

CONSTITUTION OF REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

PROM. SG 56/13 JUL 1991, AMEND. SG 85/26 SEP 2003, SG 18/25 FEB 2005, SG 27/31 MAR 2006, SG 78/26 SEP 2006 - CONSTITUTIONAL COURT JUDGMENT NO.7/2006, SG 12/6 FEB 2007, SG 100/18 DEC 2015

We, the Members of the Seventh Grand National Assembly, guided by our desire to express the will of the people of Bulgaria, by pledging our loyalty to the universal human values of liberty, peace, humanism, equality, justice and tolerance;
by holding as the highest principle the rights, dignity and security of the individual;
in awareness of our irrevocable duty to guard the national and state integrity of Bulgaria,
hereby proclaim our resolve to create a democratic and social state, governed by the rule of law, by establishing this

CONSTITUTION

Chapter three NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 91a.

- (new, SG 27/06) (1) The National Assembly shall elect an **Ombudsman**, who shall defend the rights and freedoms of the citizens.
- (2) The powers and activities of the Ombudsman shall be regulated by a law.

Chapter eight CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

Art. 150.

- (1) The Constitutional Court shall act on an initiative from not fewer than one-fifth of all Members of the National Assembly, the President, the Council of Ministers, the Supreme Court of Cassation, the Supreme Administrative Court or the Prosecutor General. A challenge to competence pursuant to para 1 item 3 of the preceding Article may further be filed by a municipal council.
- (2) Should it find a discrepancy between law and the Constitution, the Supreme Court of Cassation or the Supreme Administrative Court shall suspend the proceedings on a case and shall refer the matter to the Constitutional Court.
- (3) (new, SG 27/06) The **Ombudsman** may approach the Constitutional Court with a request for declaring as unconstitutional a law which infringes human rights and freedoms.
- (4) (new – 100/15) The Supreme Bar Council may refer to the Constitutional Court a request for declaring as unconstitutional an Act which violates rights and freedoms of citizens.