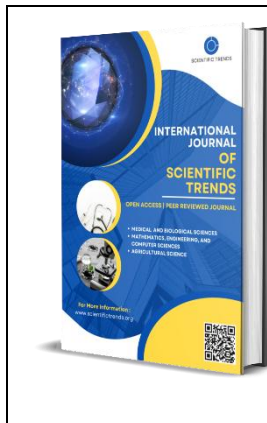


The Concept of Developing the Activity of Representative Bodies of Local State Authority and its Significance

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Abstract

The article provides the expected efforts to develop the activities of local state authorities in Uzbekistan, their implementation, and practical importance. It also talks about the concept of modernization of the self-government system, the development of the activities of the representative bodies of local state power, and the goals, plans, and reform measures envisaged in it.

Keywords: Local council, working group, public administration, legislative documents, people's power, realization, control system, political regulation.

Introduction

In recent years, in our country, the powers of the Councils of People's Deputies have been expanded to solve urgent issues related to the socio-economic development of the regions, and the social protection of the population, and comprehensive reforms have been implemented in full implementation of people's power.

Following the new version of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the separation of the powers of representative bodies of local state power and executive bodies, the positions of the chairman of the local council and the governor was an important step in ensuring the implementation of the constitutional principle of separation of powers at the local level.

The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PD-28 of February 2, 2024, recommends the development of a concept for the development of the activities of representative bodies of local state power in Uzbekistan until 2030, in which the improvement of the activities of local councils in the field of norm creation and the development of decisions of local councils should be supported by the public. ensuring participation was envisaged as one of the main directions of the concept. Under the decision of the Senate Council of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, there was a meeting of the working group formed in the direction of improving the activities of the Local Councils in the field of norm creation and ensuring wide participation of the public in the development of decisions. The current situation related to the development of draft decisions by the deputies of local councils, their agreement with interested organizations and the processes of legal examination, the problems encountered in this regard, ways to solve them, the concept of legislation to be developed systematization of the database,

ensuring the stability of legal regulation of social relations, the introduction of modern information and communication technologies into the process of norm creation, opinions were discussed. The participants of the meeting discussed the issues that need to be emphasized in the development of the concept project, proposals for improving the activities of local councils, including legislative documents related to the creation of norms, especially the positive experience of developed countries in this direction is being researched. It was emphasized. It was stated that it is expedient to organize meetings, seminars, roundtable discussions, and press conferences with the wide involvement of civil society institutions, media representatives, scientific circles, and foreign experts within the framework of the development of the concept project.

In addition, the representatives of the Ministry of Justice gave answers to the questions of the participants of the meeting about the problems encountered in practice and their solutions, and preliminary proposals were made to strengthen the uniform practice in the development and adoption of draft decisions of local councils.

With the decree of the President "On measures to increase the efficiency of the activities of local state authorities" based on the principle of "Strong council, initiative, and accountable mayor", important steps were taken to further strengthen the activities of local councils of people's deputies.

In addition, the task of developing the concept of development of the activities of representative bodies of local state power in Uzbekistan until 2030 has been set. [1] Currently, the main task of state and local governments is to form an effective system of local government capable of socio-economic development and political stability of local structures that can meet the needs of modern society in global states. Optimization of the local government system means the creation of a rational model of local government in our country in today's specific socio-political and economic conditions. Local government optimization is a system of goal-oriented actions to increase the efficiency of the local government system using traditional and innovative methods of change in the social, political, and economic spheres of local government structure development. A narrower interpretation of local government optimization means the formation of effective political and administrative relations between state and local authorities, reducing the role of the state in local government, improving the structure of local government, and democratization of local self-government. Innovative technologies are an inevitable condition of the process of optimizing local governance. There is a need to revise this law under the requirements of today's modern economy [5]. It should be acknowledged that the reform of local authorities has failed to address some issues that hinder the effective functioning of local governments. In terms of interaction with public authorities, the issue is the formation of sustainable areas of local self-government, the problem of separation of powers between levels of government, the transfer of some state powers to local governments, the formation of their own financial and economic base and accountability to the local budget, the control of public authorities over local governments, the influence of informal institutions on the local level of government. In addition, it is necessary to develop mechanisms that would allow the interests of local government to be transferred directly to the central level through the creation of a council office, consisting of representatives of local authorities. The internal governance of local governments often needs serious adjustments based on the laws and regulations of governance, taking into account the political, economic and social changes taking place in our society. It is necessary to introduce and popularize a new culture of governance, based

on which it is decided to recognize the person and his interests as the main value of the entire system of public administration in the country. It is necessary to solve the problem of providing local authorities with professional staff. The field of interaction between society and government is the most important area that requires serious study and reform. The society should eliminate the guidelines of political culture based on unconditional obedience and form new worldview principles that shape the relationship between government and society based on partnership, equality, openness, and transparency. The relationship between local government and society requires serious democratization. On its basis, there should be a “guiding (receptive) model of governance” that guarantees the accountability of the system (the responsibility of local authorities) to the specific demands of citizens. Therefore, the main goal of local government should be focused on the interests of society and social significance. [5]

Over the past few years, the introduction of innovations and their optimization in the activities of public administration at all levels in Uzbekistan has become a topical issue. Today, high-level government talks are underway to modernize the political system of Uzbekistan. Such tendencies in political governance cannot but affect the system of local self-government, which demonstrates the initial results of the reform process and the implementation of local reform. The transition to an innovative framework in the organization of the governance process and the exercise of its powers for local self-government is a more pressing issue than in regional or central authorities. This is a necessary step in the modernization of the entire political system and public administration of Uzbekistan. From the very beginning of Mirziyoyev’s presidency in the Republic of Uzbekistan, the first attempts were made to reform the structure of local government. This administrative-political reform is primarily aimed at increasing the efficiency of local governments. The process of optimizing the activities of local authorities is primarily political. The principle of democracy is fundamental in modern social governance. Democracy is a system of organization of activities and relations that arises from the recognition of the people as the only source of power, and the rule of law as a basic indicator of public life. Adherence to this principle implies the implementation of democracy in the management of society, in which all state and political regulation is aimed at the realization of the material and spiritual needs, interests, and goals of citizens. [2] Another important principle in this regard is the departmental principle, which indicates the need to combine functional (network) territorial functions in city management. Unlike a transnational corporation in which such a combination is implemented, the consolidation of these functions in the city administration must be done on a parity basis and include the mandatory separation of special institutions - boards - to ensure the implementation of a single local policy to serve the interests of the entire city. The need to adhere to norms and living standards in local government brings social priorities as close as possible to economic goals, which are more pronounced in private enterprises. In our opinion, the achievement of political, economic and organizational independence of local authorities should not be the main goal of the modern development of the political system of Uzbekistan. Local governments are part of the public administration system and are integrated into a common public administration system according to their nature and functional goals. Because they operate in the territory of Uzbekistan, it may not contradict the general state principles and directions of domestic and foreign policy. Second, they are specific agents of state action to implement public policy at the local level. In local governments, all spheres of public life must be developed based on state policy, limited only by

the scope of this local formation. In addition, people living in regions, districts, and cities, and under the influence of local authorities are citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan and are under state protection, which imposes certain responsibilities on local authorities and forces them to protect and comply with the rights and freedoms of citizens. [4]

Conclusion

In short, the necessary tools should be public discussion of decisions at the local level, ease of access to information about them, online broadcasting of meetings of state bodies and working meetings, the need for experts to evaluate the results of decisions, their monitoring, etc. The mandatory control system is of particular importance in ensuring the effectiveness of local government and local self-government. The rule that central government bodies work in coordination with local authorities in resolving issues of local importance is being implemented. Such a control system must inevitably include elements of control by the central, and local authorities, internal control and monitoring of their activities, and public control. The sphere of control should be determined by the principle of separation of powers and independence of local self-government and it should be primarily aimed at protecting the interests and rights of citizens.

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