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Republic of Armenia

The constitution of RA

*Adopted
06.12.2015*

RA Presidential award

Article 1.

The Constitution of the Republic of Armenia of 5 July 1995, with the amendments of 2005, shall be amended as follows:

State decorations

Orders

Medals

Honorary titles

State Symbols

Presidents of RA

Armen Sarkissian

Serzh Sargsyan

Robert Kocharyan

Levon Ter-Petrosyan

"The Armenian people — taking as a

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on the
Independence
of Armenia,
having
fulfilled the
sacred
behest of its
freedom-
loving
ancestors
for the
restoration
of the
sovereign
state,
committed
to the
strengthening
and
prosperity of
the
fatherland,
with a view
of ensuring
the freedom
of
generations,
general well-
being and

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CHAPTER 1 FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER

Article 1.

The Republic of Armenia is a sovereign, democratic, social state governed by the rule of law.

Article 2. In the Republic of Armenia, the power belongs to the people.

The people shall

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provided for
by the
Constitution.
Usurpation
of power by
any
organisation
or individual
shall be a
crime.

Article 3.
The Human
Being, His
or Her
Dignity,
Basic Rights
and
Freedoms

1. The
human
being shall
be the
highest value
in the
Republic of
Armenia.
The

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and
protection of
the basic
rights and
freedoms of
the human
being and
the citizen
shall be the
duty of the
public
power.

3. The
public power
shall be
restricted by
the basic
rights and
freedoms of
the human
being and
the citizen as
a directly
applicable
law.

Article 4.
The
Principle of

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separation
and balance
of the
legislative,
executive
and judicial
powers.

Article 5. The Hierarchy of Legal Norms

1. The Constitution shall have supreme legal force.
2. Laws must comply with constitutional laws, whereas secondary regulatory legal acts must comply with constitutional

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laws, the
norms of
international
treaties shall
apply.

Article 6.

The
Principle of
Lawfulness

1. State and local self-government bodies and officials shall be entitled to perform only such actions for which they are authorised under the Constitution or laws.
2. Bodies provided for by the

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adopt
secondary
regulatory
legal acts.
Authorising
norms must
comply with
the principle
of legal
certainty.

3. Laws and
secondary
regulatory
legal acts
shall enter
into force
after being
promulgated
as
prescribed
by law.

Article 7.
The
Principles of
the Right of
Suffrage

Elections of

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and direct
suffrage, by
secret ballot.

Article 8. Ideological Pluralism and Multiparty System

1. Ideological pluralism and a multiparty system shall be guaranteed in the Republic of Armenia.
2. Political parties shall be formed and operate freely. Equal legal opportunities shall be

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political will
of the
people.

4. The
structure
and activities
of political
parties may
not
contradict
the
democratic
principles.

Article 9.
Guaranteeing
Local Self-
Governance

Local self-
governance
shall be
guaranteed
in the
Republic of
Armenia as
one of the
essential
fundamentals

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protected in
the Republic
of Armenia.

2. The
subsoil and
water
resources
shall fall
under the
exclusive
ownership of
the State.

Article 11. Economic Order

The basis of
economic
order in the
Republic of
Armenia
shall be the
social
market
economy,
which shall
be based on
private

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economic
well-being
and social
justice.

Article 12. Preservation of the Environment and Sustainable Development

1. The State
shall
promote the
preservation,
improvement
and
restoration
of the
environment,
the
reasonable
utilisation of
natural
resources,
guided by
the principle

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obliged to
take care of
the
preservation
of the
environment.

Article 13. Foreign Policy

The foreign
policy of the
Republic of
Armenia
shall be
implemented
on the basis
of
international
law, with the
aim of
establishing
good
neighbourly
and mutually
beneficial
relations
with all

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shall ensure
the defence,
security,
territorial
integrity and
inviolability
of the
borders of
the Republic
of Armenia.

2. The
armed
forces of the
Republic of
Armenia
shall
maintain
neutrality in
political
matters and
shall be
under
civilian
control.

3. Every
citizen shall
be obliged to
take part, as
prescribed

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the
Armenian
Language
and Cultural
Heritage

1. The State
shall
promote the
development
of culture,
education
and science.
2. The
Armenian
language
and cultural
heritage
shall be
under the
care and
protection of
the State.

Article 16.
Protection of
the Family

Family —

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motherhood
and
childhood —
shall be
under
special
protection
and care of
the State.

Article 17. The State and Religious Organisations

1. The freedom of activities of religious organisations shall be guaranteed in the Republic of Armenia.
2. Religious organisations shall be

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Armenia shall recognise the exclusive mission of the Armenian Apostolic Holy Church, as a national church, in the spiritual life of the Armenian people, in the development of their national culture and preservation of their national identity.

2. The relations between the Republic of

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Diaspora

1. The Republic of Armenia shall, together with the Armenian Diaspora, implement a policy targeted at the development of comprehensive ties and preservation of the Armenian identity, promote repatriation.

2. The Republic of Armenia shall, based on

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to the
development
of Armenian
educational
and cultural
life in other
states.

Article 20.
The State
Language of
the Republic
of Armenia

The state
language of
the Republic
of Armenia
shall be the
Armenian
language.

Article 21.
Symbols of
the Republic
of Armenia

1. The flag of
the Republic

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shall be as follows: in the centre, a shield with the representation of Mount Ararat with Noah's Ark and the Coats of Arms of the four kingdoms of historical Armenia. The shield is held by an eagle and a lion, whereas a sword, a branch, a corn sheaf, a chain and a ribbon are depicted under the shield.

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of Armenia
shall be
prescribed
by law.

Article 22.
The Capital
of the
Republic of
Armenia

The capital
of the
Republic of
Armenia is
Yerevan.

CHAPTER 2
BASIC
RIGHTS
AND
FREEDOMS
OF THE
HUMAN
BEING AND
THE
CITIZEN

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1. Everyone shall have the right to life.
2. No one may be arbitrarily deprived of his or her life.
3. No one may be sentenced or subjected to death penalty.

Article 25. Right to Physical and Mental Integrity

1. Everyone shall have the right to physical and mental integrity.

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crimes,
protecting
public order,
health and
morals or
the basic
rights and
freedoms of
others.

3. In the
fields of
medicine
and biology,
eugenic
practices,
making the
human
organs and
tissues a
source of
financial
gain, the
reproductive
cloning of a
human
being shall
be
particularly
prohibited.

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person shall
be priorly
informed
about the
potential
consequences
of such
experiments.

Article 26. Prohibition of Torture, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

1. No one
may be
subjected to
torture,
inhuman or
degrading
treatment or
punishment.
2. Corporal
punishments
shall be
prohibited.

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I. Everyone shall have the right to personal liberty. No one may be deprived of personal liberty otherwise than in the following cases and as prescribed by law:

(1) the person has been sentenced by a competent court for committing a criminal offence;

(2) the person has failed to obey a legitimate

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person before a competent authority where there exists a reasonable suspicion that the person has committed a criminal offence, or a justified necessity of preventing the committal of a criminal offence by the person or his or her fleeing after having done so;

(5) for the purpose of placing a minor under

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contagious diseases dangerous for the public, as well as the danger posed by persons with mental disorder, drug addicts and alcoholics; (7) for the purpose of preventing the unauthorised entry of a person into the Republic of Armenia, or for deporting or extraditing a person to another state.

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deprivation
of liberty,
whereas in
case a
criminal
charge is
brought —
also about
the charge.
3. Everyone
deprived of
personal
liberty shall
be entitled
to have the
person of
his or her
choice be
immediately
informed
thereon. The
exercise of
this right
may be
delayed only
in the cases,
under the
procedure
and within

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upon
depriving of
liberty but
no later than
within 72
hours the
court fails to
render a
decision on
authorising
further
confinement
of a person
deprived of
liberty on
the ground
referred to
in point 4 of
part 1 of this
Article, he
or she shall
be
immediately
released.

5. Everyone
deprived of
personal
liberty shall
have the

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short time period and shall order his or her release if the deprivation of liberty is non legitimate.

6. No one may be deprived of personal liberty merely on the ground of inability to fulfil civil-law obligations.

Article 28.
General
Equality
before the
Law

Everyone
shall be
equal before

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social origin,
genetic
features,
language,
religion,
world view,
political or
other views,
belonging to
a national
minority,
property
status, birth,
disability,
age, or
other
personal or
social
circumstances
shall be
prohibited.

Article 30.

Legal
Equality of
Women and
Men

Women and

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1. Everyone shall have the right to inviolability of his or her private and family life, honour and good reputation.

2. The right to inviolability of private and family life may be restricted only by law, for the purpose of state security, economic welfare of the country, preventing or disclosing crimes, protecting

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1. Everyone shall have the right to inviolability of the home.

2. The right to inviolability of the home may be restricted only by law, for the purpose of state security, economic welfare of the country, preventing or disclosing crimes, protecting public order, health and morals or the basic rights and freedoms of

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by law.
Other cases
of restricting
the right to
inviolability
of the home
upon court
decision may
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 33.
Freedom
and Secrecy
of
Communications

1. Everyone
shall have
the right to
freedom and
secrecy of
correspondence,
telephone
conversations
and other
means of
communication.

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welfare of
the country,
preventing
or disclosing
crimes,
protecting
public order,
health and
morals or
the basic
rights and
freedoms of
others.

3. The
secrecy of
communication
may be
restricted
only upon
court
decision,
except
where it is
necessary
for the
protection of
state
security and
is

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1. Everyone shall have the right to protection of data concerning him or her.
2. The processing of personal data shall be carried out in good faith, for the purpose prescribed by law, with the consent of the person concerned or without such consent in case there exists another legitimate ground

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government bodies and the right to request correction of any inaccurate data concerning him or her, as well as elimination of data obtained illegally or no longer having legal grounds.

4. The right to get familiar with personal data may be restricted only by law, for the purpose of state security,

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treedoms of
others.

5. Details
related to
the
protection of
personal
data shall be
prescribed
by law.

Article 35. Freedom to Marry

1. A woman
and a man
having
attainted the
marriageable
age shall
have the
right to
marry and
form a
family with
free
expression
of their will.

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to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

3. Freedom to marry may be restricted only by law with the aim of protecting health and morals.

Article 36. Rights and Obligations of Parents

1. Parents shall have the right and obligation to take care of the upbringing,

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parental
rights may
be exercised
only by law,
upon court
decision, for
the purpose
of protecting
the vital
interests of
the child.

3. Adults
capable of
working
shall be
obliged to
take care of
their parents
who are
incapable of
working and
are in need.
Details shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 37.
Rights of the

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and maturity
of the child,
shall be
taken into
consideration
in matters
concerning
him or her.

2. In matters
concerning
the child,
primary
attention
must be
given to the
interests of
the child.

3. Every
child shall
have the
right to
maintain
regular
personal
relations and
direct
contacts with
his or her
parents,

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by law.

4. Children left without parental care shall be under the care and protection of the State.

Article 38. Right to Education

1. Everyone shall have the right to education.

The programmes and duration of compulsory education shall be prescribed by law. Secondary education

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the right to receive free education on a competitive basis within state higher and other vocational education institutions.

3. Higher education institutions shall, within the scope prescribed by law, have the right to self-governance, including academic and research freedom.

Article 39.
Right of a

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does not contradict the Constitution and laws. No one may bear obligations that are not prescribed by law.

Article 40. Right to Freedom of Movement

1. Everyone lawfully within the territory of the Republic Armenia shall have the right to freedom of movement and choice of place of

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lawfully
reside in the
Republic of
Armenia
shall have
the right to
enter the
Republic of
Armenia.

4. The right
to freedom
of movement
may be
restricted
only by law,
for the
purpose of
state
security,
preventing
or disclosing
crimes,
protecting
public order,
health and
morals or
the basic
rights and
freedoms of

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I thought,
Conscience
and Religion

1. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right shall include the freedom to change religion or belief and, either alone or in community with others and in public or in private, the freedom to manifest them in preaching, church ceremonies,

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only by law
for the
purpose of
state
security,
protecting
public order,
health and
morals or
the basic
rights and
freedoms of
others.

3. Every
citizen shall
have the
right to
replace
military
service with
alternative
service, as
prescribed
by law, if it
contradicts
the religious
faith or
belief
thereof.

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operation or
religious
organisations
shall be
prescribed
by law.

Article 42. Freedom of Expression of Opinion

1. Everyone
shall have
the right to
freely
express his
or her
opinion. This
right shall
include
freedom to
hold own
opinion, as
well as to
seek, receive
and
disseminate
information

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2. The freedom of the press, radio, television and other means of information shall be guaranteed. The State shall guarantee the activities of independent public television and radio offering diversity of informational, educational, cultural and entertainment programmes.

3. Freedom of expression

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the honour
and good
reputation of
others and
other basic
rights and
freedoms
thereof.

Article 43. Freedom of Creation

Everyone
shall have
the freedom
of literary,
artistic,
scientific and
technical
creation.

Article 44. Freedom of Assembly

1. Everyone
shall have
the right to

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the basis of notification given within a reasonable time period. Notification shall not be required for holding spontaneous assemblies.

3. The law may prescribe restrictions on the exercise of the right to freedom of assembly for judges, prosecutors, investigators, as well as servicemen of the armed forces, national security, the

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ot assembly
shall be
prescribed
by law.
5. The right
to freedom
of assembly
may be
restricted
only by law,
for the
purpose of
state
security,
preventing
crimes,
protecting
public order,
health and
morals or
protecting
the basic
rights and
freedoms of
others.

Article 45.
Freedom of
Associations

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protection of
labour
interests. No
one may be
compelled to
join any
private
association.

2. The
procedure
for the
establishment
and
operation of
associations
shall be
prescribed
by law.

3. The
freedom of
associations
may be
restricted
only by law,
for the
purpose of
state
security,
protecting

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or
prohibited
only upon
court
decision, in
the cases
and under
the
procedure
prescribed
by law.

Article 46.

Right to
Establish a
Political
Party and
Join a
Political
Party

1. Every
citizen shall
have the
right to
establish a
political
party
together

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prosecutors and investigators may not be members of a political party. The law may prescribe restrictions on the right to establish a political party and the right to join any political party for servicemen of the armed forces, national security, the police and other militarised bodies.

3. Political parties shall

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activities of a political party may, in the cases prescribed by law, be suspended upon the decision of the Constitutional Court. Political parties advocating violent overthrow of the constitutional order or using violence for the purpose of overthrowing the constitutional order shall be

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Citizenship
of the
Republic of
Armenia

1. A child born to citizens of the Republic of Armenia shall be a citizen of the Republic of Armenia.
2. Every child with one of the parents holding citizenship of the Republic of Armenia shall have the right to acquire citizenship of the Republic of

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upon settling
in the
territory of
the Republic
of Armenia.

4.
Armenians
by national
origin shall
acquire
citizenship
of the
Republic of
Armenia
through a
simplified
procedure
prescribed
by law.

5. A citizen
of the
Republic of
Armenia
may not be
deprived of
citizenship.
A citizen of
the Republic
of Armenia

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Article, the other grounds for acquiring citizenship of the Republic of Armenia, and the grounds for termination thereof shall be prescribed by law.

7. The rights prescribed by parts 2-4, as well as by the second sentence of part 5 of this Article may be restricted only by law, for the purpose of state security,

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borders of
the Republic
of Armenia,
shall be
under the
protection of
the Republic
of Armenia
on the basis
of
international
law.

Article 48.
Right of
Suffrage and
Right to
Participate
in a
Referendum

1. Citizens of
the Republic
of Armenia
having
attained the
age of
eighteen on
the day of an

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referendum.

2. Everyone who has attained the age of twenty-five, has held citizenship of only the Republic of Armenia for the preceding four years, has been permanently residing in the Republic for the preceding four years, has the right of suffrage and has command of the Armenian language, may be

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the day of
election or
referendum
shall have
the right to
elect and be
elected
during the
elections of
local self-
government
bodies, and
the right to
participate
in a local
referendum.
The law may
prescribe
the right of
persons not
holding
citizenship
of the
Republic of
Armenia to
take part in
the elections
of local self-
government

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active legal capacity, as well as persons sentenced and those serving the sentence, upon criminal judgment having entered into legal force, for a grave criminal offence committed intentionally shall not be entitled to elect or be elected or participate in a referendum. Persons sentenced and those

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entitled to
elect as well.

Article 49. Right to Join Public Service

Every citizen
shall have
the right to
join public
service on
general
grounds.
Details shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 50. Right to Proper Administrative Action

1. Everyone
shall have
the right to

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2. In the course of administrative proceedings everyone shall have the right to get familiar with all documents concerning him or her, except for the secrets guarded by law.

3. State and local self-government bodies and officials shall be obliged to hear the person prior to the adoption of an interfering individual

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shall have
the right to
receive
information
and get
familiar with
documents
relating to
the activities
of state and
local self-
government
bodies and
officials.

2. The right
to receive
information
may be
restricted
only by law,
for the
purpose of
protecting
public
interests or
the basic
rights and
freedoms of
others.

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unjustified
refusal of
providing
information
thereby shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 52.
Right to
Apply to the
Human
Rights
Defender

Everyone
shall have
the right to
receive the
assistance of
the Human
Rights
Defender in
the event of
violation of
his or her
rights and
freedoms,

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prescribed
by the Law
on the
Human
Rights
Defender —
also on the
part of
organisations.
Details shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 53. Right to Submit Petition

Everyone
shall have
the right to
submit,
either
individually
or jointly
with others,
petition to
state and

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by law.

Article 54.

Right to
Political
Asylum

Everyone
subjected to
political
persecution
shall have
the right to
seek political
asylum in
the Republic
of Armenia.

The
procedure
and
conditions
for granting
political
asylum shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 55.

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real danger
that the
given person
may be
subjected to
death
penalty,
torture,
inhuman or
degrading
treatment or
punishment
in that
country.

2. A citizen
of the
Republic of
Armenia
may not be
extradited to
a foreign
state, except
for the cases
provided for
by the
international
treaties
ratified by
the Republic

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preserve his
or her
national and
ethnic
identity.

2. Persons
belonging to
national
minorities
shall have
the right to
preserve
and develop
their
traditions,
religion,
language
and culture.

3. Exercise
of the rights
prescribed
in this
Article shall
be regulated
by law.

Article 57.
Freedom to
Choose

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have the right to protection against unjustified dismissal from work. The grounds for dismissal from work shall be prescribed by law.

3. Dismissal from work due to reasons related to maternity shall be prohibited. Every employed woman shall, in case of pregnancy and child delivery, have the

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Details shall
be

prescribed
by law.

4. Admission
of children
under the
age of
sixteen to
permanent
employment
shall be
prohibited.

The
procedure
and
conditions
for

admission to
temporary
employment
shall be
prescribed
by law.

5.

Compulsory
or forced
labour shall
be

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accordance
with law, by
a sentenced
person;
(2) military
or
alternative
service;
(3) any work
required in
emergency
situations
posing
danger to
the life or
well-being of
the
population.

Article 58. Right to Strike

1. Workers
shall have
the right to
strike for the
protection of
their

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to strike may
be restricted
only by law,
for the
purpose of
protecting
public
interests or
the basic
rights and
freedoms of
others.

Article 59.
Freedom of
Economic
Activities
and
Guaranteeing
Economic
Competition

1. Everyone
shall have
the right to
engage in
economic,
including
entrepreneurial

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Restriction
of
competition,
the possible
types of
monopoly
and the
permitted
extent
thereof may
be
prescribed
only by law,
for the
purpose of
protecting
public
interests.

3. Abuse of
monopoly or
dominant
position in
the market,
as well as
unfair
competition
and anti-
competitive
agreements

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of legally
acquired
property at
his or her
discretion.
2. The right
to inherit
shall be
guaranteed.
3. The right
of ownership
may be
restricted
only by law,
for the
purpose of
protecting
public
interests or
the basic
rights and
freedoms of
others.

4. No one
may be
deprived of
ownership
except
through

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shall be carried out in exceptional cases and under the procedure prescribed by law, only with prior and equivalent compensation.

6. Foreign citizens and stateless persons shall not enjoy the right of ownership over land, except for the cases prescribed by law.

7.
Intellectual property

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make other
mandatory
payments to
the state or
community
budget.

Article 61.
Right to
Judicial
Protection
and the
Right to
Apply to
International
Bodies for
the
Protection of
Human
Rights

1. Everyone
shall have
the right to
effective
judicial
protection of
his or her
rights and

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international bodies for the protection of human rights and freedoms with regard to the protection of his or her rights and freedoms.

Article 62. Right to Compensation for Damage

1. Everyone shall have the right to compensation for damage inflicted through a non legitimate action or

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compensation
for damage
inflicted
through
legitimate
administration.

The
conditions
and
procedure
for
compensation
for damage
shall be
prescribed
by law.

2. Where a
person
sentenced,
upon a
criminal
judgment
entered into
legal force,
for the
committal of
a criminal
offence has
been

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this person shall have the right to receive compensation in accordance with law where it is not proven that the timely detection of that circumstance fully or partially depended on the given person.

Article 63. Right to Fair Trial

1. Everyone shall have the right to a fair and

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judicial proceedings or a part thereof may, in the cases and under the procedure prescribed by law, be held behind closed doors upon a court decision, for the purpose of protecting the private life of the participants of proceedings, the interests of minors or interests of justice, as well as state security, public order or morals.

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Article 64.

Right to Receive Legal Aid

1. Everyone shall have the right to receive legal aid. Legal aid shall be provided at the expense of state funds in the cases prescribed by law.
2. Advocacy based on independence, self-governance and legal equality of advocates shall be guaranteed with a view

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Exempt from
the
Obligation to
Testify

No one shall
be obliged to
testify about
himself or
herself, his
or her
spouse or
close
relatives if it
is reasonably
assumed
that it may
be used
against him
or her or
against them
in the
future. The
law may
prescribe
other cases
of being
exempt from
the

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innocent
until proven
guilty as
prescribed
by law, upon
criminal
judgment of
the court
entered into
legal force.

Article 67. Right to Be Defended Against a Charge

Everyone
accused of a
crime shall
have:
(1) the right
to be
promptly
and
thoroughly
informed, in
a language
which he or

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or be
defended
through an
advocate
chosen
thereby;
(3) the right
to have
adequate
time and
opportunities
to prepare
his or her
defence and
to
communicate
with the
advocate
chosen
thereby;
(4) the right
to question
persons
testifying
against him
or her, or
have these
persons
questioned,

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those for the persons having testified against him or her; (5) the right to avail of the services of a translator, free of charge, in case he or she does not have command of the Armenian language.

Article 68.
Prohibition
of Double
Jeopardy

1. No one may be tried twice for the

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new or
newly
emerged
circumstances,
or where
there have
been
fundamental
shortcomings
in the
examination
of the case
which could
affect the
outcome of
the case.

Article 69. Right of a Sentenced Person to Appeal

Everyone
sentenced
for
committal of
a criminal
offence shall

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and under
the
procedure
prescribed
by law.

Article 70. Right to Seek Pardon

Every
convict shall
have the
right to seek
pardon,
including
mitigation of
the imposed
punishment.
Details shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 71. Principle of Guilt and Principle of Proportionality

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2. The punishment prescribed by law, as well as the type and size of the punishment imposed must be proportionate to the committed act.

Article 72.
Principle of Lawfulness in Defining Crimes and Imposing Punishments

No one shall be sentenced for an action or inaction not deemed

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not be imposed. A law decriminalising an act or mitigating the punishment therefor shall have retroactive effect.

Article 73. Retroactive Effect of Laws and Other Legal Acts

1. Laws and other legal acts deteriorating the legal condition of a person shall not have

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these acts so provide for.

Article 74. Applicability of Basic Rights and Freedoms with Respect to Legal Persons

The basic rights and freedoms shall also extend to legal persons to the extent these rights and freedoms, by virtue of their nature, are applicable thereto.

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regulating
basic rights
and
freedoms,
laws shall
define
organisational
mechanisms
and
procedures
necessary
for effective
exercise of
these rights
and
freedoms.

Article 76.
Restrictions
on Basic
Rights and
Freedoms
During State
of
Emergency
or Martial
Law

During state

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referred to
in Articles
23-26, 28-
30, 35-37,
part 1 of
Article 38,
part 1 of
Article 41,
part 1, first
sentence of
part 5 and
part 8 of
Article 47,
Article 52,
part 2 of
Article 55,
Article 56,
Article 61,
Articles 63-
72 of the
Constitution
— may be
temporarily
suspended
or subjected
to additional
restrictions
under the
procedure

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with respect
to
derogations
from
obligations
during state
of
emergency
or martial
law.

Article 77.
Prohibition
of Abuse of
Basic Rights
and
Freedoms

The use of
basic rights
and
freedoms for
the purpose
of violent
overthrow of
the
constitutional
order,
incitement of

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Proportionality

The means chosen for restricting basic rights and freedoms must be suitable and necessary for achievement of the objective prescribed by the Constitution.

The means chosen for restriction must be commensurate to the significance of the basic right or freedom being

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define the grounds and extent of restrictions, be sufficiently certain to enable the holders and addressees of these rights and freedoms to display appropriate conduct.

Article 80.
Inviolability
of the
Essence of
the
Provisions
on Basic
Rights and
Freedoms

The essence
of the

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Freedoms
and
International
Legal
Practice

1. The
practice of
bodies
operating on
the basis of
international
treaties on
human
rights,
ratified by
the Republic
of Armenia,
shall be
taken into
account
when
interpreting
the
provisions
concerning
basic rights
and
freedoms

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by
international
treaties of
the Republic
of Armenia.

CHAPTER 3 LEGISLATIVE GUARANTEES AND MAIN OBJECTIVES OF STATE POLICY IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SPHERES

Article 82. Working Conditions

Every
worker shall,
in
accordance

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weekly rest,
as well as to
annual paid
leave.

Article 83. Social Security

Everyone
shall, in
accordance
with law,
have the
right to
social
security in
cases of
maternity,
having many
children,
sickness,
disability,
accidents at
work, need
of care, loss
of bread-
winner, old-
age,

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1. Every person in need and the elderly shall, in accordance with law, have the right to a decent living.
2. The minimum salary shall be prescribed by law.

Article 85. Health Care

1. Everyone shall, in accordance with law, have the right to health care.
2. The law

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Article 86.

Main

Objectives of
State Policy

The main
objectives of
state policy
in the
economic,
social and
cultural
spheres shall
be as
follows:

- (1) improving the business environment and promoting entrepreneurship;
- (2) promoting the employment of the population

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women and
men;
(5)
promoting
birth and
having many
children;
(6) creating
favourable
conditions
for the full
and
comprehensive
development
of
individuality
in children;
(7)
implementing
programmes
for
population's
health care
and
improvement,
creating
conditions
for effective
and

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disability,
promoting
the
participation
of persons
with
disability in
public life;
(9)
protecting
consumer
rights and
exercising
supervision
over the
quality of
goods,
services and
works;
(10)
ensuring
proportional
territorial
development;
(11) ensuring
development
of physical
culture and
sports;

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of free or
charge
higher and
other
vocational
education;
(14)
ensuring
development
of
fundamental
and applied
sciences;
(15)
contributing
to free
access by
everyone to
national and
universal
values;
(16)
promoting
charity for
the
establishment,
financing of
cultural,
educational,

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Article 87. Fulfilment of Main Objectives of State Policy

1. Within the framework of their competences and possibilities, state and local self-government bodies shall be obliged to fulfil the objectives prescribed by Article 86 of the Constitution.
2. Within the framework of the report provided for by Article 156 of the

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NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY****Article 88.**

Status and
Functions of
the National
Assembly

1. The
National
Assembly
shall be the
representative
body of the
people.

2. The
National
Assembly
shall
implement
the
legislative
power.

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other
functions
prescribed
by the
Constitution.

4. The
powers of
the National
Assembly
shall be
prescribed
by the
Constitution.

5. The
National
Assembly
shall operate
in
accordance
with its
Rules of
Procedure.

Article 89.
Composition
of the
National
Assembly
and

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one
Deputies.
2.
Representatives
of national
minorities
shall be
allocated
with seats in
the National
Assembly
under the
procedure
prescribed
by the
Electoral
Code.
3. The
National
Assembly
shall be
elected
through
proportional
electoral
system. The
Electoral
Code shall
guarantee

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formation of
a political
coalition, a
second
round of
election may
be held. In
case of
holding a
second
round of
elections,
the
formation of
new
alliances
shall be
permitted.
The
restrictions
on,
conditions
and
procedure
for
formation of
political
coalition
shall be

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National
Assembly
shall be
elected for a
term of five
years.

2. In case of
regular
elections,
the term of
powers of
the newly-
elected
National
Assembly
shall
commence
at the time
of opening
the first
session of
the newly-
elected
National
Assembly
convened on
the day of
expiry of the
term of

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expiry or the powers of the existing National Assembly, the term of powers of the existing National Assembly shall expire and the term of powers of the newly-elected National Assembly shall commence after the formation of newly-elected National Assembly, at the time of opening the first session of the newly-

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held within
the time
period
prescribed
by part 2 of
Article 91 of
the
Constitution
due to
martial law
or state of
emergency,
the term of
powers of
the existing
National
Assembly
shall expire
and the term
of powers of
the newly-
elected
National
Assembly
shall
commence
after the
formation of
the newly-

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5. In case of extraordinary elections, the term of powers of the existing National Assembly shall expire and the term of powers of the newly-elected National Assembly shall commence after the formation of the newly-elected National Assembly, at the time of opening the first session of the National Assembly

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with the
Electoral
Code.

Article 91. Regular Elections to the National Assembly

1. Regular elections to the National Assembly shall be held not earlier than sixty and not later than fifty days prior to the expiry of the term of powers of the National Assembly.
2. Elections to the National Assembly

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than fifty and
not later
than sixty-
five days
after the end
of martial
law or state
of
emergency.

Article 92. Extraordinary Elections to the National Assembly

1.
Extraordinary
elections to
the National
Assembly
shall be held
after the
dissolution
of the
National
Assembly in
the cases
prescribed

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not earlier
than thirty
and not later
than forty-
five days
after the
dissolution
of the
National
Assembly.

Article 93. Calling Elections to the National Assembly

Regular and
extraordinary
elections to
the National
Assembly
shall be
called by the
President of
the
Republic.

Article 94.

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shall be
guided by
their
conscience
and
convictions.

Article 95. Incompatibility of Parliamentarian Mandate

A Deputy
may not hold
any position,
not related
to his or her
status,
within state
or local self-
government
bodies, or
any position
within
commercial
organisations,
engage in
entrepreneurial

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1. A Deputy may not, during his or her term of powers or thereafter, be prosecuted or held liable for an opinion expressed or voting within the framework of parliamentarian activities.
2. Criminal prosecution may be initiated against a Deputy only upon the consent of the National Assembly. A

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time or committing a criminal offence or immediately thereafter. In such case, deprivation of liberty may not last more than seventy-two hours. The Chairperson of the National Assembly shall be immediately notified of the deprivation of liberty of the Deputy.

Article 97.
Amount of Remuneration of Deputies

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for the
activities
thereof shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 98. Discontinuation and Termination of Powers of a Deputy

1. The
powers of a
Deputy shall
discontinue
upon expiry
of the term
of powers of
the National
Assembly, in
case of loss
of
citizenship
of the
Republic of
Armenia or

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entry into
force of a
civil
judgment on
declaring
him or her
as having no
active legal
capacity, as
missing or
dead, in
case of his
or her
death, or
resignation.

2. The
powers of a
Deputy shall
be
terminated
in case of
unexcused
absence
from at least
half of the
votings held
during each
half of the
calendar

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Assembly

Regular sessions of the National Assembly shall be convened twice a year, from the third Monday of January to the third Thursday of June, and from the second Monday of September to the third Thursday of December.

Article 100.
Extraordinary Session and Sitting of the National

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of the
National
Assembly
upon the
initiative of
at least one
fourth of the
total number
of Deputies,
or of the
Government.
2. The
extraordinary
session or
sitting shall
be held
according to
the agenda
and time
period
defined by
the initiator.

Article 101.
Publicity of
Sittings of
the National
Assembly

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the total number of Deputies or of the Government, hold a closed sitting upon the decision rendered by majority of votes of the total number of Deputies. Voting during a closed sitting shall be prohibited.

Article 102. Quorum of Sittings of the National Assembly

A sitting of the National Assembly

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Article 103.

Adoption of
Laws,
National
Assembly
Decisions,
Statements
and
Addresses

1. Laws,
National
Assembly
decisions,
statements
and
addresses,
except for
the cases
prescribed
by the
Constitution,
shall be
adopted by
majority of
votes of the
Deputies
participating
in the

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of the
National
Assembly,
the Electoral
Code, the
Judicial
Codes, the
Law on the
Constitutional
Court, the
Law on
Referendum,
the Law on
Political
Parties and
the Law on
the Human
Rights
Defender
shall be
constitutional
laws and be
adopted by
at least three
fifths of votes
of the total
number of

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National
Assembly
shall adopt
decisions in
the cases
prescribed
by the
Constitution,
as well as on
matters
related with
the
organising
of its
activities.

4. The
National
Assembly
decisions,
statements
and
addresses
shall be
signed and
promulgated
by the
Chairperson
of the
National

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Assembly

1. The National Assembly shall elect from among its members the Chairperson of the National Assembly and three deputies thereof. One of the deputies shall be elected from among the Deputies included in the opposition factions. The Chairperson of the National

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Chairperson
of the
National
Assembly
shall
represent
the National
Assembly
and ensure
normal
operation
thereof.

3. Council of
the National
Assembly
shall be
formed
within the
National
Assembly
and shall be
composed of
the National
Assembly
Chairperson,
deputies
thereof, one
representative
from each

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agendas for
regular
sessions and
sittings, as
well as
exercise
other
powers
provided for
by the Rules
of
Procedure
of the
National
Assembly.

Article 105. Factions of the National Assembly

1. The
factions shall
contribute to
the
formation of
the political
will of the
National

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Article 106.

Standing
Committees
of the
National
Assembly

1. The National Assembly shall establish standing committees for preliminary discussion of draft laws and other issues falling under its competence and for submission of opinions thereon to the National Assembly, as

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National Assembly.
2. Seats within standing committees shall be allocated in proportion to the number of Deputies included in factions. The positions of chairpersons of standing committees shall be distributed among factions in proportion to the number of Deputies included in the faction.

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decision of
the National
Assembly for
the
discussion of
drafts of
individual
laws,
National
Assembly
decisions,
statements
and
addresses,
as well as
issues
relating to
parliamentarian
ethics, and
for
submission
of opinions
thereon to
the National
Assembly.

Article 108.
Inquiry
Committees

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the National Assembly shall be established by virtue of law for the purpose of clarifying facts about issues falling under the competence of the National Assembly and those of public interest, as well as for submitting them to the National Assembly.

2. Seats within an inquiry committee shall be allocated in

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determined by the National Assembly. The inquiry committee shall be chaired by one of the Deputies submitting the request.

3. Upon the request of at least one fourth of the members of inquiry committee, state and local self-government bodies and officials shall be obliged to provide to the committee the

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prohibited
by law.
4. The
powers of an
inquiry
committee in
the spheres
of defence
and security
may be
exercised
only by the
competent
standing
committee of
the National
Assembly,
upon the
request of at
least one
third of the
total number
of Deputies.

5. Details
related to
the activities
of inquiry
committees
shall be

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1. A Deputy, a faction of the National Assembly and the Government shall have the right to legislative initiative.

2. The author of a legislative initiative may, at any time, recall the draft law submitted thereby.

3. If, according to the opinion of the Government, a draft law significantly reduces the revenues of the State

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the total number of Deputies.

4. A draft law deemed to be urgent upon the decision of the Government shall be either adopted or rejected within a period of two months.

5. Draft laws for which the Government has the exclusive right to legislative initiative may be put to vote only with the

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entitled to propose, upon popular initiative, a draft law to the National Assembly.

Article 110.
Adoption of
the State
Budget

1. The National Assembly shall adopt the State Budget upon submission of the Government. The State Budget shall include all revenues and expenditures

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days prior to
the
beginning of
the fiscal
year.

3. The State
Budget shall
be adopted
prior to the
beginning of
the fiscal
year. In case
the State
Budget is
not adopted
within this
time period,
the
expenditures
shall, until
the adoption
of the State
Budget, be
made in
accordance
with the
proportions
of the
budget for

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shall
exercise
supervision
over the
State Budget
performance,
as well as
over the use
of loans and
credits
received
from foreign
states and
international
organisations.

2. The
National
Assembly
shall, upon
availability of
an opinion
of the Audit
Chamber,
discuss and
adopt a
decision on
the annual
report
relating to

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Deputies

1. In one of the sittings convened during the sittings week of the regular session, members of the Government shall answer the oral questions of the Deputies.
The National Assembly shall not adopt decisions in respect of the questions of the Deputies.

2. Deputies

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shall not be presented at the sitting of the National Assembly.

Article 113. Interpellations

1. Factions of the National Assembly shall have the right to address the members of the Government with written interpellations. The members of the Government shall respond to interpellations not later

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Assembly.
The
response to
an
interpellation
shall be
discussed
upon the
recommendation
of a faction.
Where as a
result of
discussions a
proposal for
seeking non-
confidence
against the
Prime
Minister is
submitted by
at least one
third of the
total number
of Deputies,
the
provisions of
Article 115 of
the
Constitution

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individual
member of
the
Government
holding the
office in the
future.

Article 114. Discussions on Urgent Topics

In one of the
sittings
convened
during the
sittings week
of the
regular
session,
discussions
on urgent
topics of
public
interest may
be held
upon the
request of at

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1. A draft decision of the National Assembly on seeking non-confidence against the Prime Minister may be submitted by at least one third of the total number of Deputies only in the case when a candidate for a new Prime Minister is simultaneously nominated by the draft decision.
2. The draft decision of the National

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seventy-two hours upon the submission thereof. The decision shall be adopted by majority of votes of the total number of Deputies, by roll-call voting. In case of adoption of the decision, the Prime Minister is considered to have submitted resignation. The provisions of parts 2-4 of Article 149 of the Constitution

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atter his or
her
appointment.
In case the
draft
decision of
the National
Assembly on
seeking non-
confidence
against the
Prime
Minister is
not adopted,
such draft
may be
submitted
not earlier
than after six
months.

4. A draft
decision of
the National
Assembly on
seeking non-
confidence
against the
Prime
Minister may

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or
Revocation
of
International
Treaties

1. The National Assembly shall ratify, suspend and revoke international treaties:
(1) which concern the basic rights and freedoms of the human being and the citizen, as well as obligations thereof;
(2) which have a political or military

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financial or property-related obligations for the Republic of Armenia; (5) the application of which implies amendments to a law or adoption of a new law, or include norms contradicting the law; (6) which directly envisage ratification; (7) which contain issues subject to regulation by law.

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through a
law, by
majority of
votes of the
total number
of Deputies.

3.
International
treaties
contradicting
the
Constitution
may not be
ratified.

Article 117. Amnesty

The National
Assembly
may, upon
recommendation
of the
Government,
adopt a law
on amnesty,
by majority
of votes of
the total

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may, upon recommendation of the Government, adopt a decision on declaring war or establishing peace, by majority of votes of the total number of Deputies.

2. In case of impossibility to convene a sitting of the National Assembly, the Government shall decide on the issue of declaring war.

Article 119. Martial Law

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Government shall declare martial law, deliver an address to the people, as well as may call for general or partial mobilisation.

2. In case of declaration of martial law, a special sitting of the National Assembly shall be immediately convened by virtue of law.

3. The National Assembly may lift martial law or cancel the implementation

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martial law
shall be
prescribed
by a law
adopted by
majority of
votes of the
total number
of Deputies.

Article 120. State of Emergency

1. In the event of an imminent danger posed to the constitutional order, the Government shall declare a state of emergency, take measures resulting from the

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shall be immediately convened by virtue of law.

3. The National Assembly may lift the state of emergency or cancel the implementation of measures provided for under the legal regime of state of emergency, by majority of votes of the total number of Deputies.

4. The legal regime of state of emergency shall be prescribed

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The administrative-territorial units of the Republic of Armenia shall be the marzes [regions] and the communities. Upon submission of the Government, the administrative-territorial division shall be prescribed by law.

Article 122.
Autonomous
Bodies

1. In order

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tundamental
significance
prescribed
by the
Constitution,
autonomous
bodies may
be
established
by a law
adopted by
majority of
votes of the
total number
of Deputies.

2. The
members of
autonomous
bodies shall
be appointed
by majority
of votes of
the total
number of
Deputies.

3.
Autonomous
bodies may
be vested by

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independence,
the
requirements
set forth for
the
members
and the
rules of
operation
thereof shall
be
prescribed
by law.

CHAPTER 5 PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Article 123. Status and Functions of the President of the Republic

1. The

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Constitution.

3. In the course of exercising his or her powers, the President of the Republic shall be impartial and shall be guided exclusively by state-wide and nation-wide interests.

4. The President of the Republic shall perform his or her functions through the powers prescribed by the Constitution.

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President of
the Republic
shall be
elected for a
term of
seven years.
2. Everyone
having
attained the
age of forty,
having held
citizenship
of only the
Republic of
Armenia for
the
preceding
six years,
having been
permanently
residing in
the Republic
of Armenia
for the
preceding
six years,
having the
right of
suffrage and

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be elected as
President of
the Republic
only once.

4. The
President of
the Republic
may not hold
any other
position,
engage in
entrepreneurial
activities or
perform
other paid
work.

5. In the
course of
exercising
his or her
powers, the
President of
the Republic
may not hold
membership
in any
political
party.

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the National
Assembly.

2. Regular
elections of
the
President of
the Republic
shall be held
not earlier
than forty
and not later
than thirty
days prior to
the expiry of
the powers
of the
President of
the
Republic.

3. At least
one fourth
of the total
number of
Deputies
shall have
the right to
nominate a
candidate
for the

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shall be elected as President of the Republic. In case President of the Republic is not elected, a second round of elections shall be held wherein all candidates having taken part in the first round may participate. In the second round, the candidate having received at least three fifths of votes

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elected, a third round of elections shall be held wherein the two candidates having received a greater number of votes in the second round may participate. In the third round, the candidate having received the majority of votes of the total number of Deputies shall be elected as President of the Republic.

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days.

6. The details related to the procedure for electing the President of the Republic shall be prescribed by the Rules of Procedure of the National Assembly.

Article 126.
Extraordinary
Election of
the
President of
the Republic

In the event
of removal
from office

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election or
the
President of
the Republic
shall be held
not earlier
than twenty-
five and not
later than
thirty-five
days after
the office of
the
President of
the Republic
becomes
vacant.

Article 127. Assuming Office by the President of the Republic

1. The
President of
the Republic
shall assume
office on the

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elections
shall assume
office on the
tenth day
after having
been
elected.

3. The
President of
the Republic
shall assume
office by
taking the
following
oath to the
people at a
special
sitting of the
National
Assembly:
“Assuming
the office of
the
President of
the Republic
of Armenia,
I hereby
swear to
remain

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state-wide
and nation-
wide
interests,
and to invest
all of my
efforts for
strengthening
national
unity.”

Article 128. Address of the President of the Republic

The
President of
the Republic
may deliver
an address
to the
National
Assembly on
issues falling
under his or
her
competence.

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promulgate
a law
adopted by
the National
Assembly
within a
period of
twenty-one
days, or
shall apply
within the
same time
period to the
Constitutional
Court for
the purpose
of
determining
the
compliance
of the law
with the
Constitution.

2. In case
the
Constitutional
Court
decides that
the law

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five days.
3. In case
the
President of
the Republic
fails to fulfil
the
requirements
prescribed
by this
Article, the
Chairperson
of the
National
Assembly
shall sign
and
promulgate
the law
within a
period of
five days.

Article 130.
Accepting
the
Resignation
of the
Government

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resignation
of the
Government.

Article 131.
Changes in
the
Composition
of the
Government

The
President of
the Republic
shall, upon
recommendation
of the Prime
Minister,
make
changes in
the
composition
of the
Government.

Article 132.
Powers of
the
President of

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the Republic
shall:
(1) conclude
international
treaties,
upon
recommendation
of the
Government;
(2) appoint
and recall
diplomatic
representatives
to foreign
states and
international
organisations,
upon
recommendation
of the Prime
Minister;
(3) receive
the letters of
credence
and letters
of recall of
diplomatic
representatives
to foreign

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under the procedure prescribed by law, approve, suspend or revoke international treaties not requiring ratification.

3. Upon recommendation of the Prime Minister, the President of the Republic shall, in the cases and under the procedure prescribed by law, confer the highest diplomatic ranks.

Article 133.

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President of
the Republic
shall, in the
cases and
under the
procedure
prescribed
by law,
appoint and
dismiss the
supreme
command of
the armed
forces and
of other
troops.

2. Upon
recommendation
of the Prime
Minister, the
President of
the Republic
shall, in the
cases and
under the
procedure
prescribed
by law,
confer the

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the Republic shall, in the cases and under the procedure prescribed by law, decide on issues in respect of granting and terminating citizenship of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 135. Granting Pardon

The President of the Republic shall decide on the issue of granting pardon to convicts in

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Honorary
Titles

The President of the Republic shall, in the cases and under the procedure prescribed by law, decorate with orders and medals of the Republic of Armenia, and confer honorary titles.

Article 137.
Conferring the Highest Class Ranks

The President of

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Temporary
Appointment
of Officials

In case the
National
Assembly
fails to elect
appropriate
officials
under the
procedure
prescribed
by part 3 of
Article 174,
part 1 of
Article 177,
part 1 of
Article 192,
part 2 of
Article 195,
part 2 of
Article 197,
part 2 of
Article 199
and part 1 of
Article 201
of the
Constitution

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appoint
acting
officials on
the grounds
and under
the
procedure
prescribed
by law.

Article 139. Decrees and Executive Orders of the President of the Republic

1. In the course of exercising his or her powers, the President shall adopt decrees and executive orders.
2. The

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the proposal or filing a motion, in the cases prescribed by Articles 131-137, part 3 of Article 155, parts 3, 4, 6 and 7 of Article 166 of the Constitution. In case this objection is not accepted by the competent authority, the President of the Republic shall sign the relevant act or apply to the Constitutional Court.

3. In case

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force by
virtue of law.

Article 140. Immunity of the President of the Republic

1. The President of the Republic shall be immune.
2. During the term of his or her powers and thereafter, the President of the Republic may not be prosecuted and subjected to liability for actions deriving

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after the
expiry of the
powers
thereof.

Article 141. Removal of the President of the Republic from Office

1. The President of the Republic may be removed from office for treason, another grave crime, or gross violation of the Constitution.
2. For the purpose of obtaining an opinion on

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Court, upon
a decision
adopted by
majority of
votes of the
total number
of Deputies.

3. The
decision to
remove the
President of
the Republic
from office
shall be
adopted by
the National
Assembly,
on the basis
of the
opinion of
the
Constitutional
Court, by at
least two
thirds of
votes of the
total number
of Deputies.

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to the
National
Assembly.
The
resignation
shall be
considered
as accepted
upon
publication
thereof as
prescribed
by law.

Article 143.
Impossibility
of Exercising
the Powers
of the
President of
the Republic

In case of
serious
illness of the
President of
Republic or
other
insurmountable

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based on the
request of
the
Government,
take a
decision on
the
impossibility
of exercise
of the
powers of
the
President of
the
Republic.

Article 144.

Temporary
Exercise of
the Powers
of the
President of
the Republic

In case of
removal
from office,
impossibility
of exercise

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the Republic
assumes the
office the
powers of
the
President of
the Republic
shall be
exercised by
the
Chairperson
of the
National
Assembly.

Article 145.
Ensuring the
Activities of
the
President of
the Republic

1. The
procedure
for
formation of
the Staff to
the
President of

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shall make appointments to the positions of the Staff to the President of the Republic. 2. The amount of remuneration and the procedure for provision of services and ensuring the security of the President of the Republic shall be prescribed by law.

CHAPTER 6 GOVERNMENT

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executive power.
2. The Government shall, based on its programme, develop and implement the domestic and foreign policies of the State.
3. The Government shall exercise general management of the bodies of the state administration system.
4. The powers of the Government shall be prescribed

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self-
government
bodies shall
fall under
the
competence
of the
Government.

Article 147. Composition and Structure of the Government

1. The Government shall be composed of the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Ministers and ministers.
2. The list of ministries

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of Deputy
Prime
Ministers
may not
exceed
three,
whereas that
of the
ministers
may not
exceed
eighteen.

Article 148.
Requirements
Set Forth for
the
Members of
the
Government

1. A member
of the
Government
must meet
the
requirements
set forth for
a Deputy.

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additional
incompatibility
requirements
therefor.

Article 149. Election and Appointment of the Prime Minister

1.
Immediately
after
commencement
of the term
of powers of
the newly-
elected
National
Assembly,
the
President of
the Republic
shall appoint
as Prime
Minister the
candidate
nominated

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submits a
resignation
or in other
cases of the
office of the
Prime
Minister
becoming
vacant, the
factions of
the National
Assembly
shall be
entitled to
nominate
candidates
for Prime
Minister
within a
period of
seven days
after
accepting
the
resignation
of the
Government.
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a new election of Prime Minister shall be held seven days after voting, wherein the candidates for Prime Minister nominated by at least one third of the total number of Deputies shall be entitled to participate. In case Prime Minister is not elected by majority of votes of the total number of Deputies,

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5. The President of the Republic shall immediately appoint as Prime Minister the candidate elected by the National Assembly.

Article 150.
Formation of the Government

The Government shall be formed within a period of fifteen days following appointment of the Prime Minister. The

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candidates
for Deputy
Prime
Ministers
and
ministers.
The
President of
the Republic
shall, within
a period of
three days,
either
appoint
Deputy
Prime
Ministers
and
ministers, or
apply to the
Constitutional
Court. The
Constitutional
Court shall
examine the
application
and take a
decision
within a

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period of
three days,
the
corresponding
Deputy
Prime
Minister or
minister
shall be
deemed to
be appointed
by virtue of
law.

Article 151. Programme of the Government

1. The Prime Minister shall, within a period of twenty days following formation of the Government, submit to

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of the
Government
within a
period of
seven days,
by majority
of votes of
the total
number of
Deputies.

3. In case
the National
Assembly
does not
approve the
Programme
of the
Government
and does not
elect a new
Prime
Minister in
accordance
with parts 2
and 3 of
Article 149
of the
Constitution,
the National

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the
Programme
of the
Government,
the National
Assembly
shall be
dissolved by
virtue of law.
4. Part 3 of
this Article
shall not
extend to the
Programme
of the
Government
formed in
accordance
with Article
115 of the
Constitution.
In case the
Programme
of this
Government
is not
approved,
the National
Assembly

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1. The Prime Minister shall, within the framework of the Programme of the Government, determine the main directions of policy of the Government, manage the activities of the Government and coordinate the work of the members of the Government. The Prime Minister may give

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Council and
the
procedure
for the
formation
and rules of
operation
thereof shall
be
prescribed
by law.
2. Deputy
Prime
Ministers
shall, upon
assignment
of the Prime
Minister,
coordinate
individual
fields of the
activities of
the
Government.
One of the
Deputy
Prime
Ministers
shall

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minister
shall
independently
manage the
field of
activities
entrusted to
the ministry.
4. The
members of
the
Government
shall be
entitled to
adopt
secondary
regulatory
legal acts.

Article 153.
Sittings and
Decisions of
the
Government

1. Sittings of
the
Government
shall be

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Government shall be entitled to adopt secondary regulatory legal acts.

Article 154. Economic and Financial Policies

1. The Government shall implement a single state policy on financial and economic, credit and tax matters.
2. The Government shall administer state

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of the
Government.
The decision
on the use
of armed
forces shall
be taken by
the
Government.
In case of
urgent
necessity,
the Prime
Minister
shall, upon
recommendation
of the
Minister of
Defence,
take a
decision on
the use of
armed
forces and
shall
immediately
inform the
members of
the

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Detence shall manage the armed forces within the framework of these main directions.

3. The highest military official of the armed forces shall be the Chief of General Staff, which shall be appointed by the President of the Republic, upon recommendation of the Prime Minister, for the term

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time of war,
the Prime
Minister
shall act as
the
Commander-
in-Chief of
the armed
forces.

5. The
subordination
and
management
of the armed
forces, as
well as other
details shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 156.
Annual
Report of
the
Government
to the
National
Assembly

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its
Programme
and the
results
thereof.

Article 157. Issue of the Confidence in the Government

1. With
respect to
the adoption
of a draft law
submitted by
the
Government,
the
Government
may raise
the issue of
its
confidence.
The draft
decision on
seeking
confidence

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shall be adopted by majority of votes of the total number of Deputies, by roll-call voting.

2. In case the draft decision on seeking confidence in the Government is adopted, the draft law submitted by the

Government shall be deemed adopted.

3. The Government may raise the issue of its confidence

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confidence
with respect
to the
adoption of
a draft
constitutional
law.

5. The
Government
may not
raise the
issue of its
confidence
during
martial law
or state of
emergency.

Article 158.
Resignation
of the
Government

The
Government
shall submit
its
resignation
to the

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Government,
not
approving
the
Programme
of the
Government,
the Prime
Minister
submitting a
resignation
or the office
of the Prime
Minister
becoming
vacant.

The
members of
the
Government
shall
continue
performing
their duties
until a new
Government
is formed.

Article 159.

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other bodies subordinate to the Government, the Prime Minister and ministries, the procedure for the formation and powers whereof shall be prescribed by law.

Article 160. Implementation of the Territorial Policy of the Government

1. The Government shall implement its territorial

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Government.

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governors

shall co-

ordinate the

activities of

the

territorial

subdivisions

of state

administration

bodies,

except for

the cases

prescribed

by law.

3. Specifics

of territorial

administration

in Yerevan

shall be

prescribed

by law.

Article 161.

Public

Council

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Council shall
be
prescribed
by law.

CHAPTER 7 COURTS AND THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Article 162. Administration of Justice

1. In the
Republic of
Armenia,
justice shall
be
administered
only by
courts in
compliance
with the
Constitution
and laws.

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Constitutional Court, the Court of Cassation, courts of appeal, courts of first instance of general jurisdiction, as well as the Administrative Court shall operate in the Republic of Armenia. Other specialised courts may be established in the cases provided for by law.

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be
independent,
impartial
and act only
in
accordance
with the
Constitution
and laws.

2. A judge
may not be
held liable
for the
opinion
expressed or
judicial act
rendered
during
administration
of justice,
except
where there
are elements
of crime or
disciplinary
violation.

3. Criminal
prosecution
of a judge of

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Court. A judge of the Constitutional Court may not be deprived of liberty, with respect to the exercise of his or her powers, without the consent of the Constitutional Court, except where he or she has been caught at the time of or immediately after committing a criminal offence. In this case, deprivation of liberty

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deprivation
of liberty of
a judge of
the
Constitutional
Court.

4. Criminal
prosecution
of a judge
with respect
to the
exercise of
his or her
powers may
be initiated
only upon
the consent
of the
Supreme
Judicial
Council. A
judge may
not be
deprived of
liberty, with
respect to
the exercise
of his or her
powers,

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committing a criminal offence. In this case, deprivation of liberty may not last more than seventy-two hours. The Chairperson of the Supreme Judicial Council shall be immediately notified of the deprivation of liberty of a judge.

5. The grounds and procedure for subjecting a judge to disciplinary

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not related to his or her status in other state or local self-government bodies, any position in commercial organisations, or engage in entrepreneurial activities or perform other paid work, except for scientific, educational and creative work. The Law on the Constitutional Court and the Judicial Code may prescribe additional incompatibility requirements.

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thereof, in cases of loss of citizenship of the Republic of Armenia or acquisition of citizenship of another State, entry into force of a criminal judgment of conviction rendered against him or her, termination of criminal prosecution on non-acquitting grounds, entry into force of a civil judgment on

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of violation
of
incompatibility
requirements,
engaging in
political
activities,
impossibility
of holding
office for
health
reasons, in
case of
committing
essential
disciplinary
violation the
powers of a
judge of the
Constitutional
Court shall
be
terminated
upon the
decision of
the
Constitutional
Court,
whereas the

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in
compliance
with his or
her high
status and
responsibility.
The amount
of
remuneration
of a judge
shall be
prescribed
by law.

11. Details
related to
the status of
judges shall
be
prescribed
by the Law
on the
Constitutional
Court and
the Judicial
Code.

Article 165.
Requirements
Set Forth for

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of only the
Republic of
Armenia,
having the
right of
suffrage,
with high
professional
qualities and
at least
fifteen years
of
professional
work
experience
may be
elected as a
judge of the
Constitutional
Court.

2. A lawyer
with higher
education,
having
attained the
age of forty,
holding
citizenship
of only the

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experience
may be
appointed as
a judge of
the Court of
Cassation.

3. A lawyer
with higher
education,
holding
citizenship
of only the
Republic of
Armenia,
having the
right of
suffrage may
be appointed
as a judge of
a court of
first instance
and a court
of appeal.

4. The
candidates
for judges
must have
command of
the

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candidates
for judges.

Article 166. Procedure for Election and Appointment of Judges

1. Judges of
the
Constitutional
Court shall
be elected
by the
National
Assembly for
a term of
twelve years,
by at least
three fifths
of votes of
the total
number of
Deputies.
The
Constitutional
Court shall

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three judges upon recommendation of the Government, and three judges upon recommendation of the General Assembly of Judges. The General Assembly of Judges may nominate only judges. The same person may be elected as a judge of the Constitutional Court only once.

2. The Constitutional Court shall elect the

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re-elected.

3. Judges of the Court of Cassation shall, upon recommendation of the National Assembly, be appointed by the President of the Republic. The National Assembly shall elect the nominated candidate by at least three fifths of votes of the total number of Deputies, from among the three candidates nominated

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shall be appointed by the President of the Republic, upon recommendation of the Supreme Judicial Council, from among the members of corresponding chamber, for a term of six years. The same person may be elected as chairperson of a chamber of the Court of Cassation only once.

5. The

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upon
recommendation
of the
Supreme
Judicial
Council,
from among
the
members of
the Court of
Cassation,
for a term of
six years.

The same
person may
be elected as
Chairperson
of the Court
of Cassation
only once.

6. Judges of
the courts of
first instance
and courts
of appeal
shall be
appointed by
the
President of

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instance and courts of appeal shall be appointed by the President of the Republic, upon recommendation of the Supreme Judicial Council, from among the members of the corresponding court, for a term of three years. The chairperson of the court may not be re-appointed to this position

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judges of the Constitutional Court — until attaining the age of seventy.

9. Details related to the election and appointment of judges shall be prescribed by the Law on the Constitutional Court and the Judicial Code.

Article 167.
The Constitutional Court

1.
Constitutional

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justice the Constitutional Court shall be independent and shall abide by only the Constitution.

3. The powers of the Constitutional Court shall be prescribed by the Constitution, whereas the procedure for the formation and rules of operation thereof shall be prescribed by the Constitution

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Constitutional Court, as prescribed by the Law on the Constitutional Court, shall:

(1) determine the compliance of laws, decisions of the National Assembly, decrees and executive orders of the President of the Republic, decisions of the Government and the Prime Minister, and secondary

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acts put to referendum, determine the compliance thereof with the Constitution; (3) prior to the ratification of an international treaty, determine the compliance of the commitments enshrined therein with the Constitution; (4) settle disputes arising between constitutional bodies with

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referendum,
those of the
elections of
the National
Assembly
and
President of
the
Republic;
(6) render a
decision on
termination
of the
powers of a
Deputy;
(7) render
an opinion
on the
existence of
grounds for
removing
the
President of
the Republic
from office;
(8) render a
decision on
the
impossibility

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Court to
disciplinary
liability;
(10) decide
on
termination
of the
powers of a
judge of the
Constitutional
Court;
(11) decide
on giving
consent for
initiating
criminal
prosecution
against a
judge of the
Constitutional
Court or
depriving
him or her
of liberty
with respect
to the
exercise of
his or her
powers;

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Applying to
the
Constitutional
Court

1. The
following
may apply to
the
Constitutional
Court:
(1) the
National
Assembly —
in the cases
prescribed
by point 12
of Article
168 of the
Constitution,
and in the
case
prescribed
by point 7 of
Article 168
of the
Constitution
upon the

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Constitution
upon the
decision
adopted by
at least three
fifths of votes
of the total
number of
Deputies;
(2) at least
one fifth of
the total
number of
Deputies —
in the cases
prescribed
by points 1,
4 and 6 of
Article 168
of the
Constitution;
(3) a faction
of the
National
Assembly —
in respect of
disputes
related to
decisions

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the Republic — in the cases prescribed by part 1 of Article 129, part 2 of Article 139, Article 150, as well as points 1 and 4 of Article 168 of the Constitution; (5) the Government — in the cases prescribed by points 1, 4, 8 and 12 of Article 168 of the Constitution; (6) the Supreme Judicial Council — in the cases

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Constitution
of regulatory
legal acts
listed in
point 1 of
Article 168
of the
Constitution,
violating
their
constitutional
rights, as
well as in the
cases
prescribed
by point 4 of
Article 168
of the
Constitution;
(8) everyone
— under a
specific case
where the
final act of
court is
available, all
judicial
remedies
have been

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against him or her upon this act, which has led to the violation of his or her basic rights and freedoms enshrined in Chapter 2 of the Constitution, taking into account also the interpretation of the respective provision in law enforcement practice;

(9) the Prosecutor General — in respect of the

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case
prescribed
by point 11
of Article
168 of the
Constitution;
(10) the
Human
Rights
Defender —
in respect of
the
compliance
of the
regulatory
legal acts
listed in
point 1 of
Article 168
of the
Constitution
with the
provisions of
Chapter 2 of
the
Constitution;
(11) political
parties or
alliances of

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adopted
upon the
results of
elections to
the National
Assembly;
(12)
candidates
for the
President of
the Republic
— in respect
of disputes
related to
decisions
adopted
upon the
results of
election of
the
President of
the
Republic;
(13) at least
three judges
of the
Constitutional
Court — in
the case

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Article 168
of the
Constitution,
apply to the
Constitutional
Court in
respect of
amendments
to the
Constitution,
membership
in
supranational
international
organisations,
or territorial
changes.

The
authorised
representative
of a popular
initiative
shall apply
to the
Constitutional
Court with
regard to
the issue of
a draft law

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the
Government
shall apply
to the
Constitutional
Court.
4. Courts
shall apply
to the
Constitutional
Court in
respect of
the
constitutionality
of the
regulatory
legal act
applicable in
a specific
case they
are seized
of, if they
have
reasonable
doubts on
the
constitutionality
thereof and
find that the

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Article 168
of the
Constitution,
the Council
of the
National
Assembly
shall apply
to the
Constitutional
Court.

6. The
details
related to
the
procedure
for applying
to the
Constitutional
Court shall
be
prescribed
by the Law
on the
Constitutional
Court.

7. The
Constitutional
Court shall

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Constitutional
Court

1. The Constitutional Court shall adopt decisions and opinions.
2. The decisions and opinions of the Constitutional Court shall be final and shall enter into force upon their promulgation.
3. The Constitutional Court may, upon its decision, prescribe a later time period for

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decisions on
the issues
provided for
by Article
168 of the
Constitution,
except for
the issue
provided for
by point 7,
whereas it
shall render
opinions on
the issue
provided for
by point 7 of
Article 168.
5. Decisions
on the issues
provided for
by points 10
and 12 of
Article 168
of the
Constitution,
as well as
opinions
shall be
adopted by

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majority or
votes of the
total number
thereof.

6. Where
the opinion
of the
Constitutional
Court is
negative, the
issue shall
be excluded
from the
examination
of the
competent
authority.

Article 171. The Court of Cassation

1. In the
Republic of
Armenia the
supreme
court
instance
shall be the

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scope of
powers
prescribed
by law, shall:
(1) ensure
the uniform
application
of laws or
other
regulatory
legal acts;
(2) eliminate
the
fundamental
violations of
human
rights and
freedoms.

Article 172. The Courts of Appeal

The courts
of appeal
shall be the
court
instance
reviewing,

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Supreme
Judicial
Council

The Supreme Judicial Council shall be an independent state body that guarantees the independence of courts and judges.

Article 174.
Composition and Procedure for the Formation of the Supreme Judicial Council

1. The

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be elected by the General Assembly of Judges, from among judges having at least ten years of experience as a judge. Judges from all court instances must be included in the Supreme Judicial Council. A member elected by the General Assembly of Judges may not act as chairperson of a court or chairperson

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Assembly, by at least three fifths of votes of the total number of Deputies, from among academic lawyers and other prominent lawyers holding citizenship of only the Republic of Armenia, having the right of suffrage, with high professional qualities and at least fifteen years of professional work experience.

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for a term of
five years,
without the
right to be
re-elected.

5. The
Judicial Code
may
prescribe
incompatibility
requirements
for the
members of
the Supreme
Judicial
Council
elected by
the National
Assembly.

6. The
Judicial Code
may
prescribe a
requirement
on the
suspension
of powers of
judge-
members

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limits and under the procedure prescribed by the Judicial Code, elect a Chairperson of the Council, successively from among the members elected by the General Assembly of Judges and the National Assembly.

8. Details related to the formation of the Supreme Judicial Council shall be prescribed

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Judicial Council shall:
(1) draw up and approve the lists of candidates for judges, including candidates subject to promotion;
(2) propose to the President of the Republic the candidates for judges subject to appointment, including those subject to appointment by way of promotion;
(3) propose to the

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of the Court
of Cassation,
subject to
appointment;
(4) propose
to the
National
Assembly
the
candidates
for judges
and for
Chairperson
of the Court
of Cassation;
(5) decide
on the issue
of
secondment
of judges to
another
court;
(6) decide
on giving
consent for
initiating
criminal
prosecution
against a

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a judge to disciplinary liability; (8) decide on the issue of terminating the powers of judges; (9) approve its estimate of expenditures as well as those of the courts, and submit them to the Government, in order to include them in the Draft State Budget as prescribed by law; (10) form its staff in accordance

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Judicial
Code, the
Supreme
Judicial
Council shall
act as a
court.

3. The
Supreme
Judicial
Council
shall, in the
cases and
under the
procedure
prescribed
by law,
adopt
secondary
regulatory
legal acts.

4. Other
powers and
rules of
operation of
the Supreme
Judicial
Council shall
be

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Article 176. Prosecutor's Office

1. The Prosecutor's Office shall be a unified system, headed by the Prosecutor General.
2. The Prosecutor's Office, in the cases and under the procedure prescribed by law, shall:
 - (1) instigate criminal prosecution;
 - (2) exercise oversight over the lawfulness of

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and
decisions of
courts;
(5) exercise
oversight
over the
lawfulness of
applying
punishments
and other
coercive
measures.

3. The
Prosecutor's
Office shall,
in exclusive
cases and
under the
procedure
prescribed
by law, bring
an action to
court with
regard to
protection of
state
interests.

4. The
Prosecutor's

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for the
formation
and rules of
operation of
the
Prosecutor's
Office shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 177.

The
Prosecutor
General

1. The
Prosecutor
General
shall be
elected by
the National
Assembly,
upon
recommendation
of the
competent
standing
committee of

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elected as
Prosecutor
General for
more than
two
consecutive
terms.

2. A lawyer
with higher
education,
having
attained the
age of thirty-
five, holding
citizenship
of only the
Republic of
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having the
right of
suffrage,
with high
professional
qualities and
at least ten
years of
professional
work
experience

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National
Assembly
may, in the
cases
prescribed
by law,
remove the
Prosecutor
General
from office
by at least
three fifths
of votes of
the total
number of
Deputies.

Article 178. Investigation Bodies

1.
Investigation
bodies shall,
in the cases
and under
the
procedure
prescribed

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and rules of
operation of
investigation
bodies shall
be
prescribed
by law.

CHAPTER 9 LOCAL SELF- GOVERNANCE

Article 179. Right to Local Self- Governance

1. Local self-governance shall be the right and capacity of local self-government bodies to decide, under their

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compliance
with the
Constitution
and laws.
2. Local self-
governance
shall be
exercised in
communities.

Article 180. Community

1.
Community
shall be the
entirety of
residents
within one
or several
settlements.

2.
Community
shall be a
legal person
under public
law.

Article 181.

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community,
which shall
be elected
for a term of
five years.

Direct or
indirect
election of
the head of
community
may be
prescribed
by the
Electoral
Code. In
case of
direct
election of
the head of
community,
the

principles of
electoral law
prescribed
by Article 7
of the
Constitution
shall apply.

2. The

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Community
Tasks, and
Powers of
Local Self-
Government
Bodies

1. Local self-government bodies shall have own powers, for the purpose of performing the mandatory and voluntary tasks of a community, as well as those delegated by the State. The mandatory tasks of a community

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a
community.
2. The
powers of
state bodies
may, for the
purpose of
more
effective
implementation
thereof, be
delegated by
law to local
self-
government
bodies.
3. The
Council of
Elders of a
community
shall, as
prescribed
by law,
adopt
secondary
regulatory
legal acts
subject to
enforcement

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community,
shall carry
out the
general
management
of the staff
of
community.
The head of
community
shall be
responsible
before the
Council of
Elders of the
community.

5. The
powers of
local self-
government
bodies shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 183.
Direct
Participation
in the

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of
community
affairs, by
resolving
public issues
of
community
importance
through a
local
referendum.
2. The
procedure
for holding a
local
referendum,
as well as
other ways
of direct
participation
of residents
of a
community
in the
administration
of
community
affairs shall
be

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over land as well as other property.

2. The land located in the territory of a community shall be under the ownership of the community, except for the land owned by the State as well as by natural and legal persons.

3. The Council of Elders of a community shall dispose of the community property as

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shall have its own budget which shall be approved by the Council of Elders of the community upon submission of the head of community.

2. The procedure for community budget revenue formation and expenditures shall be prescribed by law.

3. The Council of Elders of a community

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community
may
establish
payments to
be made to
the
community
budget for
the services
rendered by
the
community.

Article 186. Financing of Community

1. With a
view of
performing
the
mandatory
tasks of a
community,
the law shall
prescribe tax
and non-tax
sources
which are

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subject to mandatory financing from the State Budget.

3. The State shall, to the extent possible, allocate funds aimed at ensuring the proportional development of communities.

Article 187. Local Self-Governance in Yerevan

Yerevan is a community. The specifics of local self-governance

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body of the Government shall, in the cases and under the procedure prescribed by law, exercise legal oversight over the implementation of the own tasks of a community.

2. The authorised bodies of the Government shall, in the cases and under the procedure prescribed by law, exercise legal and professional

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1. With a view of raising the efficiency of local self-governance, the Councils of Elders of communities may establish inter-community unions. In view of public interests, inter-community unions may be established also by law, upon recommendation of the Government.
2. An inter-

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community
union shall
be a legal
person
under public
law.

Article 190. Merger and Division of Communities

In view of
public
interests,
communities
may be
merged or
divided by
law. When
adopting a
relevant law,
the National
Assembly
shall be
obliged to
hear the
opinion of

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and Powers
of the
Human
Rights
Defender

1. The Human Rights Defender shall be an independent official who observes the maintenance of human rights and freedoms on the part of state and local self-government bodies and officials, whereas in the cases prescribed by the Law on the

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freedoms
and
improvement
of the
regulatory
legal acts
related to
human
rights and
freedoms.
2. The
Human
Rights
Defender
shall submit
to the
National
Assembly an
annual
communication
on his or her
activities and
state of
protection of
human
rights and
freedoms.
The
communication

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officials shall be obliged to provide the Human Rights Defender, as prescribed by law, the necessary documents, information and clarifications, as well as assist in the activities thereof.

4. Other powers of the Human Rights Defender shall be prescribed by the Law on the Human Rights Defender.

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elected by
the National
Assembly,
upon
recommendation
of the
competent
standing
committee of
the National
Assembly, by
at least three
fifths of votes
of the total
number of
Deputies,
for a term of
six years.

2. Everyone
with higher
education,
complying
with the
requirements
set forth for
a Deputy
and enjoying
high
reputation

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Defender](#)

1. The right of immunity prescribed for a Deputy shall extend to the Human Rights Defender. The National Assembly shall decide on giving consent for instigating criminal prosecution against the Human Rights Defender or depriving him or her of liberty by at least three fifths of votes

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Defender.
3. The Human Rights Defender may not, during his or her term of powers, hold membership in any political party or otherwise engage in political activities. He or she must show political restraint in public speeches.

4. The State shall ensure due financing of the activities

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of the term
of his or her
powers, in
cases of loss
of
citizenship
of the
Republic of
Armenia or
acquisition
of
citizenship
of another
State, entry
into force of
a criminal
judgment of
conviction
rendered
against him
or her, entry
into force of
a civil
judgment on
declaring
him or her
as having no
active legal
capacity, as

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Defender
shall be
prescribed
by the Law
on the
Human
Rights
Defender.

CHAPTER 11 CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Article 194.
Functions
and Powers
of the
Central
Electoral
Commission
and the
System of
Electoral
Commissions

1. The

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and local self-government bodies, referenda, as well as exercises supervision over the lawfulness thereof.

2. The Central Electoral Commission shall, in the cases and under the procedure prescribed by law, adopt secondary regulatory legal acts.

3. The Central Electoral Commission

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procedure
for the
formation
and rules of
operation,
guarantees
for the
activities of
electoral
commissions
shall be
prescribed
by the
Electoral
Code.

Article 195.
Composition
and
Procedure
for the
Formation of
the Central
Electoral
Commission

1. The
Central
Electoral

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shall be elected by the National Assembly, upon recommendation of the competent standing committee of the National Assembly, by at least three fifths of votes of the total number of Deputies, for a term of six years. The same person may not be elected as a member, including as Chairperson, of the Central Electoral

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set forth for
a Deputy
may be
elected as a
member of
the Central
Electoral
Commission.

4. The
incompatibility
requirements
prescribed
for a Deputy
shall extend
to the
members of
the Central
Electoral
Commission.
The law may
prescribe
additional
incompatibility
requirements
therefor.

5. The
members of
the Central
Electoral

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activities.
They must
show
political
restraint in
public
speeches.
6. In case of
violation of
any of the
conditions
referred to
in parts 4
and 5 of this
Article, the
powers of a
member of
the Central
Electoral
Commission
shall be
terminated
by the
National
Assembly, by
at least three
fifths of votes
of the total

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and Powers
of the
Television
and Radio
Commission

1. The Television and Radio Commission shall be an independent state body, which ensures the freedom, independence and plurality of broadcasting media, exercises supervision over the activities of television and radio companies.
2. The

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and Radio
Commission
shall
exercise
supervision
over the
diversity of
informational,
educational,
cultural and
entertainment
programmes
on public
television
and radio.

4. The
Television
and Radio
Commission
shall submit
to the
National
Assembly an
annual
communication
on its
activities and
on the state
of freedom

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the cases
and under
the
procedure
prescribed
by law.
6. The
powers,
rules of
operation
and
guarantees
for the
activities of
the
Television
and Radio
Commission
shall be
prescribed
by law.

Article 197.
Composition
and
Procedure
for the
Formation of
Television

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of the
Television
and Radio
Commission
shall be
elected by
the National
Assembly,
upon
recommendation
of the
competent
standing
committee of
the National
Assembly, by
at least three
fifths of votes
of the total
number of
Deputies,
for a term of
six years.

The
Television
and Radio
Commission
shall elect a
Chairperson

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Television
and Radio
Commission
for more
than two
consecutive
terms.

3. Everyone
who has
higher
education,
complies
with the
requirements
set forth for
a Deputy,
who is a
prominent
specialist in
the field of
mass media
may be
elected as a
member of
the
Television
and Radio
Commission.
The law may

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shall extend to the members of the Television and Radio Commission. The law may prescribe additional incompatibility requirements therefor.

5. Members of the Television and Radio Commission may not, during their terms of powers, hold membership in any political party or otherwise engage in political

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in parts 4
and 5 of this
Article, the
powers of a
member of
the
Television
and Radio
Commission
shall be
terminated
by the
National
Assembly, by
at least three
fifths of votes
of the total
number of
Deputies.

CHAPTER 13 AUDIT CHAMBER

Article 198.
Functions
and Powers
of the Audit

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inance and ownership, over the lawfulness and effectiveness of the use of State Budget and community budgets funds, loans and credits received, as well as state- and community-owned property. The Audit Chamber shall be entitled to conduct inspections of legal persons only in the cases prescribed

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to the
National
Assembly:
(1) an annual
communication
on the
activities
thereof;
(2) the
opinion on
the State
Budget
performance;
(3) current
opinions in
the cases
prescribed
by law.
4. The
powers,
rules of
operation
and
guarantees
for the
activities of
the Audit
Chamber
shall be

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I. The Audit Chamber shall be composed of seven members.
2. The Chairperson and other members of the Audit Chamber shall be elected by the National Assembly, upon recommendation of the competent standing committee of the National Assembly, by at least three fifths of votes of the total number of Deputies,

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two consecutive terms.

3. Everyone with higher education and complying with the requirements set forth for a Deputy may be elected as a member of the Audit Chamber.

The law may prescribe additional requirements to the members of the Audit Chamber.

4. The incompatibility requirements prescribed

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5. Members of the Audit Chamber may not, during their terms of powers, hold membership in any political party or otherwise engage in political activities.

They must show political restraint in public speeches.

6. In case of violation of any of the conditions referred to in parts 4 and 5 of this Article, the

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number of
Deputies.

CHAPTER 14 CENTRAL BANK

Article 200.
Main
Objectives
and
Functions of
the Central
Bank

1. The
national
bank of the
Republic of
Armenia
shall be the
Central
Bank. The
Central Bank
shall be
independent
when

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and financial
stability.

3. The
Central Bank
shall
develop,
approve and
implement
monetary
policy
programmes.

4. The
Central Bank
shall issue
the currency
of the
Republic of
Armenia —
the
Armenian
Dram.

5. The
Central Bank
shall adopt
secondary
regulatory
legal acts in
the cases
and under

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on its
activities.

7. Other
objectives,
tasks, rules
of operation
and
guarantees
for the
activities of
the Central
Bank shall
be
prescribed
by law.

Article 201.
Chairperson
and the
Board of the
Central Bank

1. The Board
of the
Central Bank
shall be
composed of
the
Chairperson

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elected by
the National
Assembly,
upon
recommendation
of the
competent
standing
committee of
the National
Assembly, by
at least three
fifths of votes
of the total
number of
Deputies,
for a term of
six years.

The same
person may
not be
elected as
Chairperson
of the
Central Bank
for more
than two
consecutive
terms. The

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competent standing committee of the National Assembly, by majority of votes of the total number of Deputies, for a term of six years.

2. Everyone with higher education and complying with the requirements set forth for a Deputy may be elected as a member of the Board of the Central Bank. The law may prescribe additional

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to the
Chairperson
of the
Central Bank
and other
members of
the Board.

The
Chairperson
of the
Central Bank
and other
members of
the Board
shall be
entitled to
hold
positions, by
virtue of
their status,
in

commercial
organisations
and
foundations.

4. Members
of the Board
of the
Central Bank

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They must show political restraint in public speeches.

5. In case of violation of any of the conditions referred to in parts 3 and 4 of this Article, the powers of the Chairperson of the Central Bank shall be terminated by the National Assembly, by at least three fifths of votes of the total number of Deputies,

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Chairperson
of the
Central
Bank,
deputy
chairpersons
and
members of
the Board
shall be
prescribed
by law.

CHAPTER 15 ADOPTION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, AND REFERENDUM

Article 202.
Adoption of
and

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Constitution,
as well as to
Article 88,
to the first
sentence of
part 3 of
Article 89,
to part 1 of
Article 90,
to part 2 of
Article 103,
to Articles
108, 115,
119-120,
123-125,
146, 149 and
155, and to
part 4 of
Article 200
of the
Constitution
shall be
adopted only
through a
referendum.
At least one
third of the
total number
of Deputies,

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of adopting or amending the Constitution. The National Assembly shall adopt the decision on putting the draft to referendum by at least two thirds of votes of the total number of Deputies.

2. Except for the Articles specified in part 1 of this Article, amendments to other Articles of the Constitution shall be adopted by the National

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or one hundred fifty thousand citizens having the right of suffrage shall have the right to corresponding initiative.

3. In case the National Assembly does not adopt the draft of the amendments to the Constitution provided for in part 2 of this Article, it may be put to referendum upon the decision adopted by

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Articles 1, 2,
3 and 203
of the
Constitution
shall not be
subject to
amendment.

Article 204.
Referendum
on the Draft
Law
Submitted
Upon
Popular
Initiative

1. If the
National
Assembly
rejects the
adoption of
the draft law
submitted
under the
procedure
prescribed
by part 6 of

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citizens having the right of suffrage join the initiative of adopting the draft law, within a period of sixty days following the rejection, and where the Constitutional Court recognizes the given draft as complying with the Constitution. The Central Electoral Commission shall approve the validity of the

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only through
a
referendum.
Such
amendments
may be
made at
least one
year after
the adoption
of the
respective
law.

3. Draft laws
concerning
the subject
matter of
legal
regulation of
constitutional
laws, the
State
Budget,
taxes, duties,
other
compulsory
payments,
amnesty,
State

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referendum.

Article 205. Referenda on Accession by the Republic of Armenia to Supranational International Organisations and on Territorial Changes of the Republic of Armenia

1. The issues
related with
the
accession by
the Republic
of Armenia
to
supranational
international
organisations,
as well as
those related

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referendum
in the case
prescribed
by part 1 of
this Article
shall, upon
recommendation
of the
Government,
be adopted
by the
National
Assembly, by
majority of
votes of the
total number
of Deputies.

Article 206. Calling a Referendum

The
President of
the Republic
shall call a
referendum
within a
period of

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upon
popular
initiative, as
well as the
adoption by
the National
Assembly of
a decision
on holding a
referendum.
The
referendum
shall be held
not earlier
than fifty and
not later
than sixty-
five days
after calling
a
referendum.

Article 207.
Adoption of
an Act Put to
Referendum

An act put to
referendum

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the right to
participate
in
referenda,
have voted
in favour.

Article 208. Prohibition on Holding a Referendum

Referendum
shall not be
held during
martial law
or state of
emergency.

CHAPTER 16 FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 209. Entry into Force of

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of the last sentence of part 4 of Article 182, as well as Chapter 10 of the Constitution shall enter into force on the day following the promulgation of the amendments to the Constitution in the Official Journal of the Republic of Armenia.

2. The provisions of Chapter 4 of the Constitution with the amendments

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National Assembly.
3. The provisions of Articles 88, 90-102, parts 1, 3 and 4 of Article 103, Articles 104-107, 109-112, part 1 of Article 113, Articles 114, 116 and 121 shall enter into force from the opening day of the first session of subsequent convocation of the National Assembly. Starting from the opening day

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assumes
office, the
provisions of
relevant
Articles
prescribed
by the
Constitution
with the
amendments
of 2005
shall
continue
having
effect.

4. Article 89
of the
Constitution,
as well as
Chapter 11
of the
Constitution
shall enter
into force
from 1 June
2016.

5. The
provision of
the last

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Article 108,
part 2 of
Article 113,
Articles 115,
117-120 and
122, as well
as Chapters
5-8, 12-15
shall enter
into force on
the day the
newly-
elected
President of
the Republic
assumes
office.
Theretofore,
the relevant
provisions of
the
Constitution
with the
amendments
of 2005
shall
continue
having
effect.

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Code shall
be brought
into
compliance
with the
Constitution
and shall
enter into
force from 1
June 2016.
2. The Rules
of
Procedure
of the
National
Assembly,
the
Constitutional
Law on
Political
Parties and
the
Constitutional
Law on the
Human
Rights
Defender
shall be
brought into

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of the

National

Assembly.

3. Other constitutional laws shall be brought into compliance with the Constitution and shall enter into force on the day the newly-elected President of the Republic assumes office.

4. The Law on Local Self-Governance shall be brought into compliance with the Constitution

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Chamber,
and on
Central Bank
shall be
brought into
compliance
with the
Constitution
and shall
enter into
force on the
day the
newly-
elected
President of
the Republic
assumes
office.

Article 211.
Time Period
for the
Election of
President of
the Republic

First
elections of
the

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prior to the expiry of powers of the President of the Republic. The candidate having received a greater number of votes in the third round of election of the President of the Republic shall be elected as President of the Republic.

Article 212.
Resignation
of the
Government

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office. The
President of
the Republic
shall
immediately
accept the
resignation
of the
Government.

Article 213.
Holding
Office on the
Part of the
Members
and
Chairperson
of the
Constitutional
Court

The
Chairperson
and
members of
the
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Court
appointed

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their powers specified in the Constitution with the amendments of 2005. After entry into force of Chapter 7 of the Constitution, the nominations for vacant positions of judges of the Constitutional Court shall be made successively by the President of the Republic, the General Assembly of Judges, and the

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shall, in conformity with Article 174 of the Constitution, be formed after entry into force of relevant provisions of the Judicial Code, not later than one month prior to the expiry of the powers of the President of the Republic.

2. The powers of the members of the Council of Justice shall discontinue,

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Republic.
3. The
National
Assembly
and the
General
Assembly of
Judges shall
each elect
the
corresponding
three
members of
the first
composition
of the
Supreme
Judicial
Council for a
term of five
years,
whereas the
two
members for
a term of
three years.

Article 215.
Holding

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judges appointed prior to the entry into force of Chapter 7 of the Constitution shall continue holding office until the expiry of the term of their powers, specified in the Constitution with the amendments of 2005.

2. The chairpersons of courts and the chairpersons of chambers of the Court

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the
appointment
or election
of
chairpersons
of courts
and
chairpersons
of chambers
of the Court
of Cassation
under the
procedure
prescribed
by Article
166 of the
Constitution,
which shall
be carried
out not later
than within
six months
following the
formation of
the Supreme
Judicial
Council.
3. Where
the

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of chambers
of the Court
of Cassation
are not
appointed as
chairpersons
of relevant
courts and
as
chairpersons
of chambers
of the Court
of Cassation
under the
procedure
and within
time limits
prescribed
by Article
166 of the
Constitution,
they shall
continue
holding
office as
judges in
relevant
courts.

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entry into
force of
Chapter 8 of
the
Constitution
shall
continue
holding
office until
the expiry of
the term of
his or her
powers,
specified in
the
Constitution
with the
amendments
of 2005.

Article 217.
Holding
Office on the
Part of the
Members of
the Council
of Elders of
a
Community

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into force of
Chapter 9 of
the
Constitution
shall
continue
holding
office until
the expiry of
the term of
their
powers,
specified in
the
Constitution
with the
amendments
of 2005.
The
provision
prescribed
in the last
sentence of
part 4 of
Article 182
of the
Constitution
shall be
applied after

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Holding
Office on the
Part of the
Human
Rights
Defender

The Human
Rights
Defender
appointed
prior to the
entry into
force of
Chapter 10
of the
Constitution
shall
continue
holding
office until
the expiry of
the term of
his or her
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specified in
the
Constitution
with the

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shall be formed prior to 1 November 2016, under the procedure prescribed by Chapter 11 of the Constitution. The powers of the members of the Central Electoral Commission appointed prior to the entry into force of Chapter 11 of the Constitution shall discontinue upon formation of the Central

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After entry into force of Chapters 12-14 of the Constitution, the members of the bodies provided for by these Chapters shall continue holding office until the expiry of the term of their powers, specified in the Constitution with the amendments of 2005 and laws. The members of the Control

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