

Analysis of Lithuanian Regional Democracy According to the Articles of European Charter of Local Self-Government

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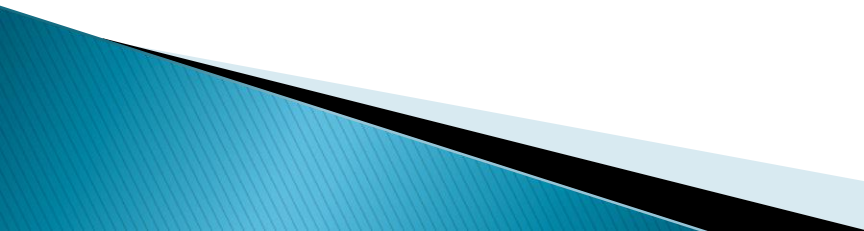
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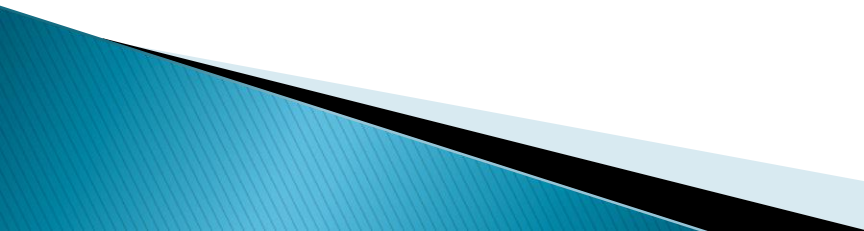


Relevance of the topic

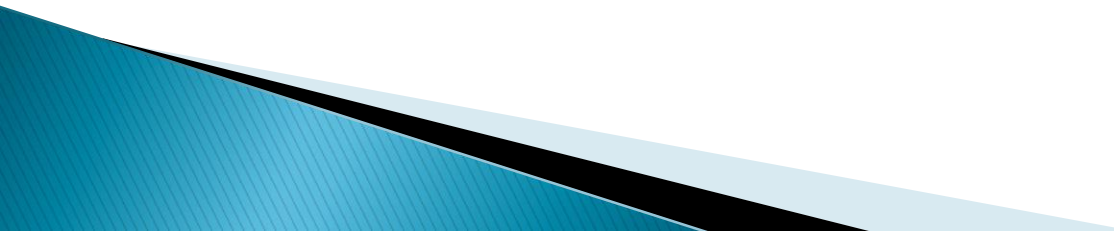
Poorly addressed problem of motivation of local self-government democracy may hinder direct involvement of inhabitants in the process of public affairs management and decision-making on social, political, cultural, economic and other issues of self-government. The right of citizens to participate in public affairs is defined in the preamble to the Charter as one of the fundamental principles of democracy. The relevance of the chosen topic is also demonstrated by the fact that even before the introduction of the direct elections of mayors in Lithuania in 2011, Lithuanian scientists who have studied the peculiarities of the implementation of the principles enshrined in the European Charter of Local Self-Government in the field of local self-government and incorporation law concluded that the provisions of the Charter were incorporated into national law differently.



The tasks of the research:

- ▶ To determine the level of expression of the principles enshrined in the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Lithuanian national law;
 - ▶ To reveal the influence of the principles enshrined in the European Charter of Local Self-Government on the democratic processes in Lithuanian self-government;
 - ▶ To draw some solutions for issues identified related to these analyzed questions for Lithuanian legislator in order to improve national legal regulation.
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The methods of the research:

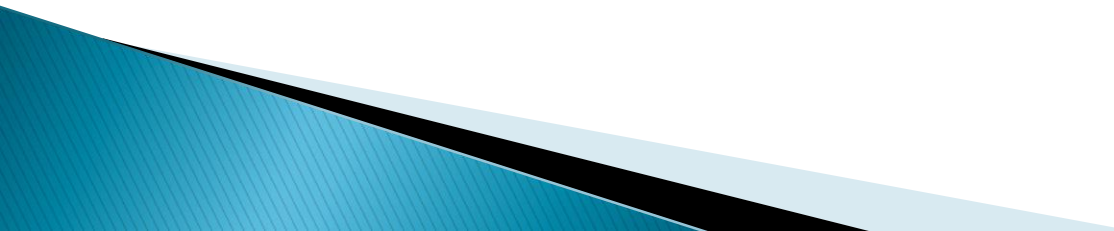
- ▶ The research was carried out by employing logical, comparative legal methods, system analysis, linguistic, empirical, synthesis methods and analysis of legal documents.
 - ▶ The generalization method was used to summarize the collected (analyzed) research data and formulate conclusions and suggestions.
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The object of the research

- ▶ Implementation of the principles enshrined in the European Charter of Local Self-Government and their incorporation into national law.



Main Conclusions:

- ▶ Although the fundamental principles of local self-government enshrined in the Charter have been incorporated into the national legal system of Lithuania in different ways, it could be argued that the incorporation (manifestation) of the provisions of the Charter into the national legal system is high, however the problem is noticeable in the practical application of the law, not all national legislation works (imperfection of laws).
 - ▶ Clearer legal regulation of the exercise of political minority rights and the establishment of a counterweight mechanism between municipal political majority and minority in national law is becoming.
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