

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN THE POST-SOVIET RUSSIA

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ABSTRACT

The disintegration of Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the year 1991, has bequeathed Russian Federation as an independent country along with other fourteen countries. Since then Russian Federation has been engaging in establishing new outline for constitutional development. Entire political system of Russia had experienced the process of transformation from a centralized communist to a decentralized democratic government. The reform of local self- government bodies is one of those transitional reforms with the intention to enhance citizen's participation at all the levels of government. Subsequently, the adoption of Post-Soviet Russian Constitution in 1993 was followed by many other legislative provisions on the institution of local self government. This paper emphasizes on constitutional development and its challenges of local self-government in the post-Soviet Russia.

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