

## CROATIAN PARLIAMENT

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Pursuant to Article 89 of the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, I hereby pass the following

### DECISION

#### PROMULGATING THE ACT AMENDING THE POLITICAL PARTIES ACT

I hereby promulgate the Act Amending the Political Parties Act, as enacted by the Croatian Parliament at its session of 6 April 2001.

No.: 01-081-01-1134/2  
Zagreb, 11 April 2001

**Stjepan Mesić** (*m.p.*)  
President  
of the Republic of Croatia

### ACT

#### AMENDING THE POLITICAL PARTIES ACT

##### Article 1

Article 1 of the Political Parties Act (as published in *Narodne novine* /the official journal of the Republic of Croatia/, no. 76/93, 111/96 and 164/98.) shall be amended to read as follows:

“By virtue of their free establishment, political parties shall embody the expression of the democratic multiparty system as the highest value of the constitutional order of the Republic of Croatia.

“This Act shall regulate the legal status and the conditions, methods and procedures for the establishment, registration, dissolution and financing of political parties.”

##### Article 2

Article 2 shall be amended to read as follows:

“For the purposes of this Act, political parties shall be legal persons engaged in political activity in compliance with the goals laid down in their platforms and charters.”

##### Article 3

Article 4 shall be amended to read as follows:

“Political parties shall not establish their organizational units in central governmental bodies, local and regional governmental bodies, companies, institutions, the armed forces, the police and other legal persons.”

#### Article 4

Article 17 shall be amended to read as follows:

“If the ministry responsible for administrative affairs deems that a political party applying for registration plans to use its platform to undermine the free democratic order or jeopardize the existence of the Republic of Croatia, it shall propose the initiation of a constitutional review process before the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia.

“Pending the decision of the Constitutional Court, the ministry responsible for administrative affairs shall stay its decision-making process with regard to the registration of such political party.

“The ministry responsible for administrative affairs shall reject the application of any political party for its entry in the register if the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia decides that its platform is unconstitutional.”

#### Article 5

Article 18 shall be amended to read as follows:

“If political parties generate any profits from their operations, they shall manage such profits as non-profit organizations.

“Political parties may receive revenues from membership fees, voluntary contributions, publishing activities, the sale of promotional materials, the organization of party events, the central budget, local and regional self-government budgets and any such other sources as may be deemed eligible under relevant regulations.”

#### Article 6

Article 19 shall be amended to read as follows:

“A portion of the funds required for the work of political parties, which is to be secured in the central budget for the next budget year, shall amount to 0.056% of current budget expenses incurred in the previous year.

“The funds specified in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be allocated to any political party having a minimum of one deputy in the Croatian Parliament.

“The funds specified in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be allocated pursuant to a decision made by the Committee on the Constitution, Standing Orders and Political System for each year, whereby an equal amount of funds shall be provided for each deputy in the Croatian Parliament, with each political party being entitled to such funding in proportion to the number of its deputies.

“For each elected deputy who belongs to an under-represented gender, political parties shall also be entitled to a bonus of 10% of the amount provided for each deputy, as specified in paragraph (3) of this Article.

“The funds allocated under paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Article shall be transferred to the central account of any such political party on a quarterly basis and in equal sums.”

#### Article 7

The provisions of Article 19 of this Act shall, as appropriate, also apply to the election of members of the representative bodies of local and regional governmental units.

#### Article 8

In Article 22(1) and (2), the words “Croatian National Parliament” shall be replaced by the words “Croatian Parliament”.

#### Article 9

In all the provisions of this Act, the words “organizational forms” and “forms or organization” shall be replaced by the words “organizational units” in the appropriate grammatical cases, the words “Ministry of Public Administration” shall be replaced by the words “ministry responsible for administrative affairs”, and the words “Minister of Public Administration” shall be replaced by the words “minister responsible for administrative affairs”.

#### Article 10

This Act shall enter into force on the date of its publication in *Narodne novine*.

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Zagreb, 6 April 2001

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**Zlatko Tomčić** (*m.p.*)  
Speaker  
of the Croatian Parliament