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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

**LAW ON MAKING AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTORAL CODE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

adopted on 26 February 2007

SECOND READING

ARTICLE 1. The Article 1 of the Electoral Code of RA (adopted on February 5, 1999), hereinafter referred to as the Code, shall be amended by adding the following point 5:

“5. Elections in the Republic of Armenia shall be held only in the territory of the Republic of Armenia.”.

ARTICLE 2. The Article 2 of the Code shall be amended as follows:

a) the following point 7 shall be added:

“7. Individuals registered in the Republic of Armenia and holding the citizenship of the Republic of Armenia and, simultaneously, that of another country shall vote during elections according to the procedure set forth by this law.

Individuals not registered in the Republic of Armenia and holding the citizenship of the Republic of Armenia and, simultaneously, that of another country shall not be eligible to vote during elections.”.

b) The point 2 of Article 2 of the Code shall be declared null and void.

ARTICLE 3. The Article 9 of the Code shall be amended as follows:

a) “The Passport and Visa Department of the RA Police (hereinafter, the Authorised Agency)” phrase in the point 1 of the Article shall be amended to read as follows: “The Police of the Republic of Armenia under the auspices of the Government of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafer, the Authorised Agency).”

b) the phrase “Republic of Armenia diplomatic or consular missions abroad” shall be removed from the point 5 of the Article.

ARTICLE 4. The points 6 and 7 of Article 10 of the Code shall be declared null and void.

ARTICLE 5. The phrase “for an appropriate fee” of the point 3 of Article 13 of the Code shall be replaced with a phrase “for a fee established by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.”

ARTICLE 6. The phrase “..., Electoral precincts shall be formed in diplomatic or consular missions of the Republic of Armenia abroad.... Electoral precincts shall also be formed” shall be removed from the point 4 of Article 15 of the Code.

ARTICLE 7. The phrase “..., and in electoral precincts created in diplomatic or consular missions.” shall be removed from the point 3 of Article 16 of the Code.

ARTICLE 8. The phrase “..., except members of precinct electoral commissions created in Republic of Armenia diplomatic or consular missions abroad” shall be removed from para. 4 of point 9 of Article 33 of the Code.

ARTICLE 9. The Article 51 of the Code shall be declared null and void.

ARTICLE 10. The phrase “..., except members of precinct electroal commissions created in Republic of Armenia diplomatic or consular missions abroad” shall be removed from the point 1 of Article 34 of the Code.

ARTICLE 11. The phrase “registered in diplomatic or consular missions, as well as... “ shall be removed from point 6 of Article 56 of the Code.

ARTICLE 12. The following point 3 shall be added to Article 65 of the Code:

“3. Citizens of the Republic of Armenia who are at the same time citizens of another country may not nominate their candidatures and be registered as candidates in Presidential elections. “

ARTICLE 13. The following point 5 shall be added to Article 97 of the Code:

“5. Citizens of the Republic of Armenia who are at the same time citizens of another country may not nominate their candidatures and be registered as candidates in Parliamentary elections. “

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