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ALBANIA

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT ON 30 JULY 2020***

* Unofficial translation

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Article 64 is amended as follows:

"1. The Assembly is composed of 140 MPs, elected according to a proportional election system with regional* competition and national threshold.

2. Electoral subjects reaching the national threshold shall participate in the distribution of seats.

3. Voters shall enjoy the right to give preferential votes to the candidates of multi-name lists. Criteria and rules on the implementation of the electoral system, on the determination of electoral zones, national threshold, number of seats for each zone, distribution of seats and extent of preferential vote shall be defined in the law on elections. The law on elections guarantees that no less than two-thirds of the multi-name list should be subject to preferential voting and ensures gender representation."

** Translator's remark: term in the original Albanian is "rajonal" (to be noted that the Albanian word for the territorial-administrative division of "qark" is translated "region" in English).*

Point 1 of article 68 is amended as follows:

"1. Candidates for deputies shall be presented at the level of electoral zone by political parties or by voters. A candidate may be presented by only one of the proposing subjects, pursuant to this point. The rules on the registration of candidates for deputies shall be defined in the law on elections".

Before being amended the two articles read:

Article 64

1. The Assembly is composed of 140 MPs, elected according to the proportional system with multi-names electoral zones.

2. The multi-name electoral zone corresponds to the administrative division of one of the levels of the administrative-territorial organization.

3. Criteria and rules on the implementation of the proportional electoral system, on the determination of electoral zones and on the number of seats to be obtained in each electoral zone shall be defined by the law on elections.

Article 68

1. Candidates for deputies shall be presented at the level of the electoral zone by political parties, electoral coalitions of political parties, as well as by voters. A candidate may be presented by only one of the proposing subjects according to this section. The ranking of the candidates in the multi-name lists may not be changed after the submission of the list to the respective electoral commission. The rules for the registration of the candidates for deputies are determined by the law on elections.

[REMAINS IN FORCE:.

The law on elections shall also determine other necessary criteria and rules on the organization and conduct of elections, including those on registration of voters, conduct of electoral campaign, administration and validity of election and declaration of their results.]