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DIRECTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT of LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN THE DIGITAL ERA

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Summary. The article examines the main directions of the development of local self-government in the digital age. The author of the article emphasizes the need to endow government bodies with new requirements and proposes possible directions for creating information platforms for interaction between the population and government bodies.

Introduction. The relevance of the study is justified by the fact that the era of digitalization together with the widespread introduction of information technologies bring qualitative changes in public relations, in the status and structure of participants of these relations and also requires new legal regulation.

Task formulation. The objective of the study is to determine the main directions for the development of local self-government in the digital age.

Methods of research. Analysis, synthesis, comparative method, method of law interpretation.

The purpose of the study is to consider promising directions for the development of local self-government in the digital era.

It is relevant to highlight the following areas in the field of local government and self-government in the digital age:

1. It is important to define the content and understanding of a specific area of "e-government and self-government", to understand its specifics, to identify qualitative changes in connection with the development of cyberspace. For example, in the Republic of Belarus the development of a new concept of local self-government, in which leading experts are inclined to create a local e-government system considering the developing IT technologies is "on the agenda". In this regard, it is necessary to create various information platforms that will provide direct access of the population to the "dialogue" with local government authorities and will help to reach consensus.

Nextdoor (USA) is a convenient platform for the development of a horizontal community between the residents of the region [1].

A similar task has been set for the Russian Federation - to create "digital municipalities", where a system of information "channels" of interaction between the population and government officials will be established. Some steps have already been taken in this direction. It is worth noting the actions of the Russian Government in this area. They organize competitions for grants on the topic "Best municipal practice" for the creation of smart cities [2]. In November based on the results of such competition the Arkhangelsk Region, Stavropol Territory, Krasnodar Territory and others became laureates. An interesting direction in the implementation of information technologies in the Russian Federation was the proposal of housing and communal services specialists to use digital gadgets to assess the emergency state of houses at the local level. We should also mention the introduction of a digital control, a new form of control for the Russian Federation. For digital control in the Moscow region, a mobile application "Checks of the Moscow Region" was developed. It allows to automatically generate tasks for inspectors to carry out inspections using checklists, take photographs of controlled objects in the before / after format, etc. More than 1200 inspectors who exercise digital control in all municipalities of the Moscow region are using the mobile application today.

2. In the digital age the essence of fundamental rights and freedoms is changing. The digital revolution creates new rights in the digital space of the Internet, other information and communication technologies, gives new, sometimes unexpected aspects of the implementation of the fundamental rights and freedoms of a citizen. It is about how to implement classic rights in a new way using information technology. For example, in 2018, in West Virginia American citizens were firstly allowed to use a blockchain platform for voting. This helped those USA citizens who were outside the state to exercise their suffrage. It is important to consider the use of blockchain platforms at local levels with the proper development of information technologies.

3. Giving new requirements to local governments. a number of subjects are endowed with new requirements for activities in connection with the creation of an information space. In particular, one of the most important requirements for public authorities is the need to create their websites on the Internet. In this direction, it is important to pay attention to the content of local government and self-government bodies websites, to develop uniform standards and bring these resources in accordance with them. In addition, it is necessary to provide access through such sites to all services of the relevant local government and self-government body.

4. Such "new" subjects of constitutional and legal relations as electronic associations are acquiring a significant role in modern conditions. In this regard, there is a rethinking and concretization of established social relations through the use of social networks in the Internet space. As a rule, new collective entities are created to resolve one-time issues. They are created for a temporary period and act as the fastest, most effective and affordable way for citizens to participate in managing the affairs of society and the state. An example of such collective entity from abroad can be an Australian team, called "GetUp"! Members of this team can address specific problems of Australian society. Not political ideas, but the values of the members of the association become the driving force. To solve socially important problems fundraising campaigns as well as online and offline activities are carried out and are necessarily covered in the media. As an example of electronic associations in the Republic of Belarus as subjects of constitutional and legal relations we can mention the groups of registered users at the Legal Forum Belarus. These groups are regular users and lawyers. It should be noted that since 2019 the Legal Forum of Belarus has been recognized as an official dialogue platform for discussing draft regulatory legal acts among citizens and lawyers. These changes associated with the adoption of a new edition of the Law of the Republic of Belarus "On Normative Legal Acts of the Republic of Belarus" help to strengthen democratic processes in society and the state, as well as to promote the implementation of the constitutional right of citizens to participate in the management of society and state affairs [3].

Conclusion. In connection with the global building of the electronic state and informatization of the activities of local governments in the electronic government system, it is important to "keep up with the times" and introduce modern trends and practices into the activities of these bodies.

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