

**By the Judgement of 23 October 2020 No. 43-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation appraised constitutionality of Article 35, para. 14.1, subparas “a”, “e”; Article 38, para 24, subpara. “B” of the Federal Law “On Basic Guarantees of Electoral Rights and the Right to Participate in a Referendum of Citizens of the Russian Federation” and Article 27, Section 1, para. 6 and Section 2, para. 4; Article 30, Section 24, para. 3 of the Law of the Moscow Region “On Municipal Elections in the Moscow Region”.**

The challenged provisions were the subject of consideration to the extent that on their basis it is resolved the issue of refusal to register (cancel registration) of a candidate for deputy nominated by an electoral association (political party) in a single-mandate (multi-mandate) constituency as part of the list of candidates for elections to a representative body of local self-government, in the case when the electoral association (political party), upon nomination of the said list of candidates, conducted a secret ballot separately for each candidate from this list but not on the list of candidates as a whole, and did not submit to the relevant electoral commission a list of nominated candidates, drawn up as annexes to the decision of an electoral association on the nomination of candidates in single-mandate constituencies.

The Constitutional Court recognised the challenged provisions as not contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent that, in their constitutional and legal meaning, in the system of current legal regulation, they:

do not exclude the right of an electoral association (political party), in accordance with its charter and other internal acts, to make a decision on nominating candidates for deputies of a representative body of local self-government in a single-mandate (multi-mandate) constituency list by secret ballot for each candidate included therein, despite the fact that this decision unambiguously expresses the will about which constituency each candidate is nominated for;

do not imply requirements for an electoral association (political party) when it nominates candidates for deputies of a representative body of local self-government in single-mandate (multi-mandate) electoral districts; submit a separate list of candidates to the electoral commission organising elections, drawn up as a separate appendix to the decision of a political party on the nomination of candidates to the deputies of the representative body of local self-government in a single-mandate (multi-mandate) constituency list, if the information about all candidates nominated in the prescribed manner, indicating the constituencies in which they were nominated, is contained in the decision itself;

do not imply qualification of the relevant actions of the electoral association (political party) as non-compliance with the requirements for nominating candidates in single-mandate electoral districts by the list, which is the basis for refusal to register (cancel registration) a candidate.