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LOCAL ELECTIONS AN THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Great changes in the current political and constitutional system in this country in relation to the previous state are particularly reflected in connection with the position of the units of the local self-government (communes). While the communes, according to the former concept based on the principles of the so-called communal system, were the basis of the socio-political community (in that sense, the assumption of all jobs and competencies was in favour of the commune and its organs), the political and constitutional changes over this period from 1990 to 1992 caused essential changes in the position and the role of the commune. The commune has lost its former importance both as regards the jobs they perform independently and as regards their organisation. Now, the communes represent territorial units within which the local self-government is accomplished over those areas and, in connection with those questions explicitly stipulated under the Constitution and the law. According to the current regulations, the assumption of competence is regulated in favour of the central organs (ministries), but not in favour of the local organs.

According to the Law on Territorial Organisation of the Republic of Serbia and the local self-government (1991, 1992), it is provided for that elections for the local organs are to be, carried out within the communes (that is, cities) based on the majority system. The last elections held in November 1996 showed a large number of unsaid things relative to the accomplishment and protection of the right to vote when local elections are in question. This particularly refers to the situation of the local elections in the cities, for, according to the existing legislature regulating this field, there are no regulations on this subject matter.

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