

**By the Judgement of 13 December 2024 No.57-II, the Constitutional Court assessed constitutionality of Article 38 (paragraph 2 of item 1 and item 18) of the Federal Law “On the Basic Guarantees of Electoral Rights and the Right to Participate in the Referendum of Citizens of the Russian Federation” as well as Article 35 (part 1) of the Law of the Orenburg Oblast “On the Elections of the Deputies to Representative Bodies of Municipal Entities in the Orenburg Oblast”**

These provisions were examined insofar as they serve as the basis for resolving the issue of the possibility of registering candidates nominated by an electoral association for elections to the representative bodies of municipalities within a list of candidates in single-mandate (multi-mandate) districts, in the event of failure to comply with the statutory time limit for submitting registration documents to the electoral commission, if this failure was caused by the initial refusal of the electoral commission to certify the documents in question.

The contested provisions were found to be inconsistent with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, since in the system of current legal regulation they exclude the possibility of registration of candidates in the abovementioned circumstances.

Until the appropriate legislative changes are made, such candidates cannot be denied consideration of their registration if they have submitted the required documents to the electoral commission at least five days before election day, provided that no more than five days have elapsed after a court decision upholding the administrative claim that the electoral commission's initial refusal to certify such a list is unlawful, as well as from the date of its certification to the date of submission by the candidates of the electoral documents required for registration.

The Constitutional Court indicated that there were no grounds for reviewing the applicants' cases and that they were entitled to compensatory mechanisms, the form and amount of which would be determined by the court of first instance.