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GEORGIA

DRAFT ORGANIC LAWS

**AMENDING THE ORGANIC LAW ON POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS
OF CITIZENS**

AMENDING THE ELECTION CODE

**AMENDING THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORGANIC LAW ON THE
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**DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PARLIAMENT
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Organic Law of Georgia
Amending the Organic Law of Georgia on
„Political Associations of Citizens“

Article 1.

The organic law on Political Associations of Citizens (Georgia Legislation Herald, no. 45, 21.11.1997, pg. 76) is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of Article 30 shall be formulated as follows:

„4. A political party shall receive funding from Georgia’s state budget since the second day of acquiring full powers of relevant convocation of Parliament of Georgia until the day of acquiring full powers of next convocation of Parliament of Georgia.

5. Georgia’s state budgetary funding shall be allocated only to those political parties, which took up at least half of its mandates of Member of Parliament. If the condition foreseen by this paragraph emerges, the party will stop receiving the funding from state budget from next calendar month.

6. A party shall not receive budgetary funding of relevant next 6 calendar months if more than half of the Members of Parliament elected upon nomination of this party did not attend without good reason more than half of regular plenary sittings during the previous regular plenary session of the Parliament of Georgia“;

2. Parahraps 3 and 4 shall be added to Article 39¹ with the following formulation:

„3. Funding from Georgia’s state budget shall be allocated, with the amount of share defined by the Paragraph 2 of this article or by the statute of a block, only to those political parties of electoral block which took up at least half of its mandates of Member of Parliament. If the condition foreseen by this paragraph emerges, the party will stop receiving the funding from state budget from next calendar month.

4. A party of electoral block shall not receive budgetary funding of relevant next 6 calendar months if more than half of the Members of Parliament elected upon nomination of this party did not attend without good reason more than half of regular plenary sittings during the previous regular plenary session of the Parliament of Georgia.

Article 2.

This Law shall enter into force upon its publication.

Salome Zourabichvili,
President of Georgia

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Organic Law of Georgia
Amending
The Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia

Article 1. Paragraph 2 of Article 186 of the Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia (Legislative Herald of Georgia (www.matsne.gov.ge), 10.01.2012, registration code: 010190020.04.001.016032) shall be amended as follows:

“2. Free airtime shall, in accordance with the rule set by this law, be equally granted to those parties and electoral blocs which in latest parliamentary elections overcome the relevant electoral threshold established by the Constitution of Georgia. If free airtime is granted to an electoral bloc, this airtime shall be equally allotted to the political parties which are the members of the electoral bloc. Free airtime shall not be given to a party which at the moment of scheduling of elections in accordance with Article 30(5), 30(6), 39¹(3) or 39¹(4) of the Organic Law of Georgia on Political Associations of Citizens does not receive the budgetary funding”.

Article 2. This law shall enter into force upon publication.

Salome Zourabichvili,
President of Georgia

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Organic Law of Georgia
Amending
The Amendment to the Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia

Article 1. Article 51(2) provided by Article 1(29) of the Amendment to the Organic Law of Georgia on the Election Code of Georgia (Legislative Herald of Georgia (www.matsne.gov.ge), 03.07.2020, registration code: 010190020.04.001.017956) shall be amended as follow:

“2. Free airtime shall, in accordance with the rule set by this law, be equally granted to those parties which in latest parliamentary elections obtained at least 3 percent of votes. Free airtime shall not be given to a party which at the moment of scheduling of elections in accordance with Article 30(5), 30(6), 39¹(3) or 39¹(4) of the Organic Law of Georgia on Political Associations of Citizens does not receive the budget financing.”

Article 2. This law shall enter into force upon publication.

Salome Zourabichvili,
President of Georgia

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Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Georgia
Amending the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Georgia

Article 1. Paragraph 15¹ shall be added after Paragraph 15 of Article 224 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Georgia (Georgia Legislation Herald [www.matsne.gov.ge], 14.12.2018, registration code: 010190030.06.001.016054) with the following formulation:

„15¹. Salary of a Member of Parliament, who does not attend without good reason all plenary sittings during a calendar month of the regular session, shall be fully deducted. Salary of a Member of Parliament shall be fully deducted during the period of parliamentary recess if he/she does not attend without good reason all plenary sittings of the regular session before the recess, except for the situation when he/she attends a plenary sitting of the extraordinary session during the recess period“.

Article 2.

This Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on January 1, 2021.

Archil Talakvadze,
Chairperson of Parliament of Georgia