

By the Judgement of 17 May 2024 No. 23-II, the Constitutional Court assessed constitutionality of Article 37 (item 6) of the Federal Law “On Basic Guarantees of Electoral Rights and the Right to Participate in the Referendum of Citizens of the Russian Federation” and Article 37² (part 3) of the Law of the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania “On Election of Deputies to the Parliament of the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania”

These provisions were considered to the extent that they resolve the issue of invalidating voter signatures collected in premises owned by an electoral association (political party) and located in the same building as premises related to the places where salaries, pensions, allowances, scholarships and other social payments are distributed.

The contested provisions were found not to be contrary to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, since they do not imply the invalidation of signatures of voters collected in such premises merely because they are located in the same building as premises where wages, pensions, allowances, grants and other social payments are distributed, and do not exclude the possibility of recognising them as such if circumstances are established which together confirm the purposeful use of the said premises by a political party for the relevant collection of signatures.

The Constitutional Court concluded that there were no grounds for reviewing the applicant’s case. The applicant was entitled to a compensatory mechanism.