

Pursuant to Article 75 paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of North Macedonia, the President of the Republic of North Macedonia and the President of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia issue this

**D E C R E E**

**on Promulgation of the Law on amending and supplementing the Law on  
the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia**

The Law on amending and supplementing the Law on the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia,

adopted by the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia at its Session held on 29 July 2021, is promulgated.

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**ON AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE LAW ON THE ASSEMBLY OF THE**  
**REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

**Article 1**

In the Law on the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" number 104/2009 and "Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia" number 14/20), the title of chapter VIII. is amended to read:

"VIII. FUNDING OF THE ASSEMBLY".

**Article 2**

A new title is added before Article 26, which reads:

"1. Budget Council".

**Article 3**

In Article 26, paragraph (1) after the first sentence, a new sentence is added that reads: "The Budget Council takes care of the financial needs of the Assembly."

**Article 4**

Article 27 is amended to read:

The Budget Council has the following competences:

- adopts a Strategic Plan of the Assembly, at least for the next three years, with strategic goals and priorities that are included in the Draft Budget of the Assembly,
- determines the Draft Budget of the Assembly for the following year,
- gives approval in the procedure of drafting the amendments to the Republic budget, for the Budget of the Assembly,
- monitors the execution of expenditures in the Budget of the Assembly,
- gives financial approval to the Annual Employment Plan,
- makes a decision on determining the value of the point for Assembly staffers,
- makes a decision on the method of determining the salaries of the employees in the Assembly Service who perform auxiliary-technical work,
- gives approval on the financial and investment plan of the Assembly Channel for the following year,
- adopts rules of procedure for its work and
- performs other tasks established by law."

**Article 5**

Article 28 is amended to read:

"(1) The Budget Council works in sessions, which are convened and presided over by the President of the Budget Council.

(2) In case of the absence of the President of the Budget Council, the sessions of the Budget Council are convened by the deputy of the President.

(3) The Secretary General of the Assembly attends the sessions of the Budget Council, without the right to make decisions.

(4) The head of the organizational unit in charge of financial issues or a person designated by him may also attend the sessions of the Budget Council, without the right to make decisions."

## **Article 6**

Article 29 is amended to read:

"The Budget Council decides with a majority vote of the members present, and at least with one third of the total number of members."

## **Article 7**

Article 30 is amended to read:

"Professional-administrative work for the Budget Council is performed by the Assembly Service."

## **Article 8**

A new title is added before Article 31, which reads:

"2. Budget of the Assembly".

## **Article 9**

Article 31 is amended to read:

"(1) The Assembly independently determines the means of work and functioning of the Assembly, in accordance with the determined strategic priorities of the Assembly.

(2) The maximum amounts of approved funds - the spending limits established in the budget circular, the Assembly shall harmonize with the Ministry of Finance before submitting the Draft Budget of the Assembly.

(3) The funds for the Assembly are provided from the Republic budget in a special section intended for the Assembly. The Assembly can also provide funds from other funding sources, in accordance with the law.

(4) The budget of the Assembly is an integral part of the Republic budget.

(5) The budget of the Assembly represents an annual plan of revenues and expenditures necessary for the realization of the strategic goals and priorities of the Assembly and for the current operation and functioning of the Assembly.

(6) The Assembly votes separately on the section intended for the Assembly in the Republic Budget."

## **Article 10**

After Article 31, four new articles 31-a, 31-b, 31-c and 31-d are added, which read:

### **"Article 31-a**

(1) The Assembly decides independently on the use, allocation, purpose and reallocation of funds provided for in the Republic Budget, in the section intended for the Assembly in accordance with the law.

(2) In the procedure of drafting the amendments to the Republic Budget, the funds in the Budget of the Assembly cannot be reduced without the approval of the Budget Council.

(3) Reallocations, temporary suspensions or restrictions on the implementation of the Budget of the Assembly are carried out upon a notification of the Ministry of Finance to the Assembly and with the written consent of the President of the Assembly or authorized persons.

### **Article 31-b**

The President of the Assembly and the Secretary General are responsible for the preparation of the Draft Strategic Plan of the Assembly and the Draft Budget of the Assembly.

### **Article 31-c**

(1) The Draft Budget of the Assembly is prepared based on the determined strategic goals and priorities of the Assembly for the following year and the financial resources needed

for the current operation and functioning of the Assembly, taking into account the economic and fiscal policies in the country.

(2) The Draft Budget of the Assembly is submitted to the Budget Council.

(3) The Minister of Finance has the right to attend and participate in the discussion at the session of the Budget Council at which the Draft Budget of the Assembly is considered and determined.

(4) The President of the Budget Council submits the Draft Budget of the Assembly determined by the Budget Council to the President of the Assembly, and the President of the Assembly submits it to the Government and the Ministry of Finance.

(5) The Ministry of Finance incorporates, without any changes, the Draft Budget of the Assembly into the Draft Budget of the Republic, and the Government adopts it, without any changes, as an integral part of the Draft Budget of the Republic.

#### **Article 31-g**

(1) If a Budget Council has not been established in the Assembly, the President of the Assembly or an authorized person determines the Draft Budget of the Assembly for the following year and submits it to the Government and the Ministry of Finance.

(2) The funds in the Draft Budget from paragraph (1) of this article are planned in accordance with the provisions of this law."

#### **Article 11**

In Article 32, paragraph (1) is amended to read:

"The Assembly Channel broadcasts activities from the work of the Assembly and other programme content under the conditions and manner established by law."

Paragraph (5) is amended to read:

"The Assembly provides conditions for the transmission of a television signal to the public broadcasting service, and the public broadcasting service to the end users. The Assembly can also provide conditions for the Assembly Channel for additional services, such as electronic programme guide, telops and subtitles."

#### **Article 12**

After article 32, three new articles 32-a, 32-b and 32-c are added, which read:

##### **"Article 32-a**

(1) Direct broadcasts from the sessions of the Assembly, direct broadcasts and recordings from the meetings of the working bodies and other bodies of the Assembly are broadcast on the Assembly Channel.

(2) The following can be broadcast on the Assembly Channel:

- international activities, official state visits and meetings of the President of the Assembly, the Permanent Delegations in the international parliamentary assemblies, Temporary Delegations of the Assembly and Parliamentary Groups for Cooperation with other parliaments,
- ceremonial events held in the Assembly and
- conferences, cultural and other events that are held in the Assembly or events that are under the patronage of the Assembly.

(3) The Assembly Channel can broadcast programs from the work of the Assembly with the participation of its Members, educational programmes and programmes of an informative nature that the Assembly produces independently or in co-production. The educational programmes and the programmes of informative nature are especially intended for informing citizens about issues under the competence of the Assembly.

(4) The Assembly Channel can broadcast sessions of the European Parliament, the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization, as well as sessions, conferences and other activities of international organizations.

(5) The contents of paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this article are provided for the Assembly Channel by the Assembly.

(6) The costs for creating the programme contents from paragraph (3) of this article are provided by the Budget of the Assembly.

#### **Article 32-b**

(1) The Assembly concludes an agreement with the public broadcasting service for the broadcasting of Assembly activities and other programme content on the Assembly Channel.

(2) The Assembly can establish cooperation for taking over programme content which will be broadcast on the Assembly channel, based on a decision of the Council of the Assembly channel.

#### **Article 32-c**

(1) The public broadcasting service has the editorial responsibility of the Assembly Channel.

(2) The public broadcasting service is obliged to act in accordance with the annual programme for the contents of the programmes of the Assembly Channel.

(3) The programming scheme of the Assembly Channel is harmonized with the Council of the Assembly Channel in the manner determined by this law and the agreement from article 32-b paragraph (1) of this law."

### **Article 13**

Article 33 is amended to read:

"(1) The Assembly establishes a Council of the Assembly Channel, composed of president and ten members, of which six Members of Assembly from the ruling majority and four Members of Assembly from the opposition.

(2) At the proposal of the President of the Assembly, the Vice-President of the Assembly from the opposition is the President of the Council of the Assembly Channel.

(3) The President and Members of the Council of the Assembly Channel are elected by the Assembly.

(4) Until the election of the President of the Council, the sessions of the Council are convened and the Council is chaired by the President of the Assembly, with the right to make decisions.

(5) The Members of the Council of the Assembly Channel have their deputies proposed and elected according to the same criteria as the members."

### **Article 14**

Article 34 is amended to read:

"(1) The Council of the Assembly Channel works in sessions.

(2) Sessions of the Council are convened by the President of the Council. The President shall also convene a session if this is requested by the President of the Assembly or at least one third of the members of the Council, who should submit material on the issue they propose to be put on the agenda of the session.

(3) If the President of the Council does not convene a session when he is obliged to do so, the session is convened by the President of the Assembly and the session is presided over by the member of the Council determined by the President of the Assembly until the end of the session.

(4) The Secretary General of the Assembly and the Head of the Organizational Unit responsible for supporting the Council of the Assembly Channel or a person designated by him, may attend the work of the Council of the Assembly Channel, without the right to make decisions.

(5) The chief and responsible editor of the Assembly Channel participates in the work of the Council of the Assembly Channel, and in case of his impediment, an authorized representative of the public broadcasting service may attend, without the right to make decisions.

(6) If necessary, external members – experts from the relevant area participate in the work of the Council of the Assembly Channel, without the right to make decisions.

(7) The Council of the Assembly Channel decides with a majority vote of the members present, and at least with one third of the total number of members."

## **Article 15**

Article 35 is amended to read:

"(1) The Council of the Assembly Channel has the following competences:

- adopts an Annual Programme for the content of the programmes that are broadcast on the Assembly Channel, which is provided by the Assembly in accordance with Article 32-a of this law, no later than 1 June of the current year for the following year,

- adopts an annual plan for the type and content of the programmes of the work of the Assembly with the participation of its Members, educational programmes and programmes of informative nature that the Assembly produces independently or in co-production, no later than 1 June of the current year for the following year,

- monitors the implementation of the Annual Plan for the type and content of the programmes of the work of the Assembly with the participation of its Members, educational programmes and programmes of informative nature that the Assembly produces independently or in co-production,

- gives directions to the Assembly Channel about the programme scheme and reviews the implementation of the programme scheme at least every three months and makes observations and suggestions regarding the programme scheme,

- adopts a Financial and Investment Plan for the Assembly Channel, for the programme content from Article 32-a of this law ;

- reviews and gives opinion on the Annual Report on the work of the public broadcasting service for the previous year in the section on the Assembly Channel,

- reviews the work programme and financial plan of the public broadcasting service for the following year in the section for the Assembly Channel,

- adopts rules of procedure for its work, and

- performs other tasks related to the work of the Assembly Channel.

(2) The Annual Programme and the Annual Plan from paragraph (1) Lines 1 and 2 of this article are submitted by the Council of the Assembly Channel to the public broadcasting service and published on the website of the Assembly within three days from the day of adoption.

(3) The Council of the Assembly Channel adopts the Financial and Investment Plan from paragraph (1) Line 5 of this article no later than 30 June in the current year and submits it to the Budget Council of the Assembly for approval.

(4) The Budget Council is obliged to make the decision on giving approval to the Financial and Investment Plan of the Assembly Channel no later than 15 July in the current year for the following year. If the Budget Council does not make a decision on giving approval, it is considered that approval has been given.

(5) If the Council of the Assembly Channel has not been established in the Assembly and the Financial and Investment Plan from paragraph (1) Line 5 of this article has not been adopted, the funds for the Assembly Channel in the Draft Budget of the Assembly for the

following year will be determined on the basis of the last adopted Financial and Investment Plan of the Assembly Channel."

#### **Article 16**

In Article 36, paragraph (1) is amended to read:

"The Assembly, in cooperation with the local self-government units, provides adequate conditions for contacts between the Members of Assembly with the citizens in their constituency units. Conditions for contacts between Members of Assembly with the citizens in their constituency units can also be provided by the Assembly in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, in accordance with the law.

#### **Article 17**

(1) The acts from Article 35 paragraph (1) lines 1, 2 and 5 of this law for 2022 will be adopted after the establishment of the Assembly Channel Council.

(2) The funds for the Assembly Channel, in the draft budget for the Assembly for 2022, are determined by the Budget Council upon the proposal of the President of the Assembly or a person authorized by him.

#### **Article 18**

The Legislative Committee of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia is authorized to produce a consolidated text of the Law on the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia.

#### **Article 19**

This law enters into force on the day of publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia".