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**PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS
AND ADDENDA TO THE ELECTORAL CODE
OF “THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA”**

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I. CONSTITUTIONAL BASE FOR ADOPTION OF THE LAW

Constitutional base for adoption of the law is article 68, paragraph 1, line 2 of the Constitution of Republic of Macedonia, according to which the Parliament of Republic of Macedonia adopts laws.

II. REASONS FOR ADOPTING THE LAW

Carrying out the elections in Republic of Macedonia is regulated with the Electoral Code (Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia number.40/06), according to which the elections of the representatives in the Parliament of Republic of Macedonia were carried out.

Following the example and experience of the European countries, the aspirations of the Republic of Macedonia to approximate the legislation with the European, as well as the recommendations of OSCE/ODIHR, vested the need for amendments and addenda of the Electoral code, with new solutions that shall regulate the manner and the procedure for voting of the citizens of Republic of Macedonia that are temporary working and staying abroad in the diplomatic-consular offices of Republic of Macedonia in the country where they stay.

This matter was actualized in 1998, but its regulation have always been postponed with explanation that the network of the diplomatic-consular offices of our country don't cover all countries where our citizens stay, also as problem that today is actualized is the registration of the citizens that are temporary working and staying abroad, but also the election procedure itself for which longer time period is required for undertaking all necessary activities for successful realization of the election process for this category of citizens. At the same time, the realization of the procedure for voting abroad requires additional financial means. Since then until now, the situation with all mentioned matters endured changes, which opened opportunity for regulation of voting of citizens of Republic of Macedonia that are temporary working and staying abroad. At the same time, it has to be considered that this matter was regulated with the Law on election of members of Parliament (Official gazette of SRM num. 28/90) and elections were carried out in our diplomatic-consular offices.

In this period, there is another reason that is in addition to regulation of this matter, and that is the time period until the carrying out of the next elections for president of the Republic and for members of the parliament, in which all preliminary procedures for successful implementation of the amendments and addenda that are proposed with this law can be carried out.

The amendments to the Law also foresee other lesser specifications of certain articles in the Law, which in the phase of realization of the elections were leaving space for double meaning interpretations or impreciseness.

III. BASIC PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE LAW IS BASED

The amendments and addenda that are proposed with the Law on amendments and addenda of the Electoral code are based of the basic principles on which the Electoral code is based.

IV. CONTENT OF THE LAW

The content of the law is given as proposal for adoption of Law on amendments and addenda of the Election Code.

PROPOSAL
for amendments and addenda to the Electoral Code

Article 1

In the Electoral code ("Official gazette of R.M" num.40/60), in article 2 after point 15, two new points 16 and 17 shall be added, that read as follows:

"16."Diplomatic-consular offices" are offices of Republic of Macedonia in other countries and in international organizations that perform works regulated by law.

17. "Citizens of Republic of Macedonia that are temporary working or staying abroad" are citizens of Republic of Macedonia that have reported last residence in Republic of Macedonia, and on the Election Day are temporary staying abroad from three months to one year or are temporary working or staying abroad more than one year according to the registers of competent authority.

Points 16 and 17 shall be changed into points 18 and 19.

Article 2

In article 6, after paragraph (1), new paragraph (2) shall be added that reads as follows:

"(2) The citizens of Republic of Macedonia that are temporary working or staying abroad on the Election day and are registered in the Voter's list according to the registers of the competent authority, vote for election of president of Republic of Macedonia and members of the parliament of Republic of Macedonia in the diplomatic-consular offices of Republic of Macedonia abroad, according to the provisions of this code."

Article 3

In article 16 paragraph (2) shall be changed and it shall read as it follows:

"(2) Early elections for members of a council and for mayor are announced and held according to provisions foreseen with this code, and after fulfillment of the conditions for termination of the mandate foreseen with the Law on local self-government."

Article 4

In article 17, line (2), after words "commissions and", the words "Election commission of City of Skopje" shall be added.

In line 3, after the word "boards" the full-stop shall be deleted and the conjunction "and" shall be added.

After line 3 new line 4 shall be added, that read as it follows:

"- electoral boards for voting in diplomatic-consular offices of Republic of Macedonia (hereinafter as: DCO)."

Article 5

In article 18, paragraph (2), line 2, after words "Ministry of justice", the words "Ministry for foreign affairs, Secretariat for legislation," shall be added.

After paragraph (2), new paragraph (3) shall be added that reads as follows:

"(3) Persons employed in the Ministry for foreign affairs are members of electoral boards for voting in DCO."

Paragraph (3) shall be changed into paragraph (4).

Article 6

In article 21, after paragraph (4) new paragraph (5) shall be added, that reads as follows:

“(5) The principles from paragraphs (2) and (3) of this article are not applied for election of members of electoral boards for voting in DCO.”

Article 7

In article 25, paragraph (1), after the word “units,” the words “as well as municipalities and City of Skopje” shall be added.

Article 8

In article (31) paragraph (2) point 1) after the word “commissions”, the words “and the Election commission of City of Skopje” shall be added, and in point 32) the number “15” shall be replaced with the number “20”.

After the point 37), six new points shall be added 38), 39), 40), 41), 42) and 43), that read as follows:

38) monitors the commencement and completion of the election campaign and undertakes measures foreseen with this code;

39) in cooperation with the Ministry of foreign affairs, enacts Rulebook and guidelines for the manner and the procedure for conducting of the elections in DCO;

40) prescribes the form for the request for voting in DCO;

41) constitutes the electoral boards for voting in DCO;

42) hands over and receives the election material to and from electoral boards for voting in DCO, through the Ministry of foreign affairs;

43) forwards the closed envelopes with ballots received from the election boards for voting in DCO to municipal election commissions;”

Points 38) and 39) shall be changed into points 44) and 45).

Article 9

In article 32 after paragraph (1), new paragraph (2) shall be added, that read as follows:

“(2) State Election commission in time frame of three days from the day of announcement of elections delivers a request to the Ministry of foreign affairs for obtaining proposal for the employed, that shall be members of the electoral boards for voting in DCO”.

In paragraph (2) which changes into paragraph (3), the words “paragraph (1)” are replaced with the words “paragraphs (1) and (2)”.

Article 10

In article 37 paragraph (2) after point 14), new point 15) shall be added, that reads as follows:

“15) determines and sums up the results from the voting in DCO”

Point 15) which changes into point 16), the words “receiving of the election material from the electoral boards” shall be replaced with the words “summing up of the results”.

Point 16) shall be changed into point 17).

In paragraph (3) point 3) the words “and the City of Skopje” shall be deleted and after point 3), new point 4) shall be added, that read as follows:

4) decides upon complaints, based on inspection in the election material and other evidences; and “, and point 4) shall be changed into point 5).

After paragraph (3) new paragraph (4) shall be added, that read as follows:

“(4) During the carrying out of the local elections, the Election commission of City of Skopje:

- 1) takes care for legality in preparation and carrying out of the elections in accordance to this code;
- 2) undertakes technical reparations for carrying out of the elections according to the guidelines and instructions of the State Election commission;
- 3) prepares and delivers a report to the State Election commission;
- 4) confirms and registers the authorized representatives for monitoring of the work of the Election commission of city of Skopje;
- 5) determines if the proposed lists of candidates for election of members of the council and the list of candidate for mayor of City of Skopje, are submitted in accordance with this code;
- 6) confirms the lists of proposed candidates and establishes the order of the single list of candidates by drawing lost;
- 7) announces the determined list of candidates;
- 8) determines the results of the voting in the city of Skopje and issues certificates for election to the elected candidates for members of the council and mayor of city of Skopje, right after the finishing of elections;
- 9) decides upon complaints, based on inspection in the election material and other evidences; and
- 10) conducts other matters foreseen with this code.”

Article 11

In article 38, paragraph (3) the word “order” shall be replaced with the word “employed”, and after words “city of Skopje”, the words: “and public administration, with high education” shall be added,

After paragraph (3), two new paragraphs (4) and (5) shall be added, that read as follows:

“(4) State election commission constitutes election boards for voting in DCO.

(5) Electoral boards for voting in DCO are composed of president, his/her deputy and two members.”

Article 12

In article 40, after paragraph (5), new paragraph (6) shall be added that reads as follows:

“(6) Electoral boards for voting in DCO conduct matters according to the competences foreseen in this article, except the competences from paragraph (2) points 4) and 5) and paragraphs (3) and (4).”

Article 13

In the article 41 paragraph 5 after the word “abroad” the full stop shall be deleted and the words “and on the basis of a voting application submitted in the DCO” shall be added

Article 14

In the article 46 after the word “in” new word “DCO”, then comma, new word “in” and a new line shall be added, as follow:

“for voting of the citizens who are temporarily working or staying abroad at the time of the elections, on the basis of a voting application”.

The lines 1 and 2 shall become lines 2 and 3

Article 15

In the article 47 new line shall be added, as follow:

“for the citizens who are temporarily working or staying abroad at the time of the elections, one copy is systematized according to the polling station or municipality and the last place of residence in the Republic of Macedonia, and the country where the citizen is temporarily on work or staying abroad and the place of the diplomatic-consular office is under remark, the second copy is systematized according to the country where is temporary working or staying abroad, the place of the diplomatic-consular office, and the number of the polling station, municipality to which that polling station belongs and the polling unit are under remarks”.

The lines 1 and 2 shall become lines 2 and 3.

Article 16

In the article 49 after paragraph (1) new paragraph (2) shall be added, as follow:

“(2) The Ministry of justice trough the Ministry of foreign affairs is delivering the Voter’s list particular excerpts for persons who are temporary working or staying abroad to the DCO on the basis of the records reserved by the authorities, for a public inspection”

The paragraphs (2) and (3) shall become paragraphs (3) and (4)

Article 17

In the article 50 after the paragraph (3) three new paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) are added, as follow:

“(4) A request for entering, adding or deleting data in the Voter’s list particular excerpts within the deadline referred for public inspection may be submitted to the DCO by the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia who are temporary working or staying abroad”.

“(6) Within the deadline referred for public inspection the citizens who are temporary working or staying abroad complete application form in writing by which they record for voting for the upcoming elections and submit the application form to the DCO.”

“(7) Requests of the paragraphs (4) and (5) of this article, the DCO successively, no later than 3 days after finishing the public inspection, deliver to the Ministry of foreign affairs, and the Ministry of foreign affairs deliver to the Ministry of justice within 2 days of receiving the requests.”

Article 18

In the article 60 paragraph (3) the word “logo” shall be changed with the word “the symbol”.

Article 19

In the article 83 within paragraph (2) new line 1 shall be added, as follow:

“-participation fee from the political party;”

The lines 1 and 2 become lines 2 and 3.

After line (2) new line (3) shall be added, as follow:

“(3) the election campaign may be funded from donations by persons and legal entities expressed in advertising material (caps, t-shirts, pens, flags) and other type of services whose value shall not exceed the amount declared in paragraph (2) sections 2 and 3 of this article”.

Article 20

After article 83 new article 83-a shall be added, as follow:

“Article 83-a

(1)The organizer of the election campaign within the election campaign runs a register of donations with the following data:

- name, of each donor separately;
- type and amount of the donation; and
- date of receiving the donation.

(2) The register of donations is realized through a specified form stated in a rule book adopted by the Ministry of finance, in which the form, the content and the method of realization of the register of donations.

(3) The organizer of the election campaign is obliged publicly to announce the register from paragraph (1) of this article.”

Article 21

In the article 87 paragraphs (2) shall be deleted.

Article 22

In the article 91 after paragraph (1) two new paragraphs (2) and (3) shall be added, as follow:

“(2) The State Election Commission shall submit the election material for voting in DCO to the responsible person within the Ministry of foreign affairs no later than 15 days before the day of the elections.

(3) The Ministry of foreign affairs shall submit the election material of DCO immediately after receiving.”

Paragraph (2) shall become paragraph (4).

Article 23

In the article 101 paragraph (1) the full stop at the end shall be deleted, after the word “pm”, comma is putted and the words “in DCO the time difference is esteemed, respectively from 07 am to 19 pm according to the time calculation in the respective country” shall be added.

Article 24

In the article 106 in the second clause after the word “allowed” comma shall be putted and the words “respectively the election voting boards in DCO” shall be added.

Article 25

In the article 107 paragraph (1) the full stop at the end shall be deleted and the words “and in DCO” shall be added.

Article 26

After the article 113 new article 113-a shall be added, as follow:

“Article 113-a

(1) The voter who are temporarily working or staying abroad on the day of the elections, vote in DCO seven days before the day of the elections.

(2) The State Election Commission is obliged immediately after receiving the Voter’s lists referred to in paragraph (1) to deliver them to the DCO trough the Ministry of foreign affairs.

(3) For the voter referred to in paragraph (1) of this article the elections are conducted by the election voting boards in DCO.

(4) The election voting boards in DCO make records of the voting in which they are recording the following data:

-DCO for which election board is establish, time of the opening and closing of the voting, the total number of recorded voters, the total voter number who voted, total number of used and unused ballots, as well as the eventual remarks from the election board members, authorized representatives and the observers.

(5) The ballots are putted in separate envelopes on which the place of the elections and the municipality are indicated and than the envelopes are sealed.

(6) The election board's trough the Ministry of foreign affairs is delivering the records, sealed envelopes and other election material after closing of the voting to the State Election Commission which record the number of the unopened envelopes and convey them to the particular municipal election commission which make sum up of the results."

Article 27

After the article 118 new article 118-a shall be added, as follow:

"Article 118-a

(1) The election boards in DCO shall deliver the records and other election material to the Ministry of foreign affairs no latter than three days following the completion of the voting.

(2) If the deadline is exceeded during the delivery of the election materials, the State Election Commission shall not take into account those materials."

Article 28

In the article 149 paragraph (2) the number "4" shall be changed with the number "24".

Article 29

In the article 158 paragraph (1) the words "If a mandate of the mayor is terminated due to one of the reasons stipulated in the Law" shall be deleted.

Article 30

The Title of the Chapter XIV shall be changed, as follow "Penalty and misdemeanor provisions"

Article 31

In the article 179 in the paragraph (1) the words: "with fine of 20 000 to 50 000 denars shall be punished for misdemeanor" shall be changed with the words:

"Fine with amount from 300 to 800 euros in denar counter value for misdemeanor will be pronounced to".

In the paragraph (2) the words: "with fine penalty of 20 000 to 50 000 denars shall be punished for misdemeanor", shall be changed with the words:

"Fine with amount of 300 to 800 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to".

Article 32

In the article 180 paragraph (1) the words: "with fine of 200 000 to 300 000 denars shall be punished for misdemeanor", shall be changed with the words:

“Fine with amount of 3 000 to 5 000 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to”.

The paragraph (2) shall be changed, as follow:

“Fine with amount of 3 000 to 5 000 euros in denar counter value for misdemeanor referred to in paragraph (1) of this article shall be pronounced also to a candidate or other person for the actions referred to in paragraph (1) of this article”.

Article 33

In the article 181 the words: “With fine of 20 000 to 50 000 denars shall be punished for misdemeanor”, shall be changed with the words:

“Fine with amount of 300 to 900 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to”.

After the paragraph (1) new paragraph (2) shall be added, as follow:

“Fine with amount of 3 000 to 5 000 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to a legal person for not respecting the time frame for commencement and completion of the election campaign. (Article 74 paragraph 1).

Article 34

In the article 182 paragraph (1) the words: “with fine of 200 000 to 300 000 denars shall be punished and”, shall be changed with the words:

“Fine with amount of 3 000 to 5 000 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to”.

In the paragraph (2) the words: “with fine of 20 000 to 50 000 denars shall be punished for misdemeanor and”, shall be changed with the words: “Fine with amount of 300 to 800 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to”.

Article 35

In the article 183 the words: “with fine of 20 000 to 50 000 denars”, shall be changed with the words:

“Fine with amount of 300 to 800 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to”.

Article 36

In the article 184 the words: “with fine of 40 000 to 50 000 denars shall be punished for misdemeanor”, shall be changed with the words:

“Fine with amount of 400 to 800 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced to”.

Article 37

In the article 185 the words: “with fine of 40 000 to 50 000 denars shall be punished”, shall be changed with the words:

“Fine with amount of 500 to 1 000 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to”.

Article 38

In the article 186 the words: “with fine of 20 000 to 50 000 denars shall be punished for misdemeanor”, shall be changed with the words:

“Fine with amount of 300 to 800 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to”.

Article 39

In the article 187 the words: "with fine of 200 000 to 300 000 denars", shall be changed with the words:

"Fine with amount of 3.500 to 5 000 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced to".

Article 40

In the article 188 the words: "with fine of 20 000 to 50 000 denars shall be punished for misdemeanor", shall be changed with the words:

"Fine with amount of 300 to 800 euros in denar counter value shall be pronounced for misdemeanor to".

Article 41

In the article 189 paragraph (1) and (2) the words: "shall be fined from 200, 00 to 300, 00 Denars for the offence", are replaced with the following: "daily fine in amount from 4.000 to 5.000 euros in counter value for misdemeanors shall be fined"

In the paragraph (3) the expressions:" shall be fined from 20,000 to 50,000 denars", are replaced with the following:" daily fine in amount from 500 to 800 euros in counter value for misdemeanors shall be fined"

Article 42

In the article 190 the words "shall be fined from 20,000 to 50,000 denars for the offences", are replaced with the following: "daily fine in amount from 300 to 600 euros counter value for misdemeanors shall be fined".

Article 43

In the article 191 paragraph (1) and (2) the words:" shall be fined from 40,000 to 50,000 denars for the offence and", are replaced with the following:" daily fine in amount from 500 and 800 euros counter value for misdemeanors shall be fined".

Article 44

Rule book for the form, content and the manner of maintaining the register for the taxes of the article 20 from this code, shall be enacted by the Minister of finance in the period of six months from the day of entering into force of this code".

Article 45

This Code shall enter into force on the day it is published in the "Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia".

EXPLANATION

I. EVALUATION FOR THE CONDITION THAT IS NEEDED TO BE REGULATED WITH THE LAW

The necessity for amendments and addenda of the Electoral Code resulted from the fifteen year practice of conducting the multiparty elections in Republic of Macedonia. After the independencies of the country, there wasn't any regulation set-up concerning the question for voting of the Macedonian citizens with suffrage, which on the date of the elections are abroad, until now with the electoral regulative. Following the international rules and standards, the necessity for regulating this question was imposed, which also means completing the electoral regulative. The time period in which the changes are suggested is supporting that, which means leaves opportunity for preparation and exact implementation of the foreseen decisions in the law. In this way the suffrage of the citizens guaranteed in the article 22 of the Constitution of Republic of Macedonia, will be strengthen.

II. THE AIM NEEDED TO BE ACHIVED WITH THE ENACTING OF THE ELECTORAL CODE

Enacting of the proposed amendments and addenda of the Electoral Code and their implementation will allow persons with suffrage which on the date of the elections are temporary working and staying aboard, to vote.

This legal decision is also part of the recommendations of the OSCE, which is postponed and maybe is the last note which is not implemented in the Electoral Code for its entire approximation with the international rolls and standards for conducting elections.

There aren't unique standards for the way and procedure of voting of the citizens who are on temporary working and staying aboard; this is allowed to be regulated accordingly to the legal system of the country.

In the process of the preparation of the changes and amendments of the Electoral Code were considered the codes of Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Canada, Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as Romania, which every one of it in their own manner regulated this issue accordingly with the national legislation.

III. CONTENT OF THE CODE

Draft law for amending the Electoral Code contains 45 articles.

There placed some changes placed aiming to make the electoral process better in the text of the proposed amendments. Therefore, as the amendments are set, the provisions are established in the text of the code, which allow voting of citizens temporary working aboard in the diplomatic and consular offices of Republic of Macedonia. After the amendments set up, the recommendations of the international organizations are placed in the Electoral Code, which are connected with the monitoring of the legislation and electoral process, but also related with the approximation of our electoral legislation with the regulations of the countries of the European Union.

In the article 1 two new definitions are added: "diplomatic and consular offices" and "citizens of Republic of Macedonia at temporary job and residence in foreign countries", for their clarified meaning in the following text of the Code.

In the article 2 the election body of the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia is defined. **It should be attentive that according to the definition of right to vote only the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia who has domicile in the Republic of Macedonia and who will submit application form in the proper diplomatic and consular offices have this right. For those citizens of Republic of Macedonia who don't have domicile in the Republic of Macedonia, according to the Electoral Code do not have the opportunity to vote, except during public inspection in the voters list or if they register residence on the**

territory of Republic of Macedonia. In the countries where the voting for the citizens staying abroad without residence in the countries where the elections take place are allowed, is established with particular electoral board, or is connected with the electoral model (proportional, the country is one election district). In this part it is established that voting abroad is conducted for the presidential and parliamentary elections. According to the practices of the other countries, the voting for local elections is stipulated. In the countries of the European Union particular elections are conducted for the European parliament. As of the comparative experiences, the outcome results that there aren't obliged directives for this issue, but electoral legislations is established according to the national legal system of the proper country.

With the article 3 is specified and approximated the article with this code, thus with the Law on local self-government.

With the article 4 from the draft law is supplemented the article 17 with the election commission of the City of Skopje during the local elections and electoral boards which will carry out the elections in the DCO.

With the article 5 is specified the provisions for the composition of the particular electoral boards, the voting of the employees in the Ministry for foreign affairs as well as employees in the diplomatic and consular offices.

With the article 6 is approximated the content of the Code.

With the article 7 is given obligation to municipalities to assist the electoral offices during the electoral process.

With article 8 is supplemented the existing article, with the competencies of the State Election Commission for creating election commission of the City of Skopje, monitoring the time duration of the campaign, creating particular election boards for voting aboard and enacting the Rule book and instructions in cooperation with the Ministry of foreign affairs as well as the manner of delivering and receiving the election material for voting aboard.

With article 9 is regulated the manner and the delivery period of the data for creating the election boards for voting aboard.

With article 10 is specified the competencies of the municipal election commission for voting aboard, and also is determining the competencies of the election commission of the City of Skopje.

With the article 11 the possibility of the president of the election board and his deputy to be elected is provided from the employees in the state and public administration with high education. In this way there won't be any existing problems with the transport of the persons which are involved in the elections bodies on the day of the elections. Last parliament elections demonstrated that the solution was not sufficient. In addition, this category of people are able to comprehend their right to vote, and financing costs for the transportation, settlement, food and other things will be decreased.

With this article the composition of the particular election boards for voting aboard is defined.

With the article 12 and 13 the competencies of the election boards in the diplomatic and consular offices, conditions of voting aboard, based on the submitted application of the person who is staying aboard and want to vote in the diplomatic and consular offices of the Republic of Macedonia in the country where is staying has been established.

With article 14 is specified the article for voting aboard of the people temporary working and residing aboard.

With the article 15 is regulated the manner of preparation of the particular lists for voting aboard and their content.

With articles 16 and 17 is defined the procedure for public inspection in the diplomatic and consular offices.

With article 18 is made approximation of the article 60 with the article 64 from the Electoral Code.

With articles 19 and 20 is specified the part which concerns financing the election campaign. This change is made under the pressure of the public opinion, actually under note of

the experts, regarding the fact that this part should be more transparent with detailed information for the donors of the campaign.

With the article 21 is proposed the removing of the paragraph 2 of the article 87, because was evaluated that cannot be applied.

With the article 22 is defined the procedure and the deadline for delivering and receiving the electoral material for voting aboard which is in competence of the State Election Commission and the Ministry of foreign affairs.

With the article 23 is given a solution for identifying the difference in the time in the country where the voting is taking place with the time in our country.

With the articles 24 and 25 is approximated with the previous made changes and amendments.

With article 26 is supplemented new article 113 – a, which regulates the way of voting of the voters which on the day of the elections are temporary working or residing aboard, and the procedure with the electoral material for this type of voting.

The proposed decision stipulates that the voting should be conducted seven days before the day of the elections in our country. This is how it is regulated in the other considered countries. Thus it means that the country will adjust the day of voting aboard.

With the article 27 is supplemented the new article 118 – a, which regulates the dead line for delivering of the electoral material after the voting is done in the diplomatic and consular offices where the voting takes place to the authorized body in the country.

With article 28 the change of the deadline is made.

With article 29 the approximation with other laws is made, because the stipulated solution in the law cannot be applied, without making change in the Law for Local Self-government.

With article 30 the approximation with the Misdemeanor/Penal Code which replaces the fine with daily fine in counter value is made.

With article 31 are anticipated the new provisions for sanctions of legal persons (political party), if not acted according to the law regarding the time of the beginning and ending of the election campaign; also approximation with the Misdemeanor/Penal Code is made..

With articles 32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42 and 43 the approximation with the Misdemeanor/Penal Code is made.

With the article 44 is regulated the deadline for the enacting the Rule Book by the Minister of Finance, and with 45 is regulated the deadline for entering into the force of this law.

IV. FINANCING MEANS

In order to carry out this law financing, means are required to conduct the election process for the citizens of Republic of Macedonia who are temporary working or staying aboard.

The means will be anticipated in the budget of separate bodies' competences for carrying out determined acts before the elections conduction, as well as they will be anticipated in the year when the election will be carried out in The Budget of the State Electoral Commission.