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DRAFT AMENDMENTS

**TO THE LAW
ON THE STATUS OF PEOPLE'S DEPUTY**

IN UKRAINE

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**Draft Amendments
to the Law of Ukraine
on the Status of People's Deputy of Ukraine (MP),
presented by the Parliamentary Faction "Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc"**

To add article 4 to the Law with the following content:*

Article 4*. The additional grounds for the early termination of powers of the People's Deputy of Ukraine.

1. Powers of the People's Deputy stop early also in case when he/she fails to join the deputy faction of political party (the electoral block of political parties) according to which list he/she was elected the People's Deputy, or split of the People's Deputy from the structure of this faction.

2. Non-joining of the People's Deputy the deputy faction of political party (the electoral block of political parties) according to which list he/she was elected the People's Deputy; - the refusal of the People's Deputy to sign the written the message on formation of deputy faction of political party (the electoral block of political parties), according to which list he/she was elected the People's Deputy, or his/her refusal to participate in the activities of this faction, or actual counteraction to the activities of the faction.

3. The split of People's Deputy from structure of deputy faction of political party (the electoral block of political parties) according to which list he/she was elected the People's Deputy, - the written appeal of the People's Deputy for an output from deputy faction according to which list he/she was elected the People's Deputy, an/or actual output from his faction without a written application, the terminations of participation in activity of this faction, any participation in the activity of other factions, including an input of the People's Deputy to the coalition contrary to the coordinated political position of deputy faction according to which list he/she was elected the People's Deputy and which has adopted a decision about refraining from structure of a coalition of deputy factions.

4. The highest body of the relevant political party (the electoral block of political parties) considers an issue concerning presence of the circumstances as it is provided by pp. 2 and 3 of this Article, and if found adopts a decision on the early termination of powers of the People's Deputy.

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To add Article 5 with pp. 4 and 5 with the following content:

Article 5. The order of the early termination of powers of the People's Deputy of Ukraine.

4. The decision on the early termination of powers of the People's Deputy according to Article 4* of this law is adopted by the highest body of the relevant political party (the electoral block of political parties) according to which he/she was elected the People's Deputy. In this case the powers of the People's Deputy are stopped from the date of adoption of such decision.

5. The decision of the highest body of political party (the electoral block of political parties) on the early termination of powers of the People's Deputy cancels the decision of the Central Electoral Commission on registration of the corresponding person at the People's Deputy. In three-day term from the date of the adoption of such decision the Central Electoral Commission shall grant the certificate of the People's Deputy to the next candidate for People's Deputies in the list of this political party (the electoral block of political parties).

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To put pp.1 and 5 of Article 13 in the following edition:

Article 13. The Rights of People's Deputies to unite in the deputy's factions (groups)

1. The People's Deputy enters a deputy's faction of the political party (the electoral block of political parties) according to which list he/she was elected the People's Deputy;

5. People's Deputy shall not be out of any faction;

To delete pp. 4 and 6 of Article 13