

Summary

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Subject matter: FEATURES OF ELECTIONS TO STATE AUTHORITIES OF THE SUBJECTS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

(on the example of the election Of the Governor of the Stavropol territory)

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The topicality of the research. Theoretical understanding of the essence of elections to state authorities of the Russian Federation subjects and practical recommendations for improving the electoral legislation are becoming extremely relevant due to the fact that in a relatively short period of time new major Federal and regional election campaigns are coming to the Russian Federation. At the same time, it is very important that previous legislative mistakes are not repeated.

The aim of the research is to review the current electoral practice in the constituent entities of the Russian Federation on the basis of current legislation and modern achievements of legal science, as well as to put forward practical proposals for improving the legal norms governing the organization of regional elections.

Objectives:

- Consider the history of the formation and development of regional elections and their role in the formation of government bodies in the Russian Federation.
- To reveal the features of the formation of regional electoral legislation in Russia.
- Describe the transformation of gubernatorial elections on the example of the Stavropol territory.
- Present the features and current trends of elections to the legislative Assembly on the example of the Stavropol territory.
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The theoretical and practical value of the research. The material can serve as a starting point for a deeper study of the specifics of regional elections, for example, a particular region, determining the specific features of Russian federalism based on cooperation between regions and the Centre in terms of gubernatorial elections of constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

The results obtained:

Describing the transformation of the gubernatorial election on the example of Stavropol territory, it is worth highlighting some of the made in progress conclusions:

- first, compared to the year 2014 to 2019, significantly increased the interest of civil society to politics, which is reflected in the increase in the number of citizens who came to the gubernatorial elections (especially in comparison with turnout in other regions);
- secondly, the mobilization of citizens in support Of V. V. Vladimirova, who previously served as the Governor of the Stavropol territory, has increased;
- third, given that V. V. Vladimirov was nominated from the United Russia party, such support for the candidate probably indicates an increase in support for this party in the Stavropol territory.

Recommendations:

It seems that some additions could be made to the electoral legislation of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

1. the Type of electoral districts and their number should be defined and fixed by a special regional law, which is not done in all subjects of the Russian Federation.
2. if candidates are nominated at one level of the election, it should be prohibited to use their images in campaign materials at another level of the election, where they are not candidates.