

**LAW ON POLITICAL PARTY FINANCING FROM
THE BUDGET OF THE BRCKO DISTRICT OF
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ¹**

Article 1

This law regulates the method of financing political parties from the budget of the Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the Brcko District).

Article 2.

Political parties, in the sense of this law, are organizations that are freely and voluntarily organized by citizens, who, in accordance with the law, are registered with the competent court in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the purpose of expressing political activities and achieving political goals, and they are registered in the register of offices of political organization at the Basic Court of Brčko District.

Article 3

1. The right to funds from the Brcko District budget is entitled to the political parties that have been certified by the Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina for participation in the elections for the Brcko District Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
2. The coalition that the Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina has certified to participate in the elections for the Brcko District Assembly has the status of a political party in the distribution of funds regulated by this law.

Article 4

Funds from the Brcko District budget will be allocated for:

- 1) Pre-election campaign of political parties participating in the elections for the Brčko District Assembly;
- 2) Regular work of political parties represented in the Brcko District Assembly.

Article 5

Funds allocated for the pre-election campaign of political parties shall be provided in the year in which the regular elections for the Brčko District Assembly are held, in the amount of 0.03% of revenues in the budget of Brčko District or 60.000 KM, depending on which of these two amounts is lower.

Article 6

The funds allocated for the pre-election campaign of political parties are distributed on the basis of the following principles:

- 1) Each political party shall have the right to cover the costs of the pre-election campaign incurred during the 2 months preceding election day, in the maximum amount of 4,000 KM;
- 2) In case of lack of resources in point 1 above, existing resources will be allocated as.

Article 7

The costs of the election campaign relate to the funds spent on:

- 1) posters, advertisements, billboards, leaflets;
- 2) organizing public gatherings;
- 3) other activities related to the pre-election campaign.

Article 8

The funds allocated for the regular work of political parties on annual basis amount to 0.1% of revenues in the budget of the Brcko District or 200.000 KM, depending on which of these two amounts is lower.

Article 9

Funds allocated for the regular work of political parties are distributed on the basis of the following principles:

- 1) 30% of the funds are distributed in equal amounts to all political parties represented in the Brčko District Assembly;
- 2) 50% of the funds are distributed proportionally in accordance with the number of seats the political party has at the time of allocation of funds;
- 3) 20% of the funds are distributed proportionally to the parties of the opposition in the Brčko District Assembly, in accordance with the number of seats. For the purpose of this law, the parties of the opposition are the parties that participate in the work of the Brčko District Assembly, but do not provide support to the Brčko District Government. In the case that this category may not be separated, the funds from this point are added to the funds from point 2 of this Article.

Article 10

Funds for the regular work of political parties are related to costs:

- 1) maintenance of permanent premises in the territory of Brčko District;
- 2) conducting political research and analyzing the political strategy;
- 3) engaging in political education in voter registration;
- 4) establishment of foundations and other organizations that promote the interests of political parties;
- 5) representation before a court in politically-relevant disputes;
- 6) promoting programs and goals of a political party in accordance with the law.

Article 11

¹ Official Gazette of Brčko District of BiH, No. 29/04

Applications for funds for the pre-election campaign and regular work of political parties are submitted to the Brcko District Election Commission.

Article 12

The distribution of funds in the manner referred to in Article 6 and Article 9 of this Law shall be performed by the Budget and Finance Department of the Government of the Brčko District, on the basis of information provided by the Election Commission of Brčko District.

Article 13

Control of funding and use of funds for the election campaign and regular work of political parties is carried out by the Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with the Law on Financing of Political Parties ("Official Gazette of BiH" No. 22/00), the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of BiH" Nos. 23/01, 7/02, 9/02, 20/02, 25/02 and 20/04).

LAW ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON POLITICAL PARTY FINANCING FROM THE BUDGET OF THE BRČKO DISTRICT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ²

Article 1

In the Law on Financing of Political Parties from the Budget of the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of the Brčko District of BiH, No. 29/04), in Article 1 after paragraph 1), paragraph 2 shall be added, which shall read:

"On other issues of the methods and conditions under which political parties and members of political parties acting on their behalf provide funds for work, the provisions of the Law on Financing of Political Parties (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 22/00) are directly applied."

Article 2

In Article 4, paragraph 1, point 2, and Articles 8, 10 and 13 of the Law on Political Party Financing from the Budget of the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina, after the word "political parties", there shall be added the words "and their deputy clubs in Brčko District Assembly".

Article 3

The former Article 9 of the Law on Financing of Political Parties from the Budget of the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina is changing and shall read as follows:

"(1) The funds allocated for the regular work of political parties and their deputies in the Brčko District Assembly are allocated in such a way that 30% of the funds are distributed in equal amounts to all

parliamentary clubs of political parties represented in the Brčko District Assembly, while 70% of the total amount is allocated in proportion to the number the seats of each political party in the Brčko District Assembly at the moment of distribution.

(2) An Independent Member may be a member of one deputy club at his or her choice, and his / her rights and duties shall be equal to the rights and duties of other members of that deputy club.

(3) A more detailed way of allocating funds under paragraph (1) of this Article will be amended by the Rules of Procedure of the Brčko District Assembly."

LAW ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON POLITICAL PARTY FINANCING FROM THE BUDGET OF THE BRČKO DISTRICT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ³

Article 1

In the Law on Financing of Political Parties from the Budget of the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of the Brčko District of BiH" No. 29/04), Article 12 is amended and shall read as follows:

"The distribution of funds in the manner referred to in Article 6 and Article 9 of this Law shall be performed by the Brčko District Finance Directorate, based on information provided by the Election Commission of the Brčko District."

Article 2

This Law shall enter into force eight (8) days from the date of its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Brčko District of BiH".

² Official Gazette of Brčko District of BiH, No. 14/07

³ Official Gazette of Brčko District of BiH, No. 19/07

