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DRAFT AMENDMENTS

TO THE CONSTITUTION

OF GEORGIA

Constitutional Law of Georgia

On Amendments to the Constitution of Georgia

Article 1. The following amendments shall be made to the Constitution (Georgian Parliamentary Herald, 1995, №№31-33, Art. 668):

1. Paragraph one to Article 49 shall be amended as follows:

„1. Before the conditions under Article 4 of the Constitution of Georgia have been created, the Parliament of Georgia shall consist of 150 members elected to serve for a term of four years. The MPs shall be elected based on universal, equal, and direct suffrage through secret ballot by a proportional electoral system in the multi-mandate constituencies.“.

2. Paragraphs one and two to Article 50 shall be amended as follows:

„1. A political union of citizens, registered as determined by law, shall have the right to stand for elections if the initiative is supported by the signatures of voters under an organic law or if it has a representative in Parliament at the time when elections are scheduled. The number of signatures of voters determined by organic law shall not exceed 1% of the number of voters.

2. MP seats shall be distributed only among political associations and electoral blocs that have obtained at least 4% of votes according to all multi-mandate constituencies from those participating in the elections. The distribution of MP seats to the above-mentioned political associations and electoral blocs shall be made according to proportional results shown in the respective constituencies as determined by organic law.“.

Article 2. Transitional Provision

Parliament of Georgia elected during 2016 regular elections shall consist of 77 members elected by a proportional voting system and 73 members elected by a majoritarian voting system to serve for a term of four years. In case of pre-term termination of authorities of MPs, until the first gathering of the Parliament elected during next regular elections, the procedure of determination of successor to the MP elected through a proportional system and election of majoritarian MP shall be prescribed by the organic law.

Article 3. Final Provision

This law shall come to force from the date of the first gathering of the Parliament elected in 2016 regular elections.

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