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LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

ON POLITICAL PARTIES

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 3. Creation of political parties.

Only republican political parties can be created in the Republic of Tajikistan.

Political parties freely could be created by citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan. Without any permission, at constituent congress (conference, meeting) on which the charter is accept and the party executive board will be formed.

Political parties represented lists for the state registration should not be less than one thousand citizens - the majority proxies should be inhabitants of cities of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The party admits the legal body from the date of its state registration. The political party should have the primary organizations in the majority of regions, cities and districts in a current of three months after the state registration.

About a city, district and date of carrying out of constituent congress (conference, meeting), and also about party charter substantive provisions the initiative group on political party creation informs through mass media not later than one month prior to convocation of constituent congress (conference, meeting).

The political parties' action of other states including its structures is forbidden in territory of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Article 4. Restriction on creation and activity of political parties.

Creation and activity of political parties is forbidden, the purposes or actions of which are directed on violent overthrow of the constitutional system and the organization of the armed groups, propagation regionalism, national, social and religious hostility.

Political parties and their members in the political activity have no right to use the religious organizations.

Creation and activity of political parties is interdict in the agencies of state security, internal affairs, office of public prosecutor, customs, tax police, justice, courts, armed forces and other armed formations of RT, and also in public authorities' high schools and higher educational institutions.

Article 7. The state registration of political party.

The state registration of political parties is carried out by Ministry of Justice of the RT.

For the state registration of political party is delivered the statement to registering body within one month signed by the person, authorized by the constituent assembly (by conference, congress) created party, with instructions of the legal address of executive board. To the statement, besides the charter, it is applied an extract from the constituent assembly report (conference, congress), accepted the charter, and the list not less than 10 participants of the

constituent assembly with instructions of their nameplate data and a place their residence with the appendix of the copy of mass media, in which the message on a place and date of carrying out of constituent congress (conference, meeting), the bank document confirming entering of a state tax, and the list of one thousand party members in conformity by a part of 3 article 3 of the present Law, and also substantive provisions of the charter of political party is placed.

The registering body is forbidden to request from party submission of other documents which have been not specified in the part 2 of the present article.

The state registration of political party is made by registering body in a current of one month from the date of submission of documents. Infringement of the specified term is not supposed.

Changes and the additions made in the charter of political party is the subject of the state registration body and in the same term, as the state registration of the party.

For the state registration of political party, changes and additions brought in its charter, the admission fee is subtract in an order and the sizes defined by the government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The document certifying the fact of the state registration of political party, and also its entering into the state register of public associations is the certificate on its state registration.

Requirement from the political parties other documents confirming the fact of its state registration is forbidden.

The political party gets the rights of the juridical entity from the date of its state registration.

Article 9. Reasons for rejection of political party's official registration

Official registration of political party may be rejected if:

Its Regulation (Charter) contradicts Constitution of Tajikistan, this law and Tajikistan legislation;

The Regulation (Charter) of party falls short of article 6 of this law;

Requirements of article 3 part 2 and article 7 parts 5 of this law are failed;

Another party was registered with the same name or same symbol;

Juridical address of party's management is out of Tajikistan.

Motivated reject of registration of political party's Regulation (Charter) submits in written form and may be taken an appeal to a court.

Chapter 3. POLITICAL PARTY'S RIGHTS AND FORMS OF CONTROLLING THEIR ACTIVITIES

Article 10. The rights and duties of political parties.

Under the statutory legislation each party have the right:

to nominate candidates to the Presidential elections and for election assemblies of Government Authority;

to participate in preparation and conducting referendums and election of Government Authority;

to join temporary or permanently deputy groups and establish other organizations in representative bodies;

to propagate information about own activities freely, in written, oral or other forms, to propagandize goals and objectives, to have own documents;

to establish own publishing house and mass medium;

to use State mass medium including the press, radio and TV
to organize and held meetings, demonstrations and other public arrangement under the Tajikistan legislation;
to make and maintain good relations with the foreign political parties and public organizations;
to join international unions and associations;
to establish departments and representative offices based on goals and objectives of Regulation (Charter);
to carry out economic, finance and other activities under the Tajikistan legislation and Regulation (Charter) of party
to enter into an alliance with other political parties and other Tajikistan public organizations, to carry out an agreement with them;
to inform Ministry of Justice of RT about continuing activities and the whereabouts, annually.

Chapter 4. PARTICIPATION of POLITICAL PARTIES in ELECTIONS

Article 17. Forms of participation of party in elections

Parties participate in elections:

Independently;

To make pre-election agreements with other political parties;

To enter election blocks with other political parties.

Parties in conformity the legislation on elections have the right on:

Nomination of candidates independently or from election blocks;

Carrying out pre-election campaigns with observance of equal conditions;

Supervision over a process of elections and definition when due hereunder their results;

Representation in the constituency election committees;

Equal access to state mass media, as well as in partnership with state.

Article 18. Participation of political parties in election blocks

After registration of electoral blocks by the corresponding constituency election commission the party which is nominated the candidates under lists of the elective block, has not the right to nominate the candidates independently or under lists from other elective block at the same level if in the contract other conditions are not provided.

Article 19. Party fractions in representative bodies

Party fractions in representative bodies are formed and operate according to the statutory acts defining an order of activity of these bodies, and charters of political parties.