

**STATUTE OF  
THE AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF VOJVODINA**

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Serbia  
and on the basis of the right of citizens of Vojvodina to exercise, foster and  
protect autonomy within the Republic of Serbia, protect high level of democracy and  
fundamental human rights, achieve sustainable economic and social progress  
and the intention to live together in freedom, justice and peace, insisting on  
common interests and respecting diversity of cultures of national communities living  
on the territory of Vojvodina,  
the Assembly of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina shall enact

# **T H E   S T A T U T E   O F T H E   A U T O N O M O U S   P R O V I N C E   O F   V O J V O D I N A**

## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Autonomous Province of Vojvodina**

#### **Article 1**

Vojvodina shall be an autonomous province of its male and female citizens (hereinafter: citizens) living in its territory and shall constitute part of the Republic of Serbia.

Vojvodina shall be a region in which multiculturalism, multiconfessionalism and other European principles and values have been traditionally fostered. The Autonomous Province of Vojvodina shall be an inseparable part of the Republic of Serbia.

### **Status of the AP of Vojvodina**

#### **Article 2**

The AP of Vojvodina shall have the status of a legal entity.

By way of the Provincial Assembly decision, the Assembly of the AP of Vojvodina shall designate a body of the AP of Vojvodina which shall represent the AP of Vojvodina as a legal entity, thereby exercising rights and responsibilities which the AP of Vojvodina shall have as a founder of public companies and institutions, as well as other organisations, in accordance with the law.

### **Territory of the AP of Vojvodina**

### **Article 3**

The territory of the AP of Vojvodina shall consist of local self-government units within its geographical areas (Bačka, Banat and Syrmia), established by the law.

The territory of the AP of Vojvodina shall not be altered without the consent of its citizens expressed in a referendum.

The referendum shall be considered valid if majority of the total number of voters with the right to vote and registered residence on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina have cast their votes in it.

The decision in the referendum under Paragraph 3 of this Article shall be made if the majority, established by the law, have cast vote for it.

### **Holders of the Right to Provincial Autonomy**

#### **Article 4**

The holders of the right to Provincial Autonomy shall be the citizens of the AP of Vojvodina.

The right under Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be subject exclusively to supervision of constitutionality and legality.

Provincial bodies, political organisations, a group or an individual may not assume the citizens' right to provincial autonomy, nor may they establish government in the bodies of the AP of Vojvodina without the freely expressed will of the citizens of the AP of Vojvodina.

### **Exercising the Right to Provincial Autonomy**

#### **Article 5**

The citizens of the AP of Vojvodina shall independently exercise their rights and perform their duties stipulated by the Constitution of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter: the Constitution), law, Statute of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina (hereinafter: the Statute) and general acts of the bodies of the AP of Vojvodina.

The citizens of the AP of Vojvodina shall exercise their right to provincial autonomy directly, by means of people's initiative or referendum and through their freely elected representatives.

### **National Equality**

## **Article 6**

In the AP of Vojvodina, Serbs, Hungarians, Slovaks, Croats, Montenegrins, Romanians, Roma, Bunjevci, Ruthenians and Macedonians, as well as other numerically smaller national communities living on its territory, shall be equal in exercising their rights.

## **Multiculturalism and Interculturalism**

### **Article 7**

Multilingualism, multiculturalism and multiconfessionalism shall represent a universal value of particular interest to the AP of Vojvodina.

Duty of all provincial bodies and organisations within the scope of their rights and duties shall be to foster and facilitate protection and development of multilingualism and cultural heritage of national communities which traditionally live in the AP of Vojvodina, as well as to support mutual respect and familiarisation with different languages, cultures and religions in the AP of Vojvodina.

## **Equal Representation of Women and Men**

### **Article 8**

The AP of Vojvodina shall establish equal opportunities policy and enact specific measures for stimulating gender equality.

The AP of Vojvodina shall determine conditions and methods for providing equal representation of women and men in the bodies of the AP of Vojvodina.

## **Symbols of the AP of Vojvodina**

### **Article 9**

The AP of Vojvodina shall have its symbols.

The symbols of the Autonomous Province shall be its flag and coat-of-arms.

The Assembly of the AP of Vojvodina shall regulate the form and use of symbols by way of a Provincial Assembly decision, in accordance with the Constitution and Statute.

## **Capital of the AP of Vojvodina**

### **Article 10**

The City of Novi Sad shall be the major administrative centre of the AP of Vojvodina.

The seat of the AP of Vojvodina authorities shall be in Novi Sad.

The Provincial Assembly decision may establish that the seat of particular provincial bodies be in some other location in the AP of Vojvodina.

The status of Novi Sad as the major administrative centre of the AP of Vojvodina, shall be regulated by way of a Provincial Assembly decision, in accordance with the law.

## **Property of the AP of Vojvodina**

### **Article 11**

The property of the AP of Vojvodina and the manner in which it is used and disposed of shall be regulated by the law.

The property of the AP of Vojvodina, as the form of public property, shall include assets used, pursuant to the law, by bodies of the AP of Vojvodina, institutions and public enterprises founded by the AP of Vojvodina, along with other movable and immovable items, in compliance with the law regulating the public property.

By way of a Provincial Assembly decision, the Assembly of the AP of Vojvodina shall designate bodies in charge of management and disposal of the property of the AP of Vojvodina, as stipulated by the law.

Activities of legal protection of proprietary rights and interests of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina shall be performed by the Provincial Public Attorney's Office.

## **Agricultural Land**

### **Article 12**

Arable agricultural land, natural rarities, scientific, cultural and historical heritage shall enjoy special protection under the conditions stipulated by the law and acts of the AP of Vojvodina.

Agricultural, forest and wet land shall serve the general welfare.

Agricultural land shall not alter its purpose, except in cases when a specific law and Provincial Assembly decision stipulate it is necessary for the purpose of satisfying essential needs of the society, which could not have been satisfied otherwise.

## **Environmental Protection**

### **Article 13**

In accordance with the law, the AP of Vojvodina shall provide conditions for environmental protection and improvement and undertake measures for prevention and elimination of detrimental effects which endanger environment and represent a threat to human life and health.

## **Cooperation with Local Self-Government Units**

### **Article 14**

In performing tasks falling within the scope of its competence, the AP of Vojvodina shall establish cooperation and coordination with local self-government units on its territory.

## **Development of the AP of Vojvodina**

### **Article 15**

The AP of Vojvodina shall be held responsible for its own sustainable economic, scientific, educational, cultural and tourist development as a whole, as well as for the balanced development of its geographical areas.

## **Interregional Cooperation**

### **Article 16**

The AP of Vojvodina shall cooperate with territorial communities and other forms of autonomies in other countries, within the scope of foreign policy of the Republic of Serbia and shall be obliged to observe its territorial integrity and legal system.

The AP of Vojvodina shall conclude interregional agreements in fields falling within

the scope of its competence.

The AP of Vojvodina may be a member of European and international associations of regions.

The AP of Vojvodina may establish its Representation Offices in European regions and Brussels, upon the approval of the Government, for the purpose of promotion and enhancement of its economic, scientific, educational and tourist capacities, in accordance with the Constitution and law.

## **Academy of Arts and Sciences of Vojvodina**

### **Article 17**

The Academy of Arts and Sciences of Vojvodina shall be a scientific and artistic institution of special significance in the AP of Vojvodina.

The Academy of Arts and Sciences of Vojvodina shall be established by the Assembly of the Autonomous Province, by way of the Provincial Assembly decision stipulating the Academy's role, regulating its main activity and the manner of its performance.

Bodies of the AP of Vojvodina shall provide conditions for functioning of the Academy of Arts and Sciences of Vojvodina.

## **Protection of Provincial Autonomy**

### **Article 18**

Within the scope of their rights and duties defined by the Constitution and Statute, the Assembly of the AP of Vojvodina or Government of the AP of Vojvodina shall have a right to appeal to the Constitutional Court if a single act or action of the state body or body of local self-government unit precludes the exercise of competences of the AP of Vojvodina.

The Assembly of the AP of Vojvodina or Government of the AP of Vojvodina may instigate the legal proceedings for review of constitutionality and legality of the law and other general act of the Republic of Serbia or general act of a local self-government unit which has violated the right to provincial autonomy.

In case the proceedings under Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article have been instigated by the Government of the AP of Vojvodina, it shall be obliged to report it to the Assembly of the AP of Vojvodina, at the first following session upon the instigation of the proceedings.

## **Legal and Other Acts of the AP of Vojvodina**

## **Article 19**

Through its bodies, the AP of Vojvodina shall enact the following legal and other acts:

- the Statute as the supreme legal act of the AP of Vojvodina,
- Provincial Assembly decisions for issues which fall directly and under the Constitution, within the scope of competences of the AP of Vojvodina or are stipulated by the law as issues relevant for the Province,
- Provincial decrees,
- decisions,
- declarations,
- resolutions,
- rules of procedure,
- books of regulations,
- directives,
- orders,
- rulings,
- recommendations,
- conclusions and other acts.

## **II. EXERCISING HUMAN AND MINORITY RIGHTS**

### **Prohibition of Discrimination**

#### **Article 20**

In performing tasks falling within the scope of competence of the AP of Vojvodina, all citizens shall have equal rights and duties, irrespective of race, gender, birth place, language, nationality, religion, political or other belief, education, social background, financial standing or any other personal feature.

Any form of discrimination, direct or indirect, shall be forbidden on any grounds, particularly on the grounds of race, gender, nationality, social background, birth place, religion, political or other belief, financial standing, culture, language, age and mental and physical disability.

Measures which the AP of Vojvodina may introduce in the economic, social, cultural and political life, for the purpose of achieving the full equality of communities and groups which are, due to being different, in an unfavourable position when compared to citizens belonging to the majority community, shall not be considered discriminatory.

### **Special Rights of Mother and Child**

#### **Article 21**

For the purpose of ensuring a stabile demographic growth, the AP of Vojvodina shall provide additional and supplementary rights and duties, that is, a higher level of



family protection, rights of children, childbearing women, mothers on maternity leave and single parents with children.

By means of special measures, the AP of Vojvodina shall stimulate child-births, employment and work of mothers with minor children and single parents.

## **National Communities Rights**

### **Article 22**

Persons belonging to national communities constituting numerical minority in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina shall enjoy special protection and all rights guaranteed to national minorities and persons belonging to national minorities according to the acts of the Republic of Serbia.

## **Protection of Acquired Rights**

### **Article 23**

The achieved level of human and minority rights, both individual and collective, may not be reduced.

The AP of Vojvodina may provide additional or supplementary rights, that is establish a higher level of protection of rights of persons belonging to national communities constituting numerical minority in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina.

The AP of Vojvodina shall monitor the exercise of human rights under Paragraph 1 of this Article and facilitate their exercise and protection in cases when that protection has not been provided at the Republic or local level.

## **Proportional Representation**

### **Article 24**

In provincial bodies and organisations, persons belonging to national communities in the AP of Vojvodina should be represented in proportion to their representation in the population, in the field of work of provincial bodies, that is, organisations.

According to the Provincial Assembly decision of the Assembly of the AP of Vojvodina, the Government of the AP of Vojvodina shall be obliged to undertake special measures and activities aimed at achieving the proportional representation in case of the disproportional representation of persons belonging to different national communities in particular provincial bodies, that is organisations.

Special measures and activities under Paragraph 2 of this Article shall be in force as long as substantial disproportional representation exists, but they shall neither jeopardise the work in the provincial body, that is organisation, nor the general terms of employment in them.

## **Autonomy of National Communities**

### **Article 25**

Through their elected National Councils, persons belonging to national communities constituting numerical minority in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina shall exercise the form of autonomy, establish institutions, independently decide or participate in the decision-making process on issues in the field of education, culture, use of languages and information.

Within the scope of its rights and duties, the AP of Vojvodina shall delegate the performance of particular tasks to National Councils or involve them in the decision-making process on issues under Paragraph 1 of this Article and provide means for performance of these tasks.

## **Official Languages and Scripts**

### **Article 26**

In bodies and organisations of the AP of Vojvodina, the Serbian language and Cyrillic script shall be in the official use, as well as Hungarian, Slovak, Croatian, Romanian and Ruthenian languages and their scripts, in accordance with the law and the Provincial Assembly decision.

The use of the Latin script of the Serbian language in bodies and organisations of the AP of Vojvodina shall be regulated by the Provincial Assembly decision and in accordance with the law.

The right to the official use of languages of national communities which have not been specified in Paragraph 1 of this Article, shall be exercised in accordance with the ratified international treaties, law and the Provincial Assembly decision.

## **III. COMPETENCES OF THE AP OF VOJVODINA**

### **Article 27**

Through its bodies, the AP of Vojvodina shall:

- enact the Statute and decide on amending the Statute,
- enact the Provincial Assembly decisions and other general acts which are used, in accordance with the Constitution, law and Statute, to regulate the

- fields falling within its area of competence as well as the issues relevant for the Province,
- execute Provincial Assembly decisions and enact regulations for their execution,
  - execute laws and enact regulations for their execution, when stipulated by the law,
  - regulate the election, organisation and work of bodies and organisations it establishes, as well as the official use of languages and scripts in them,
  - regulate the position, rights and duties of the elected, appointed, designated and employed persons in bodies of the AP of Vojvodina,
  - monitor and evaluate the AP of Vojvodina regional development policy, collect and process statistical data relevant for the AP of Vojvodina,
  - specify offences and offence penalties for breach of regulations it enacts within the area of its competence,
  - schedule the Provincial referendum,
  - enact strategic plans of economic and social development of the AP of Vojvodina,
  - decide on the use of its direct revenues and resources required for performance of delegated tasks,
  - decide on borrowing of the AP of Vojvodina,
  - enact its budget and annual balance sheet,
  - establish organisations, agencies, public companies and institutions, funds, and economic associations with the purpose of performing duties of the AP of Vojvodina and monitor their work,
  - establish the Provincial awards and rewards for natural and legal persons,
  - regulate other spheres and issues stipulated in the Constitution, law and Statute.

## **Interrelation between Republic and Provincial Authorities**

### **Article 28**

Interrelations between Republic and Provincial authorities in the execution of laws and other Republic regulations shall be based on the rights and duties of Republic and Provincial authorities stipulated by the Constitution, law and Statute, as well as on their cooperation.

For the purpose of lawful, efficient and unhindered performance of activities falling within its competence, the AP of Vojvodina may propose to establish the Standing Mixed Committee composed of representatives of authorities of the Republic of Serbia and those of the AP of Vojvodina.

### **Article 29**

AP of Vojvodina shall be competent to perform the following duties:

#### 1. Spatial Planning

- to enact the regional spatial plan, spatial plan for special purposes and spatial plan

of the infrastructure network and network of the area or facility with special functions for the territory of AP of Vojvodina and regulate the urban, spatial and development-related planning within the framework of measures of the economic policy of the Republic of Serbia;

## 2. Regional Development

- to regulate and ensure the sustained regional development and capital expenditures from the AP of Vojvodina funds, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and the law,
- to enact strategic and other documents concerning the regional development, in accordance with the Strategy for Regional Development of the Republic of Serbia,
- to establish the Development Bank of AP of Vojvodina,
- to set up organisations committed to establishing the sustained regional development,
- to develop administrative capacities of the Provincial Administration and local self-Government aimed at ensuring the most efficient use of the structural and cohesion funds of the European Union.

## 3. Agriculture, Rural Development, Water Management, Forestry, Hunting and Fishery

- to regulate issues relevant for the Province in the field of agriculture and in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to enact, implement and monitor measures of the agrarian policy and rural development in accordance with the Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Development of the Republic of Serbia,
- to set up the separate budget, funds or other forms of organising in the field of agriculture,
- to establish the commodity reserves of the AP of Vojvodina,
- to enact the water management master plan for the AP of Vojvodina in accordance with the water management master plan of the Republic of Serbia,
- to enact, implement and monitor regular and extraordinary measures of protection against external and internal waters, in accordance with the adopted plans of the AP of Vojvodina and Republic of Serbia,
- to regulate hunting in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province and ensure the public interest in the field of hunting,
- to regulate fishery in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province and ensures the public interest in the field of fishery,
- to manage the agricultural land, forest land, forests and forest products being the property of the AP of Vojvodina, as well as water resources and artificial and natural watercourses on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina,
- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or delegated competence.

## 4. Tourism, Catering Industry, Spas and Health Resorts

- to regulate issues relevant for the Province in the field of tourism, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province ,

- to regulate the use of mineral and thermal waters, balneological and climate resources, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province and ensure the public interest in these fields,
- to establish organisations for promotion and development of tourism,
- to establish institutions in the field of spas and health resorts,
- to perform other duties stipulated by the law that constitute its original or delegated competence.

#### 5. Environmental Protection

- to regulate, improve and ensure environmental protection in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law,
- to enact the management plan and programme concerning the natural resources and goods, in accordance with strategic documents,
- to enact the environmental protection programme in accordance with the National Programme,
- to control the use and protection of natural resources and goods,
- to declare certain territory to be protected natural goods and stipulate the protective measures in accordance with the law,
- to implement systematic monitoring of the environmental factors, along with the monitoring and assessment of the progress of environmental pollution.
- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or delegated competence.

#### 6. Industry and Craftsmanship

- to regulate issues relevant for the Province in the field of industry, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to enact the plan and programme of sustained economic development of the AP of Vojvodina, in accordance with the Development Plan of the Republic of Serbia,
- to participate in deciding on the use of natural and mineral resources on its territory and see to their improvement and utilisation,
- to regulate the establishment and method of work applied in craft shops as a form of private entrepreneurship, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute their original or delegated competence.

#### 7. Road, River and Railway Transport and Road Rehabilitation

- to regulate issues relevant for the Province concerning the road, river and railway transport, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to manage public roads on the territory of AP of Vojvodina, with the exception of national roads that are part of the European roads network and municipal roads, as well as to establish the public company for management of public roads on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina,
- to manage waterways, establish the public company for management of waterways, enact the annual programme of marking and maintenance of waterways on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina,

- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or delegated competence.

#### 8. Organisation of Fairs and Other Economic Events

- to organise fairs and other economic events relevant for the Province, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or delegated competence.

#### 9. Education, Sport and Culture

- to regulate secondary education in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province and ensure the public interest in the field of secondary education,
- to regulate the adult education in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province and ensure the public interest in the field of adult education,
- to regulate the pupils and students' standard in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province and ensure the public interest in the field of pupils and students' standard ,
- to regulate issues relevant for the Province in the field of preschool, elementary and higher education, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to ensure the exercise of the right to education in native language to persons belonging to national communities that constitute numerical minorities in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina at all levels of education,
- to establish educational institutions aimed at ensuring the public interest in the field of education, with the exception of preschool education,
- to regulate the issues relevant for the Province in the fields concerned with the youth interests,
- to regulate issues relevant for the Province in the field of sport and physical education, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to establish organisations that implement sport activities relevant for the AP of Vojvodina,
- to regulate issues relevant for the Province in the field of culture, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to regulate and ensure the public interest in the field of culture of national communities that constitute numerical minorities in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to regulate the independent engagement in art and other activities in the field of culture, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to establish archives, museums, libraries, theatres, institutes and other institutions relevant for the Province ensuring the public interest in the field of culture,
- to perform administrative tasks in respect of registration and record keeping concerning the endowments, funds and foundations seated on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina,
- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or

delegated competence.

#### 10. Science, Innovations and Technological Development

- to more specifically regulate particular issues in the field of science, innovations and technological development, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law,
- to establish or take part in establishing the research-development centres, innovation centres, business and technological incubators, scientific-technological parks and institutes and support, in other manner, through adequate funds, the innovative activities and development, as well as popularisation of the scientific and technological achievements on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina,
- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or delegated competence.

#### 11. Health and Social Protection

- to regulate issues relevant for the Province in the field of health care and health insurance and enhance the health protection, health and pharmaceutical service on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to regulate issues relevant for the Province and enhance the conditions related to the pension insurance, employment, veterans' and disability protection, social protection of the family, children, youth and elderly people,
- to establish institutions for secondary and tertiary health protection ensuring the public interest in the field of health protection in the AP of Vojvodina,
- to establish institutions for social protection ensuring the public interest in the field of social protection in the AP of Vojvodina, with the exception of institutions established by the local self-government,
- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or delegated competence.

#### 12. Public Informing at the Provincial Level

- to regulate issues relevant for the Province in the field of public informing, in accordance with the Constitution, ratified international treaties and law stipulating the issues relevant for the Province,
- to define the public interest of the AP of Vojvodina citizens in the field of public informing and radio diffusion and more specifically regulate the conditions and manner of performing the activities of the Provincial Radio Diffusion Service;
- to provide for the work of the media relevant for the Province in languages of national communities that constitute numerical minority in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina,
- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or delegated competence.

#### 13. Infrastructure Development and Capital Investments

- to take part, through capital investments, in building, equipping and development of infrastructure that is part of the local self-government and the AP of Vojvodina property on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina,
- to take part, through capital investments, in building and equipping the relevant

facilities used in exercising the public interest,

- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or delegated competence.

#### 14. Competences in Other Fields

- to see to exercise of human rights and rights of national communities that constitute the numerical minority in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina and stipulate additional rights in accordance with the law,

- to more specifically regulate the official use of languages and scripts of national communities that constitute the numerical minority in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina, in accordance with the law,

- to effect cooperation with churches and religious communities in the territory of the AP of Vojvodina and provide assistance for the activities that are undertaken in the public interest,

- to see to the exercise and improvement of the policy in the field of gender equality in the AP of Vojvodina,

- to see to the exercise of the policy in the field of labour and employment on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina,

- to propose a network of courts in the territory of the AP of Vojvodina,

- to perform other duties stipulated by the law, that constitute its original or delegated competence.

### **Temporary Regulation**

#### **Article 30**

The Assembly of AP Vojvodina may enact a regulation for temporary enforcement of a Republic law in the territory of the Province, if the competent Republic authorities failed to enact such legal act within the time frame stipulated by the law.

The Provincial legal act for a temporary regulation of enforcement of a Republic law shall cease to be effective on the day of coming into force of the appropriate Republic regulation.

### **Delegation of Competences**

#### **Article 31**

By way of the Provincial decision, the AP of Vojvodina may delegate the performance of certain tasks in the framework of its competence to local self-government units and National Councils of national minorities.

### **Provincial Administrative Districts**

#### **Article 32**

With the aim of performing certain tasks of the Provincial Administration, Provincial



administrative districts shall be established outside the seat of the Provincial administrative authorities, in accordance with the Statute and by way of the Provincial Assembly decision.

By way of the Provincial Assembly decision, seven Provincial administrative districts shall be established on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina.

Provincial administrative districts shall be established and seated in the following municipalities:

- a. in the territory of Bačka in Subotica and Sombor,
- b. in the territory of Banat in Kikinda, Vršac, Pančevo and Zrenjanin,
- c. in the territory of Syrmia in Sremska Mitrovica.

## **IV. AUTHORITIES OF THE AP OF VOJVODINA**

### **1. ASSEMBLY OF THE AP OF VOJVODINA**

#### **Status**

#### **Article 33**

The Assembly of the AP of Vojvodina (hereinafter referred to as: the Assembly) shall be the highest authority and holder of the normative power in the AP of Vojvodina.

#### **Competence**

#### **Article 34**

The Assembly shall:

- enact the Statute and decide on its amendments,
- enact Provincial Assembly decisions, decisions, resolutions, declarations, recommendations, conclusions and other acts,
- establish general policies at the level of the AP of Vojvodina,
- control the work of the Government of the AP of Vojvodina,
- enact the regional spatial plan, spatial plan for special purposes and spatial plan of the network of areas or facilities with special functions for areas on the territory of AP of Vojvodina,
- enact the strategies of development, agriculture, forestry, water management, economy and other fields in the competence of the AP of Vojvodina,
- enact the budget and annual balance sheet,
- decide on borrowing of the AP of Vojvodina,
- schedule the Provincial referendum,
- enact the act on ratification of interregional agreements concluded by the Government of the AP of Vojvodina,
- enact the Provincial Assembly decision on election and expiry of the term of

- office and function of deputies, as well as the Provincial Assembly decision on electorates,
- regulate, by way of a Provincial Assembly decision, the rights, duties and position of the elected, appointed, designated and employed persons in authorities and organisations of the AP of Vojvodina,
  - specify offences which constitute breach of provincial regulations,
  - elect and relieve of duty the President and Vice-President of the Assembly, the President, Vice-President and members of the Government of the AP of Vojvodina, the President and members of working bodies of the Assembly, the Secretary of the Assembly and other office-holders in authorities and organisations it establishes,
  - elect the Provincial Ombudsman and regulate his/her powers and method of their exercise by way of a Provincial Assembly decision,
  - enact the act on establishing the Vojvodina Development Bank with the aim of stimulating the economic and social development of the AP of Vojvodina,
  - enact the act on establishment, competences and regulation of organisations, agencies and public enterprises and institutions, with the exception of those organisations, enterprises and institutions whose establishment has been delegated to the Government of the AP of Vojvodina, by way of a Provincial Assembly decision,
  - propose laws, other regulations and general acts enacted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia,
  - provide opinion on those amendments of the Constitution concerned with the status, rights and duties of the AP of Vojvodina,
  - propose the network of courts on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina,
  - enact the Rules of Procedure about its work,
  - undertake other activities stipulated by the Constitution, law and Statute.

## **Composition of the Assembly**

### **Article 35**

The Assembly shall have 120 deputies, who shall be elected in direct elections, by secret ballot.

Election and expiry of deputies' term of office, the way of ensuring the proportional representation of national communities and establishment of electorates shall be regulated by the Assembly, by way of a Provincial Assembly decision.

## **Election of Deputies and Constitution of the Assembly**

### **Article 36**

The President shall call the election for deputies 90 days prior to the expiry of the term of

office of the Assembly, in order to ensure the completion of elections within the next 60 days.

The first session of the Assembly shall be convened by the President of the Assembly from the previous convocation, so as to hold the session not later than 30 days from the day of the declaring the final election results.

The Assembly shall confirm deputies' terms of office at the first session.

The Assembly shall be constituted upon the confirmation of terms of office of the two thirds of deputies.

An appeal may be lodged against the decision made in relation to confirmation of terms of office, before the Constitutional Court, which shall decide on it within 72 hours.

Elections of deputies must be held not later than 30 days before the term of office of deputies in the previous convocation expires.

By confirming terms of office of the two thirds of deputies, the term of office of the previous convocation of the National Assembly shall end.

## **Status of the Deputy**

### **Article 37**

A deputy's term of office in the Assembly shall last for a period of four years.

The deputy's term of office shall commence on the day of its confirmation in the Assembly and last for four years, that is until the expiry of term of office of a deputy in that convocation of the Assembly.

Under the terms stipulated by the Provincial Assembly decision, a deputy shall be free to irrevocably put his/her term of office at the disposal to the political party upon whose proposal she/he has been elected a deputy.

In accordance with the Constitution and the law, it shall be stipulated by way of the Provincial Assembly decision what functions and duties represent the conflict of interest.

In case of declaration of the imminent threat of war or state of war, the Assembly may decide on extending the term of office of deputies as long as such state exists or until the conditions for the election of new deputies have been created.

## **Deputies Protection**

### **Article 38**

A deputy may not be called to account criminally, be detained or punished for an opinion expressed or vote cast at a session of the Assembly and working bodies.

## **President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly**

### **Article 39**

The Assembly shall have a President and one or more Vice-Presidents elected from among the deputies.

The term of office of the President and Vice-Presidents shall be for a period of four years.

The President shall represent the Assembly in the country and abroad, preside over and conduct the sessions of the Assembly, call the election of deputies, sign acts enacted by the Assembly and perform other duties stipulated in the Statute and Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

The Vice-President shall assist the President in performing his duties; stand in for the President in case the President is temporarily prevented from fulfilling his duties and perform other duties stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

The method and procedure of nominating and electing the President and the Vice-President and the determining the number of Vice-Presidents shall be regulated by the Rules of the Procedure of the Assembly.

## **Council of National Communities**

### **Article 40**

The Council of the National Communities shall be established in the Assembly.

The Council of the National Communities shall represent a separate body of the Assembly and shall consist of 30 members.

Half of the members of the council shall be elected from among the deputies who declare themselves as people belonging to national communities which constitute numerical minority in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina.

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The number of members of the council from among the deputies who declare themselves as people belonging to national communities which constitute numerical

minority in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina shall be determined proportionally to the total number of the deputies in the composition of the Assembly, who declare themselves as people belonging to that national community.

If there are no representatives of certain national community in the composition of the Assembly of the AP of Vojvodina, it shall be obligatory, in the decision-making process, to obtain the opinion of the National Council of the national minority, provided that it is seated on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina.

When resolving issues within the competence of the Assembly, in direct or indirect relation to the exercise of rights of the national communities constituting a numerical minority in the total population of the AP of Vojvodina, particularly in the area of culture, education, media and official use of languages and scripts, it shall be obligatory to obtain the opinion of the Council of National Communities.

The Council of National Communities shall decide by majority of the total number of its members.

The method of work and election of the Council of National Communities shall be regulated by way of the Provincial Assembly decision and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

## **Method of Decision Making**

### **Article 41**

The Assembly shall make decisions by a majority vote at the sessions at which majority of the total number of deputies are present, unless the specific majority has been stipulated by the Statute.

The Assembly shall make decisions by a two-third majority vote of the total number of deputies on the following:

- amendment of the Statute,
- enacting the Provincial Assembly decision on implementation of the Statute,
- election and relief of duty of the Provincial Ombudsman.

The Assembly shall make decisions by a majority vote of the total number of deputies on the following:

- enacting the budget and annual balance sheet,
- election and relief of duty of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly,
- election and relief of duty of the President, Vice-Presidents and members of the, Government of the AP of Vojvodina,
- enacting the Provincial Assembly decision on symbols of the AP of Vojvodina,
- adoption of the Rules of Procedures pertaining to its work
- scheduling the referendum on its territory
- other issues stipulated by this Statute.

## **Session**

### **Article 42**

The Assembly shall convene as required and at least four times a year.

## **Dissolution of the Assembly**

### **Article 43**

The President may dissolve the Assembly upon the elaborated proposal of the Government of the AP of Vojvodina.

Should the President fail to dissolve the Assembly upon the elaborated proposal of the Government of the AP of Vojvodina, he shall be obliged to obtain the opinion of the Government of the Republic of Serbia on the necessity of the postponement of the dissolution of the Assembly within 10 days from the proposal's submission.

The Government of the AP of Vojvodina may not propose dissolution of the Assembly, if the proposal has been submitted for the vote of no confidence in the Government or if the issue of its confidence has been raised.

The Assembly shall be dissolved if it fails to elect the Government within 90 days from the day of its constitution.

The Assembly may not be dissolved during the state of war and emergency.

The Assembly, which has been dissolved, shall only perform current or urgent tasks, stipulated by the Law and by way of the Provincial Government decision.

In case of declaration of the state of war or emergency, its full competence shall be re-established and last until the end of the state of war, that is, emergency.

## **Right to Propose**

### **Article 44**

The Government of the AP of Vojvodina, deputies, assemblies of the local self-government units or at least 15,000 voters shall have the right to propose Provincial decisions or general acts enacted by the Assembly.

The proposal to enact a Provincial Assembly decision may be submitted by the

Government of the AP of Vojvodina, at least 5 deputies, assemblies of the local self-government units or at least 30,000 voters.

The Provincial Ombudsman shall have the right to propose the Provincial Assembly decisions within his/her competence.

## **Referendum**

### **Article 45**

The Assembly may decide that certain issues falling within its competence may be decided on by citizens in the referendum.

The Assembly shall be obliged to schedule the Provincial referendum if the request for its scheduling has been submitted by at least 30,000 voters.  
The decision made in the referendum shall be promulgated by the Assembly.

## **Provincial Assembly Decision and Rules of Procedure of the Assembly**

### **Article 46**

The Provincial Assembly decision shall be enacted on the Assembly.  
The method of work of the Assembly shall be regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

## **2. GOVERNMENT OF THE AP OF VOJVODINA**

### **Status and Accountability**

#### **Article 47**

The Government of the AP of Vojvodina (hereinafter: the Provincial Government) shall be a body of the AP of Vojvodina and, within the frame of competences of the AP of Vojvodina, the bearer of the executive powers in its territory.

The Provincial Government shall account to the Assembly for its work.

### **Competences**

#### **Article 48**

The Provincial Government shall:

- establish and pursue the policy within the frame of rights and duties of the AP of Vojvodina in the domain of its original competence, within the grounds stipulated by the Assembly,
- execute the laws if vested with powers,
- execute the Provincial Assembly decisions and other general acts of the Assembly,
- enact provincial provisions, decisions and other general acts for the purpose of executing the laws and decisions of the Provincial Assembly, if vested with powers of law or the Provincial Assembly decision,
- represent the AP of Vojvodina as legal entity, establish and execute rights and duties of the AP of Vojvodina as a founder of public enterprises and institutions and other organisations, if vested with powers by way of the Provincial Assembly decision,
- constitute expert and other services for the performance of activities in their domain, in accordance with the Statute, law and the Provincial Assembly decision,
- propose the development programmes, the budget and annual balance sheet of the AP of Vojvodina and take measures for their implementation,
- propose the Provincial Assembly decisions and other general acts to the Assembly,
- appoint and relieve of duty the office-holders of the organisations founded by the AP of Vojvodina, apart from those elected by the Assembly,
- guide and harmonise the activities of provincial administrative authorities and organisations founded by the AP of Vojvodina, as well as supervise their work,
- supervise the work of economic associations and institutions that perform public powers or other activities relevant for the Province,
- manage and dispose of the property of the AP of Vojvodina in accordance with the law,
- give an opinion to the Assembly on the proposal of the Provincial Assembly decisions or general acts submitted to the Assembly by another proposer,
- enact acts and undertake activities and measures within the competences of the Assembly in case of natural disasters and other emergency situations provided that the Assembly may not convene timely,
- conclude interregional agreements in the fields within the competence of the AP of Vojvodina,
- enact the Rules of Procedure of its work,
- perform other duties stipulated by the law, the Statute and Provincial Assembly decision.

## **Composition of the Provincial Government**

### **Article 49**

The Provincial Government shall consist of the President, one or more Vice-Presidents and members of the Government.

The President of the Provincial Government shall manage, conform and guide the



work of the Provincial Government and represent the Provincial Government, sign acts enacted by the Provincial Government, see to the application of the Rules of the Procedure of the Provincial Government and perform other activities stipulated by the Statute, Provincial Assembly decision and Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Government.

The members of the Provincial Government shall account for their work and the situation in the area within their responsibility to the President of the Provincial Government, the Provincial Government and the Assembly.

### **Incompatibility of Functions**

#### **Article 50**

It shall be stipulated by the Provincial Government decision, in accordance with the Constitution and the Law, what functions, duties or private interests are incompatible with the position of the President, Vice-President and a member of the Provincial Government.

### **Election of the Provincial Government**

#### **Article 51**

A candidate for the President of the Provincial Government shall be proposed by the President of the Assembly after considering the opinions given by the representative of the deputies' groups.

The candidate for the President of the Provincial Government shall present the programme of the Provincial Government to the Assembly and shall recommend its composition.

The Assembly shall appoint and relieve of duty the President, Vice-President and members of the Provincial Government by majority vote of the total number of deputies.

### **Commencement and Expiry of Term of Office of the Provincial Government and its Members**

#### **Article 52**

The term of office of the Provincial Government shall last until the expiry of the term of office of the Assembly which has elected it.

The term of office of the Provincial Government shall commence on the day of taking an oath before the Assembly.

The term of office of the Provincial Government shall end before the expiry of the period of time for which it has been elected: by the vote of no confidence, dissolution of the Assembly or resignation of the President of the Provincial Government.

The Provincial Government whose term of office has expired may only perform duties stipulated by the Provincial Assembly decision until the election of the new Provincial Government.

The Provincial Government whose term of office has expired may not propose the dissolution of the Assembly.

The term of office of the member of the Provincial Government shall expire before the expiry of the period of time for which he/she has been elected, by accepting his/her resignation, by the resignation of the President of the Provincial Government, by the vote of no confidence in the Assembly and relief of duty by the Assembly, upon the proposal of the President of the Provincial Government.

## **Interpellation**

### **Article 53**

The interpellation pertaining to the work of the Provincial Government or its particular member may be proposed by at least 30 deputies.

The Provincial Government shall have the obligation to respond to the submitted interpellation within 30 days.

The Assembly shall discuss and vote on the response to the interpellation submitted by the Provincial Government or its member.

After voting for the endorsement of the response, the Assembly shall continue to work according to the adopted agenda.

Should the Assembly fail to endorse the response of the Provincial Government or its member, it shall initiate a vote of no confidence in the Provincial Government or its member, unless the President of the Provincial Government, that is, its member has resigned beforehand, after the rejection of the response to the interpellation.

The issue which was a subject of the interpellation may not be discussed again before the expiry of the 30 days deadline.

## **Vote of No Confidence to the Provincial Government or a Member of the Government**

### **Article 54**

A vote of no confidence to the Provincial Government or a particular member of the Government may be requested by at least 30 deputies.

The proposal for the vote of no confidence to the Provincial Government or a particular member of the Government shall be discussed by the Assembly at the first following session and earliest five days after the submission of the proposal. Voting on the proposal shall commence upon conclusion of the discussion.

The Assembly shall accept the proposal for the vote of no confidence in the Provincial Government or its member if more than a half of the total number of deputies have voted for it.

Should the Assembly pass a vote of no confidence to the Provincial Government, the President of the Assembly shall be obliged to initiate the proceedings for election of the new Provincial Government.

Should the Assembly fail to elect the new Provincial Government within 30 days from passing the vote of no confidence, the President of the Assembly shall be obliged to dissolve the Assembly and call an election.

Should the Assembly pass a vote of no confidence to a member of the Provincial Government, the President of the Provincial Government shall be obliged to initiate the proceedings for election of a new member of the Provincial Government, in accordance with the Statute and the Provincial Assembly decision.

Should a vote of no confidence to the Provincial Government or a member of the Provincial Government fail to be passed, signatories of the proposal may not submit a new proposal for a vote of no confidence before the expiry of the 180 day deadline.

## **Vote of Confidence to the Provincial Government**

### **Article 55**

The Provincial Government may require a vote of its confidence.

Upon the request of the Provincial Government, proposal for a vote of confidence in the Provincial Government may also be discussed at the current session of the Assembly, and if the Provincial Government has failed to submit such a proposal, the proposal shall be discussed on the first following session, and earliest five days from its submission.

Voting on the proposal shall commence upon conclusion of the discussion. The Assembly shall accept the proposal for a vote of confidence to the Provincial Government if more than a half of the total number of deputies have voted for it.

Should the Assembly fail to pass a vote of confidence in the Provincial Government, the term of office of the Provincial Government shall end and the President of the Assembly

shall be obliged to initiate the proceedings for election of the new Provincial Government.

Should the Assembly fail to elect the new Provincial Government within 30 days from the day of passing of vote of no confidence, the President of the Assembly shall be obliged to dissolve the Assembly and call an election.

## **Resignation of the Provincial Government**

### **Article 56**

The President of the Provincial Government may tender his/her resignation to the Assembly.

The President of the Provincial Government shall tender his/her resignation to the President of the Assembly and shall, at the same time, inform the general public.

The Assembly shall confirm the resignation at the first following session, without a debate.

The term of office of the Provincial Government shall terminate on the day of confirmation of the resignation of the President of the Provincial Government.

When the Assembly has confirmed the resignation of the President of the Provincial Government, the proceedings for election of the new Provincial Government shall be initiated.

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Should the Assembly fail to elect the new Provincial Government within 30 days from the day of confirmation of the resignation of the President of the Provincial Government, the President of the Assembly shall be obliged to dissolve the Assembly and call an election.

## **Resignation and Relief of Duty of the Member of the Provincial Government**

### **Article 57**

A member of the Provincial Government may tender his/her resignation to the President of the Provincial Government.

The President of the Provincial Government shall submit the resignation of a member of the Provincial Government to the President of the Assembly, and the Assembly shall confirm the resignation at the first following session.

The President of the Provincial Government may propose to the Assembly a relief of duty of a particular member of the Provincial Government.

At the first following session, the Assembly shall discuss and vote on the proposal for dismissal of a member of the Provincial Government.

Decision on Relief of Duty of the Member of the Provincial Government shall be enacted if the majority of the total number of Deputies have voted for it.

The term of office of a member of the Provincial Government who has tendered his/her resignation shall terminate on the day of confirmation of the resignation, and for the member of the Provincial Government who has been relieved of duty the term of office shall terminate on the day of enacting the Decision on Relief of Duty.

Until the termination of his/her term of office, the status and responsibilities of the member of the Provincial Government who has tendered his/her resignation or for whom the proposal for relief of duty has been submitted shall be regulated by way of the Provincial Assembly decision.

After the expiry of the term of office of the member of the Provincial Government due to the tendered resignation or relief of duty, the President of the Provincial Government shall be obliged to initiate the proceedings for election of a new member of the Provincial Government, in accordance with a special Provincial Assembly decision.

### **Immunity of the President and Member of the Provincial Government**

#### **Article 58**

The President and a member of the Provincial Government shall not be held accountable for opinions expressed at the session of the Provincial Government and the Assembly, or for casting a vote at the session of the Provincial Government.

### **Provincial Assembly Decision and Rules of Procedures on Provincial Government**

#### **Article 59**

A Provincial Assembly decision on the Provincial Government shall be enacted. The method of work of the Provincial Government shall be regulated by the Rules of Procedures of the Provincial Government.

## **3. PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

## **Status of the Provincial Administration**

### **Article 60**

The Provincial administration shall be independent and shall perform affairs within its competencies in accordance with the law, the Statute and Provincial Assembly decision and shall account for its work to the Provincial Government.

Affairs of the Provincial administration shall be performed by the Provincial administrative authorities and other Provincial organisations stipulated by the Assembly decision.

Provincial administrative affairs and the number of the Provincial administrative authorities shall be stipulated by the Provincial Assembly decision.

Internal organisation of the Provincial administrative authorities and other Provincial organisations shall be regulated by the Provincial Government.

Individual acts and affairs of the Provincial administrative authorities and organisations delegated with the competences shall be based on the Law and the Provincial Assembly decision.

In the frame of monitoring the work of Provincial administrative authorities, in the manner stipulated by the Provincial Assembly decision, the Provincial Government may invalidate or abolish each general or individual act of the Provincial administrative authorities which is not in accordance with the Statute, Law or Provincial Assembly decision.

Legality of final individual acts deciding on rights, duties or legally grounded interest shall be subject to revision before the court in the administrative proceedings, if other court protection has not been stipulated by the Law.

## **4. PROVINCIAL OMBUDSMAN**

### **Article 61**

The Provincial Ombudsman shall be a separate and independent body of the Autonomous Province who shall protect any individual's human rights and freedoms, which are guaranteed by the Constitution, ratified international human rights treaties, generally accepted rules of the International Law, law and regulations of the AP of Vojvodina.

The Provincial Ombudsman shall protect human rights and freedoms particularly in the area of violations caused by illegal, inexpedient and inefficient actions of authorities of the Provincial, city and municipal administrations, organisations and public companies and institutions with administrative and public powers, founded by the Province, city or municipality on the territory of the AP of Vojvodina.

The Provincial Ombudsman shall be elected and relieved of duty by the Assembly, with the two-thirds majority vote of the total number of the deputies.

The Provincial Ombudsman shall have deputies whose number, election criteria, method of election and competencies shall be regulated by the Provincial Assembly decision on the Provincial Ombudsman.

The Provincial Ombudsman and his/her deputies shall account for their work to the Assembly.

The Provincial Ombudsman and his/her deputies shall enjoy immunity as the Assembly's deputies.

The Provincial Assembly decision on the Provincial Ombudsman shall be enacted.

## **V FINANCING OF THE AP OF VOJVODINA**

### **Budget of the Autonomous Province**

#### **Article 62**

AP of Vojvodina shall have a budget that shall represent all revenues and expenditures used for financing the competences of the AP of Vojvodina.

The budget of the AP of Vojvodina shall amount to at least 7% of the budget of the Republic of Serbia.

Three-sevenths of the budget of the AP of Vojvodina shall be used for financing the capital expenditures.

### **Revenues of the Autonomous Province**

#### **Article 63**

The AP of Vojvodina shall have direct revenues used for financing its competences, whose percentage shall be established independently by the Assembly of AP Vojvodina in its decision, in accordance with the law regulating the financing of the AP of Vojvodina.

The type and amount of direct revenues shall be more specifically established in the law regulating the financing of the AP of Vojvodina and in the decision of the AP Vojvodina Assembly, in accordance with the law.

The AP of Vojvodina shall acquire its revenues through:

- collection of taxes, duties and other dues,

- revenues from the property it is the title holder of,
- participation in revenues of the public enterprises and institutions,
- public loans,
- commercial loans and credits,
- transfer of budgetary resources,
- acceptance of donations and other free grants,
- other sources,

in accordance with the law regulating the financing of the AP of Vojvodina.

Additional transfer from the budget of the Republic of Serbia shall also be considered the revenue of the AP of Vojvodina.

## **VI COMPLIANCE OF PROVINCIAL LEGAL ACTS, THEIR PUBLICATION AND COMING INTO FORCE**

### **Compliance of Legal Acts**

#### **Article 64**

The Statute shall be the supreme legal act of the AP of Vojvodina. The Statute, Provincial Assembly decisions and other general acts shall be in compliance with the Constitution and the Law.

Decisions of the Provincial Assembly and the Assembly's by-laws shall be in compliance with the Statute.

Provincial regulations, decisions and other legal acts of the Provincial Government shall be in compliance with the Statute, Provincial Assembly decisions and other general acts of the Assembly.

Acts of the Provincial administrative authorities and organisations shall be in compliance with the Statute, decisions of the Provincial Assembly and other by-laws of the Assembly and the Provincial Government.

Acts of the bodies of local self-government units shall be in compliance with the Statute and Provincial Assembly decisions.

### **Publication**

#### **Article 65**



The Statute, Provincial Assembly decisions and general acts of the Assembly, as well as Provincial decrees and decisions of the Provincial Government shall be published in the "Official Journal of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina".

The acts of the Provincial Government, with the exception of the acts under Paragraph 1 of this Article, the acts of Provincial administrative authorities and organisations shall be published as specified by these acts.

The acts under Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article shall be published in all languages in the official use in the work of bodies of the AP of Vojvodina. In the case of discrepancy, the text published in Serbian language shall prevail.

## **Coming into Force**

### **Article 66**

Decision of the Provincial Assembly and other general acts shall come into force earliest on the eighth day from the day of their publication.

The acts under Paragraph 1 of this Article may also come into force as of the date of their publication, if there are particularly justified grounds for that, specified at the time of their enactment.

## **VII AMENDING THE STATUTE**

### **Proposal to Amend the Statute**

### **Article 67**

A proposal to amend the Statute may be submitted by: at least one third of the total number of deputies, the Provincial Government and the Assembly's working body competent for issues pertaining to constitutional-legal status of the AP of Vojvodina and at least 40,000 voters.

The Assembly shall decide on the proposal to amend the Statute by a two-thirds majority vote of the total number of deputies.

### **Establishment of the Provincial Assembly Decision on Amending the Statute**

### **Article 68**

Should the Assembly enact the proposal for amending the Statute, the Provincial Assembly decision on amending the Statute shall be drafted, that is, considered.

The Assembly shall establish the proposal for the Provincial Assembly decision on amending the Statute by a two-thirds majority vote of the total number of deputies and shall submit it to the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia for confirmation.

## **VIII FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 69**

Provincial Assembly decision on the execution of the Statute shall be enacted.

The Assembly shall enact the Provincial Assembly decision on the execution of the Statute by a two-thirds majority vote of the total number of deputies.

### **Coming into Force**

### **Article 70**

This Statute shall come into force on the day of enactment of the Decision on Promulgation in the Assembly.