day of donation (for open joint-stock companies – at the date of making the list of persons eligible to participate in annual general meeting of shareholders for the previous financial year);  
(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FZ, dd. 30.12.2006 N 274-FL)
- f) international organizations and international public movements;
- g) state government bodies, other government authorities, local governments;  
(sc. "g" Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)
- h) state and municipal institutions, state and municipal unitary enterprises;  
(sc. "h" Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)
- j) legal entities in authorized (share) capital of which the share (contribution) of the Russian Federation, subject of the Russian Federation and (or) the municipalities exceeds 30 percent as at the day of donation (for open joint-stock companies – at the date of making the list of persons eligible to participate in annual general meeting of shareholders for the previous financial year);  
(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL, dd. 30.12.2006 N 274-FL)
- i.1) organizations established by governmental bodies and (or) local governments (except for



joint-stock companies established in the manner of privatization), organizations, legal entities mentioned in subparagraphs "e" and "i" herein, as well as from organizations in the authorized (share) capital of which the share (contribution) of legal entities referred to in subparagraphs "e" and "i" of this paragraph exceeds 30 percent as at the day of the donation (for open joint-stock companies – at the date of making the list of persons eligible to participate in annual general meeting of shareholders for the previous financial year);

(sc. "i.1" enacted by the Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL, Rev. Federal Law dd. 30.12.2006 N 274-FL)

k) military units, military organizations, law enforcement agencies;

l) charities and religious organizations as well as organizations established by them;

m) anonymous donators. As anonymous donator is understood a citizen who has not stated in a payment document for donation any of the following information: name, surname and patronymic, place of residence - or have stated inaccurate information, or a legal entity the donation payment document of which does not indicate any of the following information: taxpayer identification number, name, bank account - or false information is stated;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

n) legal entities registered for less than one year prior to the date of the donation;

o) nonprofit organizations to have received during the year preceding the date of donation to a political party or its regional branches, funds or other property from:

foreign countries, as well as from referred to in subparagraphs "a" - "d", "f" - "h", "i" - "n" of this paragraph, agencies, organizations or individuals;

Russian legal entities with foreign participation, if the share (contribution) of foreign participation in their authorized (share) capital exceeds 30 percent as at the day of donation (for open joint-stock companies – at the date of making the list of persons eligible to participate in annual general meeting of shareholders for the previous financial year);

legal entities in authorized (share) capital of which the share (contribution) of the Russian Federation, subject of the Russian Federation and (or) the municipalities exceeds 30 percent as at the day of donation (for open joint-stock companies – at the date of making the list of persons eligible to participate in annual general meeting of shareholders for the previous financial year);

organizations established by governmental bodies and (or) local governments (except for joint-stock companies established in the manner of privatization),

organizations established by legal entities mentioned in the third and fourth clauses of this subparagraph;

organizations in authorized (share) capital of which the share (contribution) of legal entities referred to in the third and fourth clauses of this subparagraph exceeds (exceeded) 30 percent as at the day of transfer of such funds or other property (for open joint-stock companies – at the date of making the list of persons eligible to participate in annual general meeting of shareholders for the previous financial year);

(sc. "o" enacted by the Federal Law dd. 30.12.2006 N 274-FL)

3.1. Nonprofit organizations listed in subparagraph "o" of clause 3 of this article may not donate to political party, its regional branches only if funds or other property obtained by such nonprofit organizations has not been returned by them to respective senders of such funds or transferees of other property that are foreign countries, agencies, organizations or individuals specified in paragraphs two - seventh of subparagraph "o" of clause 3 (in case of inability to return has not been transferred (assigned) to the income of the Russian Federation) up to the date of making donation to political party, its regional branches.

(c. 3.1 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 30.12.2006 N 274-FL)

4. Donations referred to in clause 3 of this article, donations made in violation of the requirements of clauses 5 and 6 of this article, as well as donations the enumeration of which involves an excess of the amount specified in paragraph 9 of this article, a political party or its regional branch within a month after receiving thereof shall return to the donators, and in case of inability to return shall transfer (assign) to the income of the Russian Federation.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

5. The donations from legal entity to the political party or its regional branch in form of cash shall be transferred to the account of a political party or its regional branches with the credit institution stating in the payment order the following information about such entity:

taxpayer identification number, name, date of registration, bank details, marks about the absence of constraints imposed by clause 3 of this article.

(c. 5 Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

6. Donations from citizen of the Russian Federation to political party or its regional branch in form of cash shall be transferred to the account of a political party or its regional branch with the credit institution in person from own funds with presentation of passport or an equivalent document and an stating in payments document or money order of the following information: name, surname, patronymic, date of birth, residence address, series and number of passport or document replacing the passport, citizenship of the donator. In case of Russian citizen donating the funds to political party or regional branch in form of cash in accordance with clause 2 of this article the receipt voucher shall contain: surname, name, date of birth, residence address, series and passport number or a document replacing the passport, citizenship of the donator.

(c. 6 Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

7. In case of donation not in the form of cash, a political party or its regional branch shall assess it in terms of money in accordance with the law of the Russian Federation and record relevant data including information about the donators specified in clauses 5 and 6 of this Article, in the consolidated financial statement of a political party, the financial (accounting) report of a political party or in the financial (accounting) report of the regional branch of political party.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

8. Donations received by political party, including its regional branches, from one legal entity during a calendar year shall not exceed forty-three million three hundred thousand rubles. Donations received by political party, including its regional branches, from one individual during a calendar year shall not exceed four million three hundred thirty thousand rubles.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 22.07.2008 N 144-FL)

9. The total amount of annual donations received by political party and its regional branches shall not exceed four billion three hundred thirty million rubles. Whereby, the sum of annual donations received by the regional branch of political party shall not exceed eighty-six million six hundred thousand rubles.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 22.07.2008 N 144-FL)

### **Article 31. Business activity of political party**

A political party is independent in making decisions on business issues related to its activities, including issues of wages, business activities, production and use of funds and other property. The employees of the administration of political party, its regional branches and other structural units working under an employment agreement (contract) are subject to the Laws of the Russian Federation on Labour and Social Insurance.

Political party, its regional branches and other structural units may execute fixed-term contracts (agreements) with employees of a political party administration for a period not exceeding the term of office of the governing bodies of political party, its regional branches or other business units.

3. In order to provide for financial and material conditions for the realization of aims and objectives stipulated in charter and program of political party, political party, its regional branches and other structural units may conduct the following types of business activities:

a) information, advertising, publishing and printing activities to promote their beliefs, aims, objectives and to publicize the results of its activity;

b) manufacture and sale of souvenirs with symbols and (or) the name of political party as well as manufacture and sale of publishing and printing products;

c) sale and lease of political party own movable and real property.

Political party, its regional branches and other structural units may not engage in business activity not mentioned in clause 3 of this article.

Income from business activity of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units may not be distributed among members of a political party and shall be used only for the purposes stipulated by the charter.

Results of business operations of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units shall be reflected in the consolidated financial statement of a political party and financial (accounting) reports of its regional branches and other registered structural units.

Political party, its regional branches and other structural units may conduct charitable activity.

## **Chapter VI. STATE SUPPORT OF POLITICAL PARTIES**

### **Article 32. Types of state support to political parties**

1. Federal authorities, organs of state power of Russian Federation and local self-government support for equal political parties, their regional branches and other structural units by:

a) To ensure equal conditions and guarantees access to government and municipal funds media;

b) creating equal conditions for the provision of premises and communications equipment located in state and (or) municipal property, for conditions similar to their providing state and local government agencies;

c) ensure equal conditions for participation in election campaigns, referendums, public and political events.

1.1. Guaranteeing equality of political parties represented in the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, with coverage of their activities by public available to the public television and radio channels carried out in accordance with Federal Law May 12, 2009 N 95-FL "On guarantees of equality of parliamentary parties in the coverage of their activities public television and radio channels available to the public " (Hereinafter - Federal law "On guarantees of equality of the parliamentary parties in the coverage of their activities by public available to the public television and radio channels).

(п. 1.1 введен Федеральным законом от 06.05.2010 N 80-FL)

1.2. Guaranteeing equality of political parties represented in legislatures (Representative) bodies of state power of subjects of the Russian Federation, when they are illuminated activities of the regional television and radio channels - media registered relevant territorial authorities of the federal executive power authorized to exercise the functions of recording media carried out in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation, which establish such guarantees. For these purposes, subject of the Russian Federation are determined by one regional State television and one regional public radio channel, i.e. channel and radio channel, the founders (co-founded) which are public authorities or public organization of the Russian Federation, or television and radio, distributed public broadcasting organization of the Russian Federation, or television and radio, set up and (or) distributed by the organization (s) in the share capital which (a) a share of the Russian Federation. In the absence of a subject of the Russian Federation of regional state TV and (or) radio coverage of the these political parties in the manner prescribed by law of the Russian Federation, which establishes such guarantees by other channels and (or) radio channel, registered a regional agency of the federal executive authorities, authorized to exercise the functions of recording media.

(c. 1.2 enacted by Federal Law dd. 06.05.2010 N 80-FL)

1.3. The scope of the law of the Russian Federation, referred to in paragraph 1.2 of this article must be determined within the limitations provided for in Article 2 of the Federal Law "On Guarantees quality of parliamentary parties in government coverage of their activities available to the public television and radio channels, " well established that law of the Russian Federation guarantees equality of political parties, represented in the legislative (representative) body public authorities of the Russian Federation should be determined in accordance with the general coverage of the principles of parliamentary parties and taking into account the requirements for coverage of this activities that are provided in Articles 3 and 4 of the Federal Act. Control over provision of such guarantees by the election commission of the Russian Federation.

(c. 1.3 enacted by Federal Law dd. 06.05.2010 N 80-FL)

2. State support for political parties by and through their public funding in accordance with Article 33 hereof.

3. Public funding of political parties shall be suspended in case of suspension of its activities, as well as in the case of non-political party, the requirements of Article 34 of this Federal Law.

4. In the event of liquidation of a political party, its regional branch and other structural subdivision of this state support for political parties, its regional branches and other structural unit is terminated from the date of entry into force of a court decision on liquidation political party, its regional branches and other structural subdivisions, or from the date of relevant decision by the authorized body of a political party. With the reorganization of political party, its regional branches and other structural subdivisions, if such a reorganization entails the termination of a political party, its regional branch and other structural units, government support of this political party, its regional branches and a structural unit is terminated from the date of the relevant entry in the single State Register of Legal Entities.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 08.11.2008 N 200-FL)

## **Chapter VII. POLITICAL PARTIES STATE FINANCING**

### **Article 33. Federal funds allocated to political parties**

1. State support for political parties through their state funding is based on results of participation of political parties in elections in order to compensate for the financial costs incurred by political parties at the expense of federal funds in the manner stipulated by this Federal law.

Federal funds for state funding of political parties are provided as a separate budget item in accordance with the budget classification of the Russian Federation.

The total volume of federal budget funds allocated for state funding of political parties can not be less than twenty rubles multiplied by the number of voters included in voter lists at the next preceding election of deputies of the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation or election of the President of the Russian Federation.

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL, dd. 22.07.2008 N 144-FL)

4. Federal funds allocated for state funding of political parties shall be transferred to the accounts of political parties in form of annual and non-recurrent transfers for the next year in accordance with federal law on the federal budget.

(c. 4 Rev. Federal Law dd. 28.12.2004 N 183-FL)

5. Political parties are entitled to receive funds from the federal budget in one of the following cases:

a) If according to results of elections the federal list of candidates nominated by political parties for elections of deputies of the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation has received

not lesser than 3 percent of electors' votes to have been participating in voting for the federal electoral district;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

b) the Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL – is void since January 1, 2008;

c) If according to results of elections the registered candidate for the post of the President of Russian Federation nominated by political party has not lesser than 3 percent of electors' votes to have been participating in voting.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

6. State funding of political parties participating in elections and subject to clause 5 of this Article shall be:

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

a) based on results of elections of deputies of the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation – in amount of twenty rubles multiplied by the number of votes received by the federal list of candidates nominated by political party per year;

(sc. "a" Rev. Federal Law dd. 22.07.2008 N 144-FL)

b) based on results of elections of the President of Russian Federation – non-recurrent in amount of twenty rubles multiplied by the number of votes received by registered candidate for the post of the President of Russian Federation nominated by political party;

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL, dd. 22.07.2008 N 144-FL)

7. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL – is void.

7.1. Since January 1, 2006 and before January 1 of the year following the year of the first after January 1, 2006 elections to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, state funding of political parties that were part of an electoral bloc falling within paragraph 5 of this Article shall be performed annually at a rate of five rubles multiplied by the number of votes received by a federal list of candidates nominated by an electoral bloc, or the candidates nominated by an electoral bloc and elected to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation in single-mandate constituencies in accordance with subparagraph "b" of paragraph 5 of this article. Federal funds provided in this paragraph shall be distributed among political parties to have formed part of an electoral bloc, in equal shares, unless otherwise is provided by agreement on the establishment of an electoral bloc.

(c. 7.1 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FZ – is void since January 1, 2008 года

Federal funds provided herein shall be allocated:

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

a) based on results of elections of deputies to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation - not later than three months after the official publication of election results and annually in subsequent years during the term of powers of the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation of appropriate calling;

b) based on election results of the President of Russian Federation – non-recurrent not later than one year after the official publication of election results.

10. Political parties have a right to refuse state funding provided in this Article. In case of political party refusal to accept state funding the funds allocated for political party from the federal budget by results of elections remain in the federal budget.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

11. Starting from January 1, 2007 size of state funding of political parties stated herein is subject to annual indexation taking into account inflation rate for the relevant year estimated by the federal law on federal budget.

(c. 11 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

**Article 34. Financial reports of political party**

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

Political party, its regional branches and other registered structural units shall keep tax and accounting records in manner and terms established by Russian Laws for legal entities.

Political party, its regional branches and other registered structural units shall records of income and expenditure of political party funds in accordance with paragraphs 3 - 7 of this article.

3. A political party shall submit to the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation, and regional branch or other registered structural unit of political party - to the Election Commission of the Russian Federation on the territory of registration thereof - information on income and expenditure of political party funds. Such information shall be submitted on a quarterly basis not later than 30 days after the end of the quarter.

A political party, annually, not later than April 1 of the year following the reporting period, shall submit to the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation the consolidated financial report on income and expenditure for the year.

Information on income and expenditure of funds of a political party referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article shall contain data on sources and amounts of funds transferred to the accounts of political party, its regional branches, other registered structural units, respectively; on the value of property received by political party, its regional branches, other registered structural units in form of donations; information on donators of property; on respective expenditures of funds by political party, its regional branches, other registered structural units.

The consolidated financial statement of a political party referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article shall contain information on sources and amount of funds transferred to the accounts of political party, its regional branches and other registered structural unit in the reporting year; on expenditure of such funds; assets of a political party stating the value and details of registration thereof; and in respect of property received as donations information about the donators of such property. Whereby, expenditures of political party, its regional branches and other registered structural units for preparation and conduct of elections shall be accounted for, separately. The list of requirements to the consolidated financial statement provided herein is not exhaustive.

The Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation shall set both print and machine-readable forms of consolidated financial statement and information about income and expenditure.

The Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation, the electoral commissions of subjects of the Russian Federation shall provide the respective authority, its territorial authorities with information about political parties, their regional branches, and other registered structural unit to have not complied with the requirements of paragraphs 2-6 of this article.

**Article 35. Verification of compliance with requirements to accounting and disbursement of funds of political parties**

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

1. The consolidated financial statement of a political party is subject to audit by the Central Election Commission of Russian Federation. The financial (accounting) reports of political party, its regional branches and other registered structural units are subject to audit by the federal executive body authorized to exercise the functions of Control and Supervision on taxes and levies, and its territorial bodies.

2. The information on income and expenditure of funds of a political party, its regional branches and other registered structural subdivisions is subject to audit by the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation, the election commission of the subject of Russian Federation, accordingly.

3. The consolidated financial statement of a political party shall be posted by the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation at its special website on the general public information & telecommunication network not later than two months after deliver of such statement by the political party. Information about the results of the audit of consolidated financial statement of political party shall be brought to the attention of the relevant political parties and posted by the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation on aforementioned website, as well as published in Russian periodicals.

4. Registration authorities of Russian Federation citizens at place of temporary and permanent residence within the Russian Federation, executive bodies exercising state registration of legal entities, or in charge of registering non-profit organizations, within thirty days after receiving the submission from the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation, election commission of subject of the Russian Federation shall implement, at no cost, background check of such individuals and legal entities when making (transferring) donations to the account of a political party or its regional branches, and report the audit results to the election commission. Such information shall be submitted in forms established by the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation. Whereby, the use of the state automated system of the Russian Federation "Vybory" (Elections) is allowed.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 30.12.2006 N 274-FL)

5. When the election commission becomes aware of voluntary donations to have been transferred in violation of the requirements of paragraph 3 of Article 30 of this Federal Law such information shall be reported immediately to the respective political party, its regional branch.

## **Chapter VIII. PARTICIPATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS**

### **Article 36. Participation of political parties in elections and referendums**

Changes made to the Federal Law of 23.06.2003 N 85-FZ apply to legal relations that will arise after the official publication of election results to the State Duma of calling first elected in accordance with Federal law dd. 20.12.2002 N 175-FZ "On election of deputies to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation". Results of elections to the State Duma of aforementioned convocation were officially published on December 20, 2003.

1. A political party is the only form of public association that has the right to nominate candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies and for other elective positions in the government.  
(Rev. Federal Law dd. 23.06.2003 N 85-FL)

2. Political party, and in cases stipulated by the charter of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units may participate in elections, official publication of the decision on scheduling (holding) of which took place after the political party to have submitted to the competent authorities documents confirming the state registration of its regional branches in more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation. Political party to have submitted to the authorized bodies, documents confirming state registration of its regional branches in more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation, and in cases stipulated by the charter of a political party, its regional branches, and other structural units may participate in referendums in accordance with the Law of the Russian Federation on Referendums.

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL, dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

The provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 36 as amended by Federal law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FZ shall apply to legal relations arising in connection with the conduct of elections and referendums scheduled after enactment of this Federal Law. Legal relations arising in connection with the conduct of elections and referendums scheduled before the enactment of

Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FZ shall be regulated by relevant federal laws effective before enactment of this Federal Law.

3. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL – is void.

The provisions of paragraph 3.1 of Article 36 as amended by Federal Law dd. 12.07.2006 N 106-FZ shall not apply to legal relations arising in connection with the elections scheduled before enactment of this Federal Law.

3.1. A political party shall not be entitled to nominate candidates, including to a list of candidates, and for other elective offices in state government bodies and local governments of subjects of the Russian Federation who are members of other political parties.

(c. 3.1 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 12.07.2006 N 106-FL)

Paragraph 4 of Article 36 as amended by Federal law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FZ shall apply to legal relations arising in connection with the conduct of elections and referendums scheduled after enactment of this Federal Law. Legal relations arising in connection with the conduct of elections and referendums scheduled before enactment of the Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FZ shall be regulated by relevant federal laws effective before enactment of this Federal Law.

4. When nominating candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies and for other elective offices in state government bodies and local governments, political party is obliged to publish their election program in the manner and term established by the Law of the Russian Federation on Elections.

(c. 4 Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

### **Article 37. Recognition of political party as participating in elections**

1. A political party shall be considered as participating in elections in one of the following cases of voting in elections for:

a) nominated by it and registered federal list of candidates for deputies of the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

b) Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL – is void since January 8, 2008 года;

c) nominated by it and registered candidate for the post of the President of Russian Federation;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

d) Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL – is void since February 1, 2010;

e) nominated by it and registered candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies of the legislative (representative) authorities of subjects of the Russian Federation not lesser than in 20 percent of subjects of the Russian Federation;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

f) nominated by it and registered candidates (lists of candidates) in elections for local government in more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

2. A political party not participation in the elections for a period of consequent five years shall be liquidated in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article pursuant to Article 41 hereof.

## **Chapter IX. SUSPENSION AND LIQUIDATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES**

### **Article 38. Control over activity of political party**

1. Competent authorities shall monitor the compliance of political parties, their regional branches and other structural units with Laws of the Russian Federation as well as compliance of political party, its regional branches and other structural units with provisions, aims and objectives provided in the charters of political parties.



(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL) Such authorities have a right:

a) not more than once a year to get acquainted with the documents of political parties and their regional branches confirming the presence of regional branches, the number of political party members and the number of members of each regional branch of a political party;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 20.12.2004 N 168-FL)

b) to send representatives to participate in the ongoing public events (including congresses, conferences or general assemblies) of political party, its regional branches and other structural subdivisions in respect to adoption of the charter and program of a political party, changes and additions thereto, election of governing and supervisory-auditing bodies of political party, nomination of candidates for deputies and other elective offices in the state government bodies and local governments, as well as to liquidation of political party and its regional branches;

c) to issue to a political party, its regional branch or other registered structural unit a written warning (stating the specific grounds for such warning) in case of exercising activities contrary to the provisions, aims and objectives stipulated by the charter of a political party. Such warnings may be appealed in court by political party, its regional branch or other registered structural units. In case of warning the regional branch or other registered structural unit of political party, the territorial authority shall immediately notify the federal authority and the governing body of political party;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

d) to petition in court for suspension of activity or liquidation of a political party, its regional branch or other registered structural units in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 39, paragraph 3 of Article 41 and paragraph 3 of Article 42 hereof.

1.1. The Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation, relevant election commission of subject the Russian Federation shall be in charge of control over the sources and sizes of property obtained by political parties and their regional branches and other registered structural units in form of entry and membership fees, as well as in form of donations from individuals and legal entities.

(c. 1.1 enacted by the Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

2. Federal executive body authorized to exercise functions of control and supervision in field of taxes and levies and its territorial bodies shall be in charge of control over funds and payment of taxes of political parties and their regional branches and other registered structural units.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

### **Article 39. The suspension of political party, its regional branches and other structural units**

1. In case of political party violation of the Russian Constitution, federal constitutional laws, this Federal Law and other federal laws, Federal authority shall issue to a political party a written notice specifying actual violations and establishing a deadline of not lesser than two months for elimination thereof. If within the prescribed period, political party has not eliminated such violations and the notice of federal authorized body has not been challenged in court, the activities of a political party may be suspended for up to six months by the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation on basis of filing of the federal the authority.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

2. In case of regional branch or other structural unit of political party violation of the Russian Federation Constitution, federal constitutional laws, this Federal Law and other federal laws, the relevant territorial authority shall issue to the regional branch or other structural unit of a political party a written notice specifying actual violations and establishing a deadline of not lesser than one month for elimination thereof. If within the prescribed period the regional branch or other structural unit of a political party has not eliminated such violations and the notice of

territorial authority has not been challenged in court, the activities of the regional branch or other structural unit of a political party may be suspended for up to six months by the Supreme Court of the republic, territorial, regional court, court of city with federal status, court of autonomous region and the autonomous county on the basis of filing of relevant territorial authority.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

3. The authority may petition to court for suspension of political party, its regional branch or other structural unit after the issuance of two written warning-notices in accordance with subparagraph "c" of paragraph 1 of Article 38 hereof, If such warnings has not been challenged in court as prescribed by law or if they have not been recognized by the court as not based on law. Petition of the federal competent authority or its territorial offices to the court to suspend the activities of a political party, its regional branch or other structural units can not be filed with the court during consideration of complaints about such warnings.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

4. If the local or primary branch of a political party is not a legal entity the responsibility for provided in this Federal Law violations of local or a primary branch shall be borne by appropriate regional branch of a political party.

The provisions of paragraph 5 of Article 39 relating to the period during which the activities of a political party can not be suspended or political party can not be liquidated, shall apply to political parties whose federal lists of candidates have been included in distribution of deputy mandates or whose federal lists of candidates has received deputy mandates in accordance with Article 82.1 of the Federal Law dd. May 18, 2005 N 51-FZ "On election of deputies to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation" as per results of elections of deputies to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation scheduled after effective date of the Federal Law dd. 19.07.2009 N 196-FL

(Article 6 of the Federal Law dd. 19.07.2009 N 196-FL)

5. The activity of political party represented in the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of Russian Federation, can not be suspended on grounds provided by subparagraphs "d" and "e" of paragraph 3 of Article 41 of this Federal Law within five years from the date of voting at the relevant election.

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 12.05.2009 N 94-FL, dd. 19.07.2009 N 196-FL, dd. 04.06.2010 N 116-FL)

It is not allowed to suspend the activities of a political party after official publication of the decision on scheduling (holding) elections of deputies to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, election of the President of Russian Federation before the official publication of election results, except as provided for in paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Article 9 hereof.

It is not allowed to suspend the activities of regional branches of political party in a period after the official publication of the decision on scheduling (holding) elections of deputies to the legislative (representative) state government body of relevant subject of the Russian Federation before the date of official publication of election results, except as provided for in paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Article 9 hereof.

(c. 7 Rev. Federal Law dd. 05.04.2009 N 41-FL)

#### **Article 40. Consequences of the suspension of political party, its regional branches and other structural units**

1. In case of suspension of political party, its regional branch or other structural unit for a period established by court, such rights of political party, its regional branch or other structural units shall be suspended as right of media founder, they shall be prohibited to use state and municipal mass media, to organize and hold meetings, rallies, demonstrations, marches, pickets and other public events, to take part in elections and referendums, to use bank

deposits, except for settlements related to economic activity of political party, its regional branch or other structural units, reimbursement of damages (losses) caused by their actions, payment of taxes and fines, and payments under employment agreements (contracts).

2. If within a specified period of court suspension in respect to activity of political party, its regional branch or other structural units the violations giving rise to such suspension will be eliminated after a specified period the political party, its regional branch or other structural unit shall resume its activity.

3. In case of political party, its regional branch or other structural unit failure to eliminate violations giving rise to such suspension of activities thereof, the federal authority or a territorial authority filed a petition to court for suspension of the activities of political party, its regional branch or other structural unit shall file with the court for liquidation of such political party, its regional branch or other structural units.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

#### **Article 41. Liquidation of political parties**

A political party may be liquidated by decision of its supreme governing body, the congress or by decision of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation.

Decision of the Congress of political party on liquidation of political party shall be made in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 25 of this Federal Law and the Charter of a political party.

3. A political party may be liquidated by decision of the Supreme Court Federation in following cases:

a) failure to comply with paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 9 hereof;

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 25.07.2002 N 112-FL)

b) failure within a term set by court to eliminate violations giving rise to suspension of the political party;

c) non-participation of political party in elections in accordance with Article 37 hereof;

By decision of the Constitutional Court dd. 16.07.2007 N 11-P sub-paragraphs "d", "e" of paragraph 3 of Article 41 and subparagraph "g" of paragraph 1 of Article 18 governing the terms and procedure for state registration of regional branches of political party, as well as the effects of changing status of a political party not complying with the requirements to a political party being in unity with the regulatory provisions of the third paragraph of paragraph 2 of Article 3 hereof establishing the requirements for the number of members of political party and its regional branches, have been found not contradicting the Russian Constitution.

d) non presence in more than half of subjects of the Russian Federation, of regional branches of political party, in which the number of political party members does not meet the requirement contemplated in subparagraph b of paragraph 2 of Article 3 hereof;

(sc. "d" Rev. Federal Law dd. 28.04.2009 N 75-FL)

e) lack of the required number of members of a political party stipulated by paragraph 2 of Article 3 hereof;

f) repeated failure of a political party to submit within the prescribed period to the federal authority updated information necessary to make changes in a Unified State Register of Legal Entities, except for information about obtaining a license.

(sc. "f" enacted by Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

4. Application for liquidation of a political party shall be filed with the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation by the federal competent authority.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

The provisions of paragraph 5 of Article 41 relating to the period during which the activities of a political party can not be suspended or political party can not be liquidated, shall apply to political parties, shall apply to political parties whose federal lists of candidates have been included in distribution of deputy mandates or whose federal lists of candidates has received deputy

mandates in accordance with Article 82.1 of the Federal Law dd. May 18, 2005 N 51-FL "On election of deputies to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation" as per results of elections of deputies to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation scheduled after effective date of the Federal Law dd. 19.07.2009 N 196-FL.

(Article 6 of Federal Law dd. 19.07.2009 N 196-FL)

5. The activity of political party represented in the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, can not be suspended on grounds provided by subparagraphs "d" and "e" of paragraph 3 of Article 41 of this Federal Law within five years from the date of voting at the relevant election.

(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 12.05.2009 N 94-FL, dd. 19.07.2009 N 196-FL, dd. 04.06.2010 N 116-FL)

6. It is not allowed to suspend the activities of a political party after official publication of the decision on scheduling (holding) elections of deputies to the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, election of the President of Russian Federation before the official publication of election results, except as provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 9 hereof.

7. State registration of political party in connection with its liquidation shall be carried out in accordance with procedure stipulated by the Federal Law "On state registration of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs", taking into account specifics of such registration set forth in this Federal law.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 08.12.2003 N 169-FL)

Information and documents required for state registration of political party in connection with its liquidation shall be submitted to the federal competent authority.

After making a decision on state registration of political party in connection with its liquidation, federal competent authority shall send to the registering body and information and documents necessary for the implementation of such body's functions on maintaining the unified state register of legal entities.

On the basis of the decision taken by the federal competent authority, and submitted by it necessary information and documents, the registering body within a period not exceeding five working days after receipt of such information and documents shall make in the unified state register of legal entities the appropriate entry and not later than one day following the date of relevant entry, shall notify the federal competent authority.

The order of interaction between the federal competent authority and the registering body in relation to state registration of political party in connection with its liquidation shall be determined by the Government of the Russian Federation.

State registration of political party in connection with its liquidation shall be performed not later than ten working days after submission of all documents executed in the prescribed manner.

(c. 7 enacted by Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

8. A political party can also be liquidated in the manner and on the grounds provided by the Federal law "On Countering Extremist Activity".

(c. 8 enacted by Federal Law dd. 25.07.2002 N 112-FL)

#### **Article 42. Liquidation of regional branches and other structural units of a political party**

1. Regional branch and other structural subdivision of a political party may be liquidated by decision of the Congress of political party, and in cases by its charter, also by collective decision of an institutional governing body of a political party, by decision of court as well as in case of liquidation of a political party.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

2. Liquidation of regional branches and other structural units of a political party on basis of collective decision of an institutional governing body of a political party shall be based on and in accordance with the procedure stipulated by the charter of a political party.  
(Rev. Federal Laws dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL, dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

3. Regional branches and other structural units of a political party shall be liquidated on basis of court decision in following cases:

- a) failure to comply with paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Article 9 hereof;
- b) failure within a term set by court to eliminate violations giving rise to suspension of the regional branch and other structural unit of political party;
- c) lack of the required number of members in a regional branch of a political party stipulated by paragraph 2 of Article 3 hereof;
- d) repeated failure of regional branch of a political party to submit within the prescribed term to the corresponding territorial body updated information necessary to make changes in the unified state register of legal entities, except for information on obtained licenses.  
(sc. "d" enacted by Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

4. Application for liquidation of regional branches and other structural units of a political party shall be filed with the Supreme Court of the Republic, county, the regional court, court of city with federal status, the court of autonomous region and autonomous area by the federal competent authority or relevant territorial body.  
(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

5. It is not allowed to liquidate regional branches of political party by court decision after the date of official publication of the decision on scheduling (holding) elections of deputies to the legislative (representative) body of the subject of the Russian Federation and before the date of official publication of the election results, except for the cases provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 9 hereof.  
(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

6. The state registration of regional branches and other structural units of a political party in connection with liquidation thereof shall be made in a manner prescribed by Federal Law "On State Registration of Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs", taking into account specifics of such registration established by this Federal Law.  
(Rev. Federal Law dd. 08.12.2003 N 169-FL)

Information and documents required for state registration of regional branches and other structural units of a political party in connection with their liquidation shall be submitted to the federal competent authority.

After making a decision on state registration of regional branch and structural unit of political party in connection with their liquidation, federal competent authority shall send to the registering body and information and documents necessary for the implementation of such body's functions on maintaining the unified state register of legal entities.

On the basis of the decision taken by the federal competent authority, and submitted by it necessary information and documents, the registering body within a period not exceeding five working days after receipt of such information and documents shall make in the unified state register of legal entities the appropriate entry and not later than one day following the date of relevant entry, shall notify the federal competent authority.

The order of interaction between the federal competent authority and the registering body in relation to state registration of regional branch and other structural units of political party in connection with its liquidation shall be determined by the Government of the Russian Federation. State registration of regional branch and other structural units of political party in connection with its liquidation shall be performed not later than ten working days after submission of all documents executed in the prescribed manner.

(c. 6 enacted by Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

**Article 43. Appeal against court decision on suspension of activities or liquidation of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units**

1. The court's decision on suspension of the activity or liquidation of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units may be appealed in cases and order established by federal law.

2. Reversing the decision of court on suspension of the activity or liquidation of a political party, its regional branches and other structural units entails compensation by the state of all losses incurred by a political party in connection with the illegal suspension of its activity, activity of regional branch and other structural units of a political party or liquidation of illegal political party, its regional branch and other structural unit.

**Article 44. The reorganization of the political party, its regional branch or other structural unit**

The reorganization of the political party shall be subject to a decision of the Congress of political party, or in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 25 hereof and the charter of a political party. The reorganization of regional branch and other structural unit of a political party shall be subject to a decision of the congress of a political party or in cases provided by the charter of a political party, of institutional collegial governing body of a political party. Regional branch of a political party shall not be entitled to make independent decision on its restructuring.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.07.2005 N 93-FL)

3. State registration of political party or its regional branches, other structural units, created by reorganization shall be in the manner prescribed by Federal Law "On State Registration of Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs", taking into account specifics of such registration established by this Federal Law.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 08.12.2003 N 169-FL)

Documents required for state registration of a political party or its regional branch or other structural units created by reorganization shall be submitted to the federal competent authority or its territorial body in the relevant subjects of the Russian Federation. Whereby, the list of such documents and order of presentation thereof shall be determined by the competent federal executive authority.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 23.07.2008 N 160-FL)

After making a decision on state registration of regional branch and structural unit of political party in connection with their reorganization, federal competent authority shall send to the registering body and information and documents necessary for the implementation of such body's functions on maintaining the unified state register of legal entities.

On the basis of the decision taken by the federal competent authority, and submitted by it necessary information and documents, the registering body within a period not exceeding five working days after receipt of such information and documents shall make in the unified state register of legal entities the appropriate entry and not later than one day following the date of relevant entry, shall notify the federal competent authority.

The order of interaction between the federal competent authority and the registering body in relation to state registration of regional branches and other structural units of political party in connection with their reorganization shall be determined by the Government of the Russian Federation.

State registration of regional branch and other structural unit of political party in connection with its reorganization shall be performed not later than thirty working days after submission of all documents executed in the prescribed manner, provided that there are no any decisions to refuse in such registration pursuant to Article 20 hereof.

(c. 3 enacted by Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31 -FL)

#### **Article 45. The consequences of liquidation and reorganization of political party**

1. In case of liquidation of the political party, its property after paying for its liabilities, shall be assigned:

- a) for the purposes stipulated by the charter and program of a political party, if the political party have been liquidated by the decision of the congress of a political party;
- b) to the income of the Russian Federation if the political party have been liquidated by the decision of court.

In case of reorganization of the political party its assets shall be transferred in the manner prescribed by the Civil Code of the Russian Federation on reorganization of legal entities.

Liquidation of political party in case of its liquidation or reorganization entails the exclusion of corresponding entry from the unified state register of legal entities.

(Rev. Federal Law dd. 21.03.2002 N 31-FL)

### **Chapter X. CLOSING AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 46. Effective date of this Federal Law**

1. This Federal Law shall enter in force upon its official publication, except for Article 33 and paragraph 1 of Article 36. Article 33 of this Federal Law shall enter in force not later than January 1, 2004. Paragraph 1 of Article 36 of this Federal Law shall enter in force two years after the official publication hereof.

2. Articles 6 and 9 (in part of provisions on political parties) of the USSR Law "On public associations" retaining their power shall be considered ineffective on the territory of Russian Federation.

(Bulletin of Congress of People's Deputies and Supreme Soviet of the USSR, 1990, N 42, Art. 839)

#### **Article 47. Conversion of all-Russia political public associations and the status of inter-regional, regional and local political public associations**

1. The all-Russia political public associations established before enactment of this Federal Law may be converted into political parties in accordance with this federal law within two years after effective date hereof.

Prior to the expiration of period specified in paragraph 1 of this article, all-Russian political public associations may participate in elections, including, nominate candidates (lists of candidates) for deputies and other elective offices in state government bodies and local governments in accordance with the electoral legislation.

Prior to the expiration of period specified in paragraph 1 of this article, the political party formed by converting all-Russia political public organization or the all-Russia political civic movement, shall have a right to participate in elections after the state registration of political party.

Before making any changes to the legislation of the Russian Federation concerning the procedure for participation of political parties in elections to federal state government bodies, state authorities of subjects of the Russian Federation and local governments, political parties shall participate in such elections in the manner prescribed by Laws of the Russian Federation on all-Russia political public associations.

5. Upon expiration of the period referred to in paragraph 1 of this article, the all-Russia political public association, not converted into a political party shall lose its status of political public association and shall operate as the all-Russia public association or an all-Russia civic movement on basis of the charter that applies to the extent not contrary to this Federal Law.

By decision of the Constitutional Court dd. 01.02.2005 N 1-P, paragraph 6 governing consequences of changing the status of inter-regional, regional and local political associations

not meeting the requirements for a political party, is not considered as contradicting the Constitution.

Upon expiration of the period referred to in paragraph 1 of this article, interregional, regional and local political associations shall lose the status of a political public association and shall act accordingly as interregional, regional or local associations on the basis of their charter that applies to the extent not contrary to this Federal Law.

**Article 48. Alignment of legal acts in compliance with this Federal Law**

It is offered to the President of Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation to bring their regulations into compliance with this Federal Law.

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