

LAW
ON POLITICAL PARTY FINANCING FROM THE
BUDGET OF THE REPUBLIC, CTY AND
MUNICIPALITY¹

Article 1

This law regulates the conditions, the amount, the manner of securing and allocation of financial resources from the budget of Republika Srpska (hereinafter: the Republic) and the budget of the city and municipality (hereinafter: the local self-government unit) for financing regular work and covering part of the costs of the election campaign of political parties, coalitions, independent deputies and councilors and the work of parliamentary, delegate, or councilor clubs and groups.

Article 2.

The right to financial resources in accordance with this law is entitled to:

- a) political parties and coalitions with deputies, or councilors in the assembly,
- b) independent deputies and independent councilors, who have been elected as independent candidates,
- c) political parties, lists of independent candidates and independent candidates with confirmed electoral lists, and
- d) registered coalition with a certified single candidate list.

Article 3

Financial assets acquired in accordance with this law, are used to:

- a) financing part of the cost of regular work of a political party, a coalition, an independent deputy, or a councilor,
- b) covers part of the cost of the electoral campaign of political parties, coalitions, independent lists and independent candidates, which have been confirmed on electoral lists for the election of the delegates councilors, and
- c) cover part of the costs of work of parliamentary, delegate, or councilor clubs and groups.

Article 4

Financial resources for financing the costs referred to in Article 3 of this Law, within the scope of the Republic, shall be provided in the budget of the Republic, and within the scope of the local self-government units in their budgets.

Article 5

(1) The budget shall provide financial resources for the purposes defined in Article 3, item a) of this Law, in the amount of not less than 0,2% of the total budget revenues of the previous year budget.

(2) The funds referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be allocated in the following manner:

- a) 20% shall be distributed in equal amounts to political parties and coalitions with Members of Parliament, that is, councilors in the Assembly and independent deputies or councilors i
- b) 80% is allocated in proportion to the number of mandates won, which a political party, coalition, an independent deputy, or councilor, has in the assembly.

Article 6

If a member of parliament or a councilor leaves the political party in the course of his mandate, the funds are retained by the political party to which he belonged until then as member of the parliament or a councilor.

Article 7

(1) The Ministry of Finance, or the competent service of the local self-government unit, transfers funds from Article 5, paragraph 2 of this Law to political parties, coalitions, independent deputies or councilors, by the 10th of the month for the previous month.

(2) Independent Members of Parliament, or councilors, are obliged to open a special account for the regular financing of their activities.

Article 8

The costs of the election campaign are as follows:

- a) cost of printing posters and billboarding,
- b) costs of printing pre-election advertisements, declarations, press releases and the like in public media,
- c) costs of organizing and conducting pre-election meetings,
- d) costs of printing, reproduction and sending of pre-election materials to voters, and
- e) others with these related activities, in the period from the day of the call to the day of the election.

Article 9

(1) The funds for the election campaign shall be provided in the budget for the year in which the elections are held in the amount of not less than

¹ The Political Parties from the Budget of the Republic, The City and the Municipality ("Official Gazette of RS", no. 65/08) was passed on 04 December 2007. 07. 2008. Year. By entering into force of this Law, the Law on Financing Political

Parties from the Budget of the Republic, The City and the Municipality ("Official Gazette of RS", broj: 17/00 i 62/04)

0.05% of the total budget revenues from the previous year.

(2) The Ministry of Finance, or the competent department of the local self-government unit, shall be obliged to allocate two thirds of the funds referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article at the latest by the day of the election.

(3) In case of early elections, funds shall be provided in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article.

(4) The method of allocation of funds referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be carried out in accordance with the election legislation.

Article 10

Funds for the work of parliamentary, delegate, or councilor clubs and groups are allocated for cover:

- a) flat-rate costs for work in constituency MPs or councilors,
- b) travel expenses abroad, if the organizer is not the National Assembly of Republika Srpska or the Council of Peoples of the Republika Srpska, or the assembly of local self-government unit,
- c) costs of procurement of materials - fuel, press, official messengers and publications,
- d) the costs of accommodation and nutrition of deputies, delegates, or councilors, at a time when the sessions of the assembly or council are not held, and
- e) other expenses related to the work of deputies, delegates, or councilors in clubs and groups.

Article 11

The funds for the work of deputies, delegates and / or councilor clubs and groups may be allocated to political parties for covering the expenses referred to in Article 10 of this Law, as well as to other organizations and users according to the decision of the club or group.

Article 12

The decision and method of allocation of funds for the needs referred to in Article 10 of this Law shall be determined by the Administrative Committees of the National Assembly and the Council of Peoples of Republika Srpska, or the competent authority determined by the Rules of Procedure of the local self-government unit.

Article 13

On the day this Law enters into force, the Law on the Financing of Political Parties from the Budget of the Republic, the Municipality and the City ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska", Nos. 17/00 and 62/04) shall cease to be effective.

