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**ORGANIC LAW OF GEORGIA**

**ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORGANIC LAW OF GEORGIA**

**“ELECTION CODE OF GEORGIA”**

*Draft***Organic Law of Georgia****On the Amendment to the Organic Law of Georgia “Election Code of Georgia”**

**Article 1.** The Organic Law of Georgia “Election Code of Georgia” (Legislative Herald of Georgia (www.matsne.gov.ge), 10.01.2012, registration code: 010190020.04.001.016032) is hereby amended as follows:

**1. Subparagraph z<sup>3</sup> of the following content shall be added to Article 14, Paragraph 1:**

“z<sup>3</sup>) maintain a database of certificate holders (Election Administration official certificate, PEC member/PEC head officer certificate), which shall be processed in accordance with the Law of Georgia “On Personal Data Protection;”

**2. Article 15, Paragraph 2, Subparagraph j shall be removed.**

**3. Subparagraph e<sup>1</sup> of the following content shall be added to Article 17, Paragraph 3:**

“e<sup>1</sup>) conducting the certification of Electoral Administration members and head officers defined by the decree of the CEC;”.

**4. Paragraphs 17<sup>1</sup> and 17<sup>2</sup> of the following content shall be added to Article 20:**

“17<sup>1</sup>. With the exception of the cases specified in Paragraph 17 of this Article, subjects may not be elected as DEC members if:

a) He/she was a party-appointed Election Commission member, election subject, or representative of an election subject after any of the previously held two general elections or previously held two midterm elections were scheduled;

b) He/she was a party donor since the beginning of the year of the previously held general elections or the beginning of the year of the previously held midterm elections.

17<sup>2</sup> In order to verify information about party donors, the State Audit Office shall provide the CEC with the possibility of accessing and verifying the appropriate electronic database of party donors.”.

**5. Article 21:**

**a) Subparagraph d<sup>2</sup> shall be formulated as follows:**

“d<sup>2</sup>) be obligated to identify, no later than the 6<sup>th</sup> day from the polling day, 5 electoral precincts at a commission session, by random selection from the electoral precincts within the territory of an electoral district, to open the packages received from the PECs of these electoral precincts and to count the ballot papers again. During the random selection of electoral precincts to be identified by random selections under this Subparagraph, electoral precincts provided for by Subparagraphs d<sup>3</sup> and d<sup>4</sup> of this Article shall be disregarded;”;

**b) Subparagraphs d<sup>3</sup> and d<sup>4</sup> of the following content shall be added after Subparagraph d<sup>2</sup>:**

“d<sup>3</sup>) be obligated to open the respective election documentation and recount the voting results when the sum of the number of ballot papers deemed void and the number of votes given to election subjects in the summary protocol of the voting results drawn up by a PEC exceeds the total number of voters participating in the elections by 5 or more than 5;

d<sup>4</sup>) be obligated to open the respective election documentation and recount the voting results when the sum of the number of ballot papers deemed void and the number of votes given to election subjects in the summary protocol of the voting results drawn up by a PEC is less than the total number of voters participating in the elections by 10 or more than 10.”.

**6. Article 22, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph h<sup>1</sup> shall be removed.**

**7. Article 23, Paragraph 2 shall be formulated as follows:**

“2. An electoral precinct shall be set up for not less than 20 and not more than 1,500 voters, except as provided for in Paragraph 2<sup>1</sup> of this Article or Paragraph 2 of Article 76<sup>3</sup>. The respective DEC shall set up electoral precincts, define their boundaries and numbers not later than on 1 July of the election year, and shall publish, within two days, the respective information about the boundaries of the electoral precincts. Based on the data of local self-government bodies, the DEC shall define and specify the list and addresses of the residential buildings within the area of the electoral precinct, as well as the list and addresses of all facilities that may be used by the Electoral Administration for election purposes. If extraordinary elections of the Parliament of Georgia are called, the electoral precincts shall be set up not later than in 40 days before Election Day.”.

**8. Article 24:**

**a) Paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be formulated as follows:**

“2. A respective DEC shall elect 8 PEC members, including PEC head officers, by at least two thirds of the total number of its members, provided that a candidate is also supported by at least 3 members of the respective DEC elected by the CEC for a 5-year term. A DEC member shall not participate in the selection procedure defined in this paragraph if he/she is a family member of a candidate for membership in a respective PEC (spouse, direct ascendant or descendant relative, stepchild, sister, brother or a stepchild of a parent or child, sister, brother, or a parent of the spouse). A person may not be elected as a PEC member if he/she was appointed in the last general elections as a member of an election commission of any level by a party.

3. Eight members of a PEC set up in a foreign state, including head officers of the said PEC, shall be elected by the CEC under the procedure established by this article and Articles 25 and 25<sup>1</sup> of this Law.”;

**b) Paragraph 5 shall be formulated as follows:**

“5. A legally competent citizen of Georgia from the age of 18, who meets the requirements defined by this Law and possesses a PEC member certificate, may be elected/appointed as a member of a PEC. Possession of the said certificate shall not be required for a PEC member appointed by an authorized party, a PEC member who has been granted an Electoral Administration officer certificate/PEC head officer certificate, a PEC member in election precincts set up in exceptional cases, and a member of a PEC set up in a foreign state. The CEC has the right to determine by decree other cases where a PEC member is not required to possess the relevant certificate.”;

**c) Subparagraphs b<sup>1</sup> and b<sup>2</sup> of the following content shall be added to Paragraph 6:**

b<sup>1</sup>) A person who has not reached the age of 18 by the date of nomination as a member of the DEC;

b<sup>2</sup>) A person who has not been granted a PEC member certificate, except for the exceptions determined by Paragraph 5 of this Article.”;

**c) Subparagraphs 6<sup>1</sup>-6<sup>3</sup> of the following content shall be added after Paragraph 6:**

“6<sup>1</sup>. Except for the cases determined by Paragraph 6 of this Article, a subject cannot be elected as a PEC member if:

a) He/she was a party-appointed Election Commission member, election subject, or representative of an election subject after any of the previously held two general elections or previously held two midterm elections were scheduled;

b) He/she was a party donor since the beginning of the year of the previously held general elections or the beginning of the year of the previously held midterm elections.

6<sup>2</sup>. In order to verify information about party donors, the State Audit Office shall provide the CEC with the possibility of accessing and verifying the appropriate electronic database of party donors.

6<sup>3</sup>. The regulations for certification of PEC members shall be adopted by the decree of the CEC. The said certification examination tests shall cover issues solely from the Organic Law of Georgia “Election Code of Georgia” and PEC regulations, in accordance with the functions of PEC members.”.

**9. Article 25:**

**a) The title shall be formulated as follows:**

“Election/appointment of members of the Precinct Election Commission”;

**d) Paragraphs 1-3 shall be removed;**

**e) Paragraph 8 shall be formulated as follows:**

“8. If on the 30<sup>th</sup> day, and for the commissions set up in exceptional cases, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, and for the commissions operating abroad, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day there are less members in the PEC than required, the higher DEC (in the first two cases) and the CEC (in the third case) may elect commission members to the vacant positions within three days from among the competing candidates or by announcing another competition. The CEC shall determine, by decree, the procedure, conditions, and terms of the competition for PEC membership candidates.”;

**f) Paragraph 14 shall be formulated as follows:**

“14. The newly elected PEC shall acquire its powers, and the powers of its members shall commence on the 30<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day. The aforementioned powers shall be terminated upon drawing up of the summary protocol of polling results in the respective DEC.”;

**g) Paragraph 21 shall be removed.**

**10. Article 25<sup>1</sup> of the following content shall be added to the Law:**

**“Article 25<sup>1</sup>. Election of PEC head officers**

1. The PEC chairperson, deputy chairperson, and secretary (PEC head officers) are at the same time members of the PEC. Termination of their powers at the same time leads to the termination of their PEC membership.

2. PEC head officers shall be elected by the DEC in the manner and within the timeframe established by this Article and Articles 24 and 25 of this Law.

3. Head officers of a PEC set up in a foreign state shall be elected by the CEC in the manner and within the timeframe established by this Article and Articles 24 and 25 of this Law.

4. The procedure for conducting the competition for PEC head officers, the competition conditions and deadlines, and the procedure for selecting the said persons shall be determined by the decree of the CEC.

5. A legally competent citizen of Georgia from the age of 18, who meets the requirements defined by Paragraphs 6 and 6<sup>1</sup> of Article 24 of this Law and possesses a DEC head officer certificate may be elected as a PEC head officer. Possession of the said certificate shall not be required for a PEC head officer who has been granted an Electoral Administration officer certificate, a PEC head officer in election precincts set up in exceptional cases, and a head officer of a PEC set up in a foreign state. The CEC has the right to determine by decree other cases where a PEC head officer is not required to possess the relevant certificate.

6. The regulations for certification of PEC head officers shall be adopted by the decree of the CEC. The said certification examination tests shall cover issues solely from the Organic Law of Georgia "Election Code of Georgia" and PEC regulations, in accordance with the functions of PEC head officers."

**11. Paragraph 4<sup>2</sup> of the following content shall be added to Article 28:**

"4<sup>2</sup>. The decision to impose or refuse to impose disciplinary liability on a PEC member shall be made within 15 calendar days after the submission of the relevant application/complaint."

**12. Article 31, Paragraph 11 shall be formulated as follows:**

"11. A PEC shall be provided with a version of the unified list of voters designated for public information and certified by the CEC, 30 days before Election Day, and the final version of the updated lists designated for public information – not later than the second day prior to the Election Day, and the final version of the verified lists of voters designated for the CEC – not later than 12 hours prior to voting. The versions of the unified list of voters designated for public information (without photos) shall be immediately posted in a visible place inside the PEC building."

**13. Article 32<sup>1</sup> of the following content shall be added to the Law:**

**"Article 32<sup>1</sup>. Procedure for the participation of voters using wheelchairs in the elections**

1. Voters using wheelchairs shall be entitled to participate in the parliamentary elections of Georgia at any adapted election precinct in the operation area of the respective DEC, and to participate in the elections of municipal bodies at any adapted polling station in the territory of the relevant local majoritarian electoral district, for which they shall apply to the relevant district or precinct election commission not later than the 6<sup>th</sup> day before the polling day. In order for a voter to change a polling station:

a) the secretary of a district/precinct election commission shall register and endorse with his/her signature a written application (the application shall include the personal identification number of a citizen of Georgia) or a telephoned verbal application (in this case, the application shall include the personal number of a voter, exact time of the telephone notification and the appropriate telephone number) of a voter;

b) in the case of a voter's application to the district election commission, the relevant precinct election commission shall be notified about the inclusion of a registered voter in the special voter list of an adapted polling station registered in the voter list of the said polling station. In the case of a voter's application to the precinct election commission, the precinct election commission shall transfer the information about the voter to the relevant district election commission not later than the 6<sup>th</sup> day before the polling day;

c) the unified voters list shall indicate the transfer of a voter to a special voter list in an adapted electoral precinct in the territory of the same DEC/local majoritarian electoral district, also, in the unified voters list and the special voters list, in the 'Actual Status' column, the entry 'a

User of a wheelchair' shall be made, which shall be endorsed by the signatures of the chairperson of the precinct election commission and the Secretary of the same commission.

2. The members of the precinct election commission, representatives of electoral subjects and the observers shall have the right to verify the validity of the request for voting at a polling station adapted for wheelchair users and at any time raise before the PEC the issue of the expediency of including these voters in the relevant special list before the Election Day. The decision on this matter shall be made by the district election commission within the timeframe established by this article, based on the information provided by the precinct election commission.

3. The district election commission shall establish and approve, by an ordinance, the special list of adapted polling station voters not later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> day before the polling day, received from the precinct election commissions, as well as on the basis of their own data, and shall immediately transfer to the relevant precinct election commission a version of the list intended for the public information, signed by the chairperson and the secretary of the same commission, and not later than 12 hours before the voting – the version intended for the election commission.

4. The special voter list of the adapted polling station shall include the same voter data as in the unified voters list and shall additionally indicate the serial number of the voter in the unified voters list.

5. The version of the special list of voters of the adapted polling station designated for public information (without photos) transferred by the district election commission to the precinct election commission shall be immediately posted in a visible place inside the PEC building (polling station).

**14. Article 34, Paragraph 1 shall be formulated as follows:**

"1. The PEC shall put up the lists of voters and the procedures defined by law for filing complaints about the lists of voters, in line with the procedure established by this Law and no later than on the next day following their receipt, as well as shall put up the mobile ballot box list, immediately after it is drawn up, in a conspicuous place at the PEC premises and polling stations. The PEC chairperson shall be responsible for failure to meet these requirements."

**15. Paragraphs 4<sup>1</sup> and 4<sup>2</sup> of the following content shall be added to Article 39:**

"4<sup>1</sup>. A subject cannot be the local observer of a local observer organization if:

a) a) He/she was a party-appointed Election Commission member, election subject, or representative of an election subject after the previously held general elections or previously held midterm elections were scheduled;

b) b) He/she was a party donor since the beginning of the year of the previously held general elections or the beginning of the year of the previously held midterm elections.

4<sup>2</sup>. In order to verify information about party donors, the State Audit Office shall provide the CEC with the possibility of accessing and verifying the appropriate electronic database of party donors."

**16. Article 40:**

**a) Paragraph 7 shall be formulated as follows:**

"7. A domestic observer organization registered by the CEC shall submit to the CEC Secretary not later than the 5<sup>th</sup> day before the polling day an application on the registration of observers, filled out in accordance with the form established by the CEC, stating that the observers on the list submitted by the organization satisfy the requirements established by Article 39, Paragraphs 4 and 4<sup>1</sup> of this Law, as well as a list of observers appointed at the CEC, DEC, and PECs (with the indication of surnames, names, places of registration and personal numbers of Georgian citizens) and photocopies of identity cards of Georgian citizens or passports of Georgian citizens of each of them. A domestic observer organization registered by the DEC shall

submit a list of observers appointed and the aforementioned documents to a DEC and/or its lower PEC to the DEC secretary within the same timeframe and in accordance with the same form.”;

**b) Paragraph 11 of the following content shall be added after Paragraph 10:**

“11. During the non-election period, the procedure for exercising the powers established by this Law and registering observer organizations for the purpose of attending sessions of the Election Commission shall be determined by the decree of the CEC.”.

**17. Article 63, Paragraph 19 shall be formulated as follows:**

“19. The PEC shall issue a ballot paper (papers) and special envelopes on the basis of the voter list, upon the presentation of the electronic identity card of a citizen of Georgia or the passport of a citizen of Georgia.”.

**18. Article 65, Paragraph 2, Subparagraphs a and b shall be formulated as follows:**

“a) Upon entering the polling room, the voter shall be checked for ink. If a voter is not inked, he/she shall be allowed to vote. A commission member responsible for regulating the flow of voters in the polling room shall let a voter in the polling room only after the voter presents the electronic identity card of a citizen of Georgia or the passport of a citizen of Georgia, and if there are not more than two voters standing at the registration desk designated for voters;

b) Having entered the polling room, a voter shall go to the registration desk corresponding to the first letter of his/her last name in the list of voters and shall present to the registrar of voters the electronic identity card of a citizen of Georgia or the passport of a citizen of Georgia. The registrar of voters shall verify compliance of the voter's registration data specified in the presented document (documents) with the data on the list of voters, and compliance of the voter's face and photos in the presented document (documents) and in the list of voters with each other. If compliance is verified, the registrar of voters shall ink the voter and sign in a respective box in the list of voters, after which the voter will confirm the receipt of a ballot paper(papers) by his/her signature. When issuing a ballot paper (papers), a registrar of voters shall sign in the appropriate box on the back of the ballot paper (papers) and certify the ballot paper (papers) with a special seal;

**19. Article 64, Paragraph 5 shall be formulated as follows:**

“5. Inking shall not apply to penitentiary institutions, hospitals, and other inpatient facilities (for patients).”.

**20. Article 66, Paragraph 7 shall be formulated as follows:**

“7. One transparent mobile ballot box shall be used to conduct polling according to the actual whereabouts of voters. The PEC secretary shall enter into the logbook the amount of ballot papers and special envelopes delivered to the election commission members accompanying a mobile ballot box. After the end of polling, the amount of ballot papers and special envelopes in a ballot box as well as unused ones shall be summarized in order to make a comparison thereafter. After the completion of the above procedure, a corner of each unused ballot paper and special envelope shall be cut off, the word ‘spoiled’ shall be written thereon, and then it shall be signed by the PEC chairperson and stored separately. All procedures related to polling and the inking of voters at an electoral precinct shall apply to mobile voting as well. The powers of representatives and observers shall also be identical.”.

**21. Article 73, Paragraph 3 shall be formulated as follows:**

“3. A PEC secretary shall register the application/complaint referred to in Paragraph 2 of this Article in a logbook. The PEC/PEC chairperson shall immediately respond appropriately to

the application/complaint and eliminate any existing violation. If the PEC and/or the PEC chairperson fail to eliminate the violation, or otherwise refuse to respond to the application/complaint, an observer/representative of an electoral subject or another observer of the same observer organization/another representative of the electoral subject shall have the right to appeal the action of the PEC/PEC chairperson to the respective DEC within 3 days. The DEC shall review the application/complaint within 4 days after it is received.”.

**22. Article 74, Paragraph 1 shall be formulated as follows:**

“1. A DEC secretary shall, upon the receipt of an application/complaint referred to in Article 73 of this Law, register the application/complaint in the DEC registration book. The commission shall consider the application/complaint and make a decision within 4 days after its registration with the DEC. The DEC shall deliver a decision by issuing an ordinance that may be appealed only in court under this Law.”.

**23. Article 75, Paragraph 1 shall be formulated as follows:**

„1. Based on the summary protocols of PECs, and taking into account the results of the examination of the violations of the electoral legislation of Georgia, a DEC shall, not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the polling day, summarize the results of a referendum, elections of the Parliament of Georgia, elections of the municipality representative body Sakrebulo, and of the Mayor. It shall prepare the results of the Parliamentary elections of Georgia, elections of the municipality representative body Sakrebulo and of the Mayor, and shall draw up summary protocols of each type for polling and election results held in an electoral district. The DEC shall forward the protocols to the CEC not later than the following day.”.

**24. Chapter VIII<sup>1</sup> of the following content shall be added to the Law:**

**“Chapter VIII<sup>1</sup>. Voting by Electronic Means**

**Article 76<sup>2</sup>. Implementation of certain election procedures by electronic means**

1. Procedures of registration of voters visiting an electoral precinct during the next elections shall be carried out by electronic means in the election districts/polling stations defined by Article 76<sup>3</sup>, Paragraph 1 of this Law.

2. The electronic means and the procedure and conditions for their use, provided for by Paragraph 1 of this Article, shall be defined by the decree of the CEC.

3. The Government of Georgia shall provide the financial resources for conducting elections by the electronic means provided for by Paragraph 1 of this Article.

**Article 76<sup>3</sup>. Electoral districts and electoral precincts**

1. The list of electoral districts/electoral precincts where elections will be held by electronic means shall be determined by the decree of the CEC. The list of such electoral districts/precincts shall be determined in a manner that ensures that the said electoral districts/precincts cover at least 70 percent of the total number of voters in Georgia.

2. The number of voters at electoral precincts where the elections will be held by electronic means shall not exceed 3,000.

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**Article 76<sup>4</sup>. Voting and vote counting procedures**

1. Polling and vote counting procedures, including voter registration and voting procedures, shall be defined by the decree of the CEC.

2. In the electoral precincts where the elections will be held by electronic means:

a) The polling station shall open at 6:45 am on polling day;

b) The control sheet and the inking of voters participating in the elections shall not be used;



- c) More than 1 main ballot box and electronic ballot counter may be used.
3. When summarizing the voting results, a statement on the voting results shall be printed from the electronic counting machine, which shall represent the PEC summary protocol of the voting results.

**Article 76<sup>5</sup>. Determining the form and type of electoral documentation**

The form and text of electoral ballot papers, the procedure for filling them in and deeming them invalid, the types of ballot boxes and special frame-envelopes, the statement on the voting results (the PEC summary protocol of the voting results) and the form and type of other documentation necessary to hold the elections shall be determined by the decree of the CEC.

**Article 76<sup>6</sup>. Converting election ballot papers to a digital format**

1. In the election precincts where there are no electronic ballot counters, the PEC shall convert the ballot papers to a digital format during the ballot counting process using the appropriate electronic devices and under the procedure determined by the decree of the CEC.
2. The CEC is obligated to ensure that converted digital versions of the ballot papers in the electronic devices specified in Paragraph 1 of this Article are uploaded to the Internet, categorized by electoral precincts, no later than by 10 o'clock on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after polling day. Any interested persons can view the converted digital version of the ballot papers online.
3. The procedure for converting ballot papers to a digital format and publishing the converted digital versions of ballot papers shall be determined by the decree of the CEC.”.

**25. Article 77, Paragraph 2 shall be formulated as follows:**

“2. A decision of a PEC/the head officer of a PEC may be appealed to a respective DEC within 3 calendar days after it is received. The DEC shall review the appeal within 4 calendar days after it is received. The decision of the DEC may be appealed to a respective district/city court within 2 calendar days after it is received. The district/city court shall consider the appeal within 2 calendar days after it is received. The decision of the district/city court may be appealed to the Court of Appeals within 1 calendar day after the decision is made. The Court of Appeals shall review the appeal within 2 calendar day after it is received. The decision of the Court of Appeals shall be final and shall not be appealed.”.

**26. Article 85, Paragraph 4 shall be formulated as follows:**

“4. The liability provided for by this article shall be imposed on a person within 3 years after the commission of the relevant action.”.

**27. Article 88 shall be formulated as follows:**

**“Article 88. Prohibition of the use of administrative resources and the abuse of power or office during canvassing and election campaigning**

1. Any violation of the requirements of this Law in the course of using administrative resources or exercising official duties or an official capacity during canvassing and election campaign – shall be subject to a penalty in amount of 2,000-4,000 GEL.
2. The liability provided for by this article shall be imposed on a person within 3 years after the commission of the relevant action.”.

**28. Article 93, Paragraph 6 shall be formulated as follows:**

“6. The authorized body referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall make a decision on drawing up a protocol on the administrative offense provided for in the same Paragraph within 10 days, and the time limit for identifying/making a decision on the administrative offense by a court shall not exceed 10 days after submitting the relevant protocol to the court. The authorized

body/official referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall make a decision on drawing up a protocol on an administrative offense provided for in Article 88 of this Law, during the non-election period as well as in cases when the administrative offense was committed before the relevant elections were scheduled, within 60 calendar days.”.

**29. Article 115, Paragraph 3 shall be formulated as follows:**

“3. The number of candidates for membership of the Parliament of Georgia in a submitted list may not be less than 76 and more than 200.”.

**30. Article 125, Paragraph 1 shall be formulated as follows:**

“1. The CEC shall, on the basis of the protocols received from DEC and PEC and the final court decisions, no later than the 26<sup>th</sup> day from Election Day, summarize at its session, the results of the parliamentary elections of Georgia, and shall draw up a final summary protocol of the results of the parliamentary elections of Georgia.”.

**31. Article 134, Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be formulated as follows:**

“1. A citizen of Georgia who has attained the age of 21 by the polling day and has resided in Georgia for at least 1 year may be elected as a member of a municipality representative body Sakrebulo.

2. A citizen of Georgia from the age of 25 with the right to vote who has resided in Georgia for at least 1 year may be elected as the Mayor of a self-governing city/self-governing community.”.

**32. Article 141, Paragraph 6 shall be formulated as follows:**

“6. The application, which is signed by the party leader/authorized person/all members of the initiative group of voters, shall be accompanied by the written consent of a person nominated as a majoritarian candidate for member of Sakrebulo to run in elections, a photocopy of the identity card of a citizen of Georgia or of the passport of a citizen of Georgia, a certificate on the deprivation of the right, 2 photos, and 2 copies of a registration card signed by him/her. The registration card shall include, along with biographical details of a candidate (first name, surname, the personal number of a citizen of Georgia, address (according to the identity card of a citizen of Georgia or the Agency database), date of registration, and date of birth), the fact of living in Georgia for 1 year, and consent to run in the elections in the given local majoritarian district.”.

**33. Article 143, Paragraph 3 shall be formulated as follows:**

“3. Number of Sakrebulo candidates in the presented party list shall not be less than half of the number of members to be elected under the proportional system and shall not exceed triple that number.”.

**c) Paragraph 8 shall be formulated as follows:**

“8. The party list shall be accompanied by a photocopy of each candidate’s identity card of a citizen of Georgia or of the passport of a citizen of Georgia, a certificate on the deprivation of the right, 2 photos and 2 copies of a registration card signed by him/her, indicating the date of its completion. Along with the candidate’s personal data (first name, last name, the personal number of a citizen of Georgia, address (according to the identity card of a citizen of Georgia or the Agency’s database), date of birth), the registration card shall include the fact of the candidate’s residence in Georgia for 1 year and his/her consent to run in the elections under this party list.”.

**34. Article 144, Paragraph 5 shall be formulated as follows:**

“5. The application shall be accompanied by a photocopy of the candidate’s identity card of a citizen of Georgia or of the passport of a citizen of Georgia, a certificate on the deprivation of the right, 2 photos and 2 copies of a registration card signed by him/her. Along with the candidate’s personal data (first name, last name, the personal number of a Georgian citizen, address (according to the identity card of a citizen of Georgia or the Agency database), and date of birth), the application shall include the fact of the candidate’s residence in Georgia for 1 year and his/her consent to run in elections in an appropriate electoral district.”.

**35. Article 145, Paragraph 6, Subparagraph a.g shall be formulated as follows:**

“a.g) the fact of a candidate’s residence in Georgia for 1 year;”.

**36. Article 158, Paragraph 8 shall be formulated as follows:**

“8. The party list shall be accompanied by a photocopy of each candidate’s identity card of a citizen of Georgia or of the passport of a citizen of Georgia, a certificate on the deprivation of the right, 2 photos and 2 copies of the registration card signed by him/her, indicating the date of its completion. Along with the candidate’s personal data (first name, last name, the personal number of a Georgian citizen, address (according to the identity card of a citizen of Georgia or the Agency database), date of birth), the registration card shall indicate the fact of the candidate’s residence in Georgia for 1 year and his/her consent to run in elections under this party list.”.

**37. Article 167:**

**a) Paragraph 1 shall be formulated as follows:**

“1. A citizen of Georgia from the age of 25 with the right to vote who has resided in Georgia for at least 1 year may be elected as a Mayor.”;

**b) Paragraph 9, Subparagraph i shall be formulated as follows:**

“i) fact of residence in Georgia for 1 year;”.

**38. Article 196<sup>5</sup> of the following content shall be added to the Law:**

**“Article 196<sup>5</sup>. Temporary procedure for release from the submission of a PEC member/head officer certificate before the scheduling of the 2024 parliamentary elections of Georgia**

PEC members and head officers shall not be required to submit the certificate of a PEC member/head officer before the scheduling of the 2024 parliamentary elections of Georgia.”.

**39. Article 199, Paragraph 5 shall be removed.**

**Article 2.** Article 85, Paragraph 4 of the Organic Law of Georgia “Election Code of Georgia” provided for in Article 1, Paragraph 23 of this Law shall apply to legal relations that arose prior to the entry into force of this Law.

**Article 3.** This Law shall enter into force upon its promulgation.

President of Georgia

Salome Zourabichvili