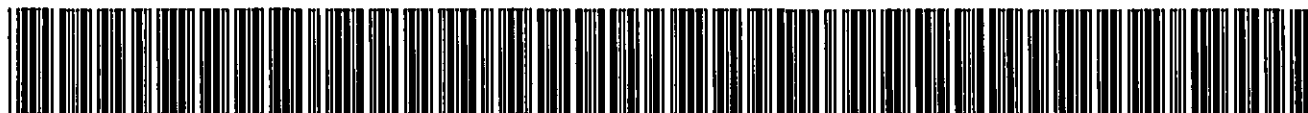


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Collection of Laws No. 564/1992

**THE REFERENDUM LAW
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

Passed On 19 November 1992

The National Council of the Slovak Republic passed the following law:

PART ONE

BASIC PROVISIONS

Article 1

(1) This Law stipulates the way of holding a referendum pursuant to Articles 93-99 of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic.

(2) The Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic shall submit the proposal to call a referendum to the President of the Slovak Republic within 5 days after the National Council passed a decision on holding a referendum.

(3) In the case the referendum is to be called on the basis of petition, the procedure provided by a special law will be followed²⁾. The citizens will turn to the President of the Slovak Republic with their petition asking for calling a referendum.

(4) The referendum question or questions must be clear yes - no questions. The questions cannot condition each other.

Article 2

(1) The referendum is called by publication in the Collection of Laws.

(2) The publication shall include:

a) who proposed to call the referendum and the day of taking over the petition of the citizens or passing the decision of the National Council of the Slovak Republic,

b) what question or questions citizens will be asked to answer,

c) the day, or days of holding the referendum,

²⁾ Law No. 85/1990 on Right of Petition

d) the deadline to set up the organs of referendum and their first meeting,

e) the day of calling the referendum.

(3) If the issue of the referendum is rather comprehensive and the question asked needs an explanation, this shall be stated in an attachment to the question; the attachment is part of the publication pursuant to clause (2).

Article 3

Municipalities shall inform their citizens on the referendum no later than 15 days before holding the referendum, in a way usual in the Municipality.

Article 4

(1) The referendum shall be held on the same day in all of Slovakia. The President can decide that the referendum will be held on two days.

(2) The referendum shall be held from 7 a.m. till 10 p.m. on the determined day. If local conditions require it, the Mayor of the Municipality that is divided into City Wards, or the Mayor of the City Wards³⁾ (hereinafter referred to as "Mayors") can set the start of the referendum on an earlier hour.

(3) If the referendum is held on two days, it shall start at 2 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. on first day. On second day it shall start at 7 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. If local conditions require it, the Mayor can set the start of the referendum on an earlier hour.

Article 5

Every citizen of the Slovak Republic who, pursuant to the Law of the Slovak National Council on Elections to the Slovak National Council⁴⁾ (hereinafter referred to as "Election Law"), has the right to vote in the elections to the National Council (hereinafter referred to as "eligible citizen") the right to vote in a referendum.

³⁾ Article 13.1 and 24.2 of the Law of the SNC No. 369/1990 on

Municipal Organization as amended.

Article 17.1 of the Law of the SNC No. 377/1990 on the Capital City of Bratislava as amended.

Article 15.1 of the Law of the SNC No. 401/1990 on the City of Košice as amended.

⁴⁾ The Law of the SNC No. 80/1990 on Elections to the SNC as amended.

Article 6

Any obstacles in executing the right to vote in a referendum shall be dealt with pursuant to the respective provision of the Election Law ⁵⁾.

PART TWO

REFERENDUM PRECINCTS AND DISTRICTS

Article 7

Referendum Precincts

(1) Referendum Precincts (hereinafter referred to as "Precincts") for voting (Article 18) and counting (Article 21) are established in Municipalities.

(2) No less than 10 days before holding the referendum the Mayor shall determine the territory of the Precinct and the Polling Station in each Precinct.

(3) The Precincts are established in accordance with the provisions of the Election Law on Election Precincts⁶⁾. Each Precinct can include up to 2,000 eligible citizens.

Article 8

Referendum Districts

(1) For purpose of counting the results of the voting in Precincts the Referendum Districts shall be established.

(2) The territories of Districts stipulated by a special provision⁷⁾ shall constitute the Referendum Districts.

⁵⁾ Article 2.3 of the Law of the SNC No. 80/1990 on Elections to the SNC as amended.

⁶⁾ Article 10 of the Law of the SNC No. 80/1990

⁷⁾ The Law of the SNC No, 517/1990 on Territorial Organization of the Slovak Republic in the wording of the Law of the SNC No. 295/1992.

PART THREE

REFERENDUM VOTER LISTS AND VOTER'S CARDS

Article 9

For purpose of voting in the referendum the Municipality shall provide for the Lists of eligible citizens (hereinafter referred to as "Lists"). The Lists obey the provisions of the Election Law on Voter Lists⁶⁾, only the deadline for publicizing of the List will not be considered. However, the List must be posted in public places so that the eligible citizens have enough time to make themselves familiar with it, or raise objections.

Article 10

(1) On their request, the Municipality shall issue Voter's Cards to the eligible citizens who will not be able to vote in the Precinct where they are registered in the List, and at the same it will delete them from this List and make a notice of issuing the Voter's Card.

(2) The Voter's Card qualifies for being recorded into a List and voting in another Precinct.

PART FOUR

REFERENDUM ORGANS

Article 11

General Provisions

(1) For purpose of organizing the referendum and finding out its results the following referendum organs (hereinafter referred to as "Commissions") shall be established:

a) The Central Election Commission for Referendum of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as "Central Commission"),

b) District Commissions for Referendum (hereinafter referred to as "District Commissions") for each District (Article 8),

c) Precinct Commissions for Referendum (hereinafter referred to as "Precinct Commissions") for each Precinct

(Article 7).

(2) Only an eligible citizen can become a Commission Member.

^{B)} Article 4 and Article 5 of the Law of the SNC No. 80/1990

(3) The Commission Member takes up his office by signing the following pledge: "I pledge to perform my function in a careful and non-partisan manner and in accordance with laws and other legislation. On my honor."

(4) The Commission has a quorum when a majority of its Members is present. A decision is passed if a majority of the Members present voted for it. If the votes equal, the proposal is considered overruled.

(5) If a Commission Member's function ceased to exist, his function will be taken over by a Substitute. The Vice-Chairman of the Commission can by law designate one of his employee to substitute him.

(6) For purpose of preparation of processing and processing of the results of the referendum voting, the Central Commission and District Commission shall establish Expert (Summary) Sections consisting of the workers designated for this purpose by the respective organ of the State Statistics. These workers shall committing a pledge pursuant to clause (3) and are subordinated to the Chairman of the respective Commission.

Article 12

Central Commission

(1) Every Political Party or Movement represented in the National Council of the Slovak Republic shall appoint within the time stated in the publication on referendum [Article 2.2.(d)] 1 Member and 1 Substitute to the Central Commission and announce their first and last names to the Minister of Interior of the Slovak Republic.

(2) At the first meeting a draw will determine the Chairman and First Vice-Chairman of the Commission, from among the Central Commission Members. The draw is conducted by the oldest Central Commission Member.

(3) Other Vice-Chairmen of the Central Commission are the Minister of Interior and the Chairman of the Slovak Statistical Office.

(4) The Vice-Chairmen pursuant to clause (3) shall designate the necessary number of employees of their

offices to fulfill the duties and for organizational and administrative work.

(5) The first meeting of the Central Commission shall be called by the Minister of Interior of the Slovak Republic within the time stated in the publication on referendum [Article 2.2.(d)].

(6) The Central Commission shall

- a) control whether the legal provision are not violated during the preparation and holding of the referendum,
- b) decide on complaints of the procedure of the District Commissions,
- c) find out the results of the referendum voting,
- d) submit the Minutes on the Results of the Voting to the National Council of the Slovak Republic,
- e) fulfill other duties pursuant to this Law and other legal provisions.

Article 13

District Commissions

(1) Every Political Party or Movement stated in Article 12.1 can appoint within the time stated in the publication on referendum [Article 2.2.(d)] 1 Member and 1 Substitute to each District Commission and announce their first and last names to the Head of the District Office.

(2) At the first meeting a draw will determine the Chairman and First Vice-Chairman of the Commission, from among the District Commission Members. The draw is conducted by the oldest District Commission Member.

(3) Other Vice-Chairmen of the Central Commission are the Head of the District Office and the Director of the respective District Branch of the Slovak Statistical Office.

(4) The District Commission must have no less than 5 Members. If the District Commission is not set up in a way pursuant to the clause (1), the rest of the District Commission Members will be appointed by the Head of the District Office.

(5) The Vice-Chairmen pursuant to clause (4) shall designate the necessary number of employees of their offices to fulfill the duties and necessary organizational

and administrative work.

(6) The first meeting of the District Commission shall be called by the Head of the District Office within the time stated in the publication on referendum [Article 2.2.(d)].

(7) The District Commission shall

a) control whether the legal provision are not violated during the preparation and holding of the referendum,

b) decide on complaints of the procedure of the Precinct Commissions,

c) oversee finding out the results of the referendum voting in Precincts; it is authorized to ask Precinct Commissions for explanation or other information and can remove the errors found by itself after an agreement with the Precinct Commission, or ask the Precinct Commission to remove them,

d) find out the results in the District,

e) submit the Minutes on the Results of the Voting to the National Council of the Slovak Republic,

f) fulfill other duties pursuant to this Law and other legal provisions, and duties ordered by the Central Commission.

Article 14

Precinct Commissions

(1) Every Political Party and Movement represented in the National Council of the Slovak Republic or in Municipal Council, or City Ward Councils in the case of towns divided into City Wards, can within the time stated in the publication on referendum appoint 1 Member and 1 Substitute to the Precinct Commission and announce their first and last names to the Mayor.

(2) At the first meeting a draw will determine the Chairman and Chairman of the Commission, from among the Precinct Commission Members. The draw is conducted by the oldest Precinct Commission Member.

(3) The Precinct Commission must have no less than 5 Members. If the Precinct Commission was not set up in a way pursuant to the clause (1), the rest of the Members will be appointed by the Mayor.

(4) The first meeting of the Precinct Commission will be called by the Mayor, within the time stated in the

publication on referendum.

(5) The Mayor shall also provide for the workers fulfilling the necessary organizational and administrative work.

(6) The Precinct Commission shall

a) provide for the correct course of voting, above all the correct casting of the Ballot Papers and order in the Polling Station and its immediate surroundings,

b) perform the count of the votes (Article 21),

c) prepare and submit the Minutes of the Voting and Results of the Voting to the respective District Commission,

d) fulfill other duties pursuant to this Law and other legal provisions, and duties ordered by the respective District or Central Commission.

PART FIVE

HOLDING THE REFERENDUM

FIRST SECTION - Preparation Of Voting

Article 15

Ballot Papers

(1) The Ballot Paper must include:

a) the day or days of the referendum,

b) the question or questions; if there are more questions, they will have ordinal numbers. Next to each question two little boxes will be printed, with a word "yes" above one of them and "no" above the other,

c) a guidance on how to vote.

(2) Every Ballot Paper must bear a print of the Central Commission stamp and the stamp of the Municipality (City Ward).

(3) The Ministry of Interior shall provide for printing out and delivering of the Ballots to Municipalities in necessary numbers.

(4) The Municipality shall provide for delivering the Ballots to all Precinct Commissions on the Referendum Day.

(5) Eligible citizens shall get the Ballot Paper in the Polling Station on the Referendum Day.

Article 16

Informing The Eligible Citizens

In a way usual in the Municipality, the Municipality shall inform eligible citizens on established Precincts, Poling Stations and the time of voting, sufficiently in advance. At the same time the Municipality shall inform the eligible citizens on their duty to have an ID Card with them.

SECOND SECTION

Article 17

Pre-Referendum Campaigning

(1) The Pre-Referendum Campaigning starts 12 days before and ends 48 hours before the referendum.

(2) The Slovak Radio and the Slovak television shall devote 10 hours each of their broadcast time to the campaign pursuant to the clause (1). The broadcast time shall be equally distributed among the Political Parties and Movements stated in Article 12.1. The claim for broadcast time must be asserted at least 3 days before the referendum.

(3) Any disputes over providing the broadcast time pursuant to clauses (1) and (2) shall be definitely decided by the Central Commission.

(4) The fees for using the communications facilities⁹⁾ will be paid to the extent of the broadcast time provided pursuant to clause (2) from the State budget of the Slovak Republic.

(5) 48 hours before holding the referendum and during the referendum any form of persuading to vote in a certain way in the mass media is banned.

(6) During the referendum any form of persuading to vote in a certain way in buildings where the Precinct Commissions are seated and its immediate surroundings is banned.

(7) The results of opinion polls concerning the referendum questions can be publicized no later than 3 days

before the referendum.

(8) The Commissions and workers of their Expert (Summary) Sections must not provide any information on the voting and partial results of the voting before the Minutes on the Results of the Voting is signed.

(9) During the vote it is not allowed to publicize the results of the preliminary polls.

⁹⁾ The Law No. 110/1964 on Telecommunications in the Wording of the Law No. 150/1992

THIRD SECTION - Voting

Article 18

(1) An eligible citizen votes in person; no other person can vote for him.

(2) An eligible citizen answers the referendum question by marking with a little cross "yes" or "no" box next to the question and casting the Ballot Paper in a Ballot Box. The ballot is secret.

(3) If there are more referendum questions, each of them will follow the procedure stated in clause (2) separately.

Article 19

(1) The vote is void if any written material other than a Ballot Paper was cast (Article 15).

(2) The Ballot Paper is void if it is torn in two or more parts or it is marked in any other way than stipulated by Article 18.2 or not marked at all.

(3) The Precinct Commission shall definitely decide whether both the voting and the Ballot Paper are valid.

Article 20

The provisions of the Election Law¹⁰⁾ also regulate the preparation of the Polling Station, the area for marking the Ballots, start of the vote, the vote, order in the Polling Station and its immediate surroundings, the

interruption of the vote and close of the vote.

¹⁰⁾ Articles 26-31 of the Law of the SNC No. 80/1990

PART SIX

FINDING OUT AND ANNOUNCING THE REFERENDUM RESULTS

Article 21

The Count At The Precinct Commission

(1) After opening the Ballot Box the Precinct Commission shall put away the cases of void voting (Article 19.1) and find out:

- a) the total number of the Ballots Cast,
- b) the number of void Ballots (Article 19.2) and exclude them from further count,
- c) the number of valid Ballots,
- d) the number of "yes" and "no" votes for every single question.

(2) The counting procedure at the Precinct Commission is regulated by the provisions of the Election Law on counting the votes at the Precinct Election Commission¹¹⁾.

Article 22

Minutes On The Voting And Results Of The Voting At The Precinct

(1) The Precinct Commission shall prepare in two copies the Minutes on Voting and Results of the Voting at

the Precinct, signed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other Commission Members. If any of them refused to sign it, the reason why will be recorded.

(2) The Minutes of the Precinct Commission must include:

- a) the time of the start and close of the vote or its interruption, if any,
- b) the number of eligible citizens registered in the Voter List at the Precinct,
- c) the number of eligible citizens who were given the Ballots,
- d) the number of Ballots Cast,
- e) the number of Valid Ballots Cast and Void Ballots Cast,
- f) the number of "yes" and "no" votes for every individual question.

¹¹⁾ Article 33 of the Law of the SNC No. 80/1990

(3) The Precinct Commission shall attach to the Minutes a brief report on the complaints that were raised to the Precinct Commissions and the resolutions that the Commission passed on them.

(4) After signing both copies of the Minutes on Voting and Results of the Voting the PEC Chairman shall submit one copy with no undue delay to the District Election Commission and wait for its order to close work of the PEC.

(5) The PEC shall seal the Ballots Cast and the Voter Lists and submit them along with other documents on the voting into custody of the Municipality.

Article 23

Minutes Of The District Election Commission

(1) The DEC shall prepare two copies of the Minutes on Voting and Results of the Voting and the PEC Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and other PEC Members will sign it. If any of them refused to sign it, the reason why will be recorded.

(2) The DEC shall find out the results of the voting in the District by means of the Minutes on voting and Results of the Voting submitted by the PEC's.

(3) The Minutes of the DEC must include:

- a) the number of the Precincts in the District and the number of the PEC's that submitted the Minutes on Voting and Results of the Voting,
- b) the total number of eligible citizens registered in the Voter Lists within the District,
- c) the total number of the eligible voters in the District who were given the Ballots,
- d) the total number of the Ballots Cast within the District,
- e) the total number of the Valid Ballots Cast and the Void Ballots Cast within the District,
- f) the total number of "yes" votes and the total number of "no" votes for each individual question within the District.

(4) The District Commission shall attach to the Minutes a brief report on the complaints that were raised to the District Commission and the resolutions that the Commission passed on them, as well as the cases of violating the legal regulations during preparation and holding of the referendum.

(5) After signing both copies of the Minutes on Results of the Voting the DEC Chairman shall submit one copy with no undue delay to the Central Election Commission and wait for its order to close work of the DEC. He shall submit other documents into custody of the District Office.

Article 24

Minutes Of The Central Election Commission

(1) The CEC shall review the Minutes of the District Election Commissions and use them to find out the results of the referendum voting.

(2) The CEC shall prepare two copies of the Minutes on the Results of the referendum voting, signed by the CEC Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and other Members. If any of them refused to sign it, the reason why will be recorded.

(3) The CEC shall state in the Minutes:

- a) the total number of the Districts and Precincts and the number of PEC's and DEC's that submitted the Minutes on the Results of the Voting,
- b) the total number of the eligible citizens registered in

the Referendum Voter Lists,

c) the total number of the eligible citizens who were given the Ballots,

d) the total number of the Ballots Cast,

e) the total number of Valid Ballots Cast and the total number of Void Ballots Cast,

f) the total number of "yes" votes and the total number of "no" votes for each individual question.

(4) The Central Commission shall attach to the Minutes a brief report on the complaints that were raised to the Central Commission and the resolutions that the Commission passed on them, as well as the cases of violating the legal regulations during preparation and holding of the referendum.

(5) After signing all copies of the Minutes on the Results of the Referendum Voting the CEC Chairman shall submit one copy with no undue delay to the National Council of the Slovak republic. He shall submit other documents on the work of the CEC into custody of the Ministry of Interior.

(6) With no undue delay after submitting the Minutes (clause (5)) the CEC shall announce the results of the Referendum Voting via the Press Agency of the Slovak Republic [clause (3).b),e),f)].

Article 25

Publication Of The Referendum Result

The publication of the proposal passed in the referendum¹²⁾ shall include:

a) the day or days of holding the referendum,

b) the total number of the eligible citizens registered in the Referendum Voter List,

c) the total number of the eligible citizens who voted,

d) the total number of the eligible citizens who answered "yes" to the question or questions and the total number of the eligible citizens who answered "no" to the question or questions,

e) what proposal or proposals were passed in the Referendum.

PART SEVEN

ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES

Article 26

Providing For The Subsidiary Means

(1) The Subsidiary Means, especially the rooms for voting and supplies for the vote will be provided for by the PEC's.

(2) The Subsidiary Means for the DEC's will be provided for by the District Offices.

Article 27

Cooperation Of Other Organs And Persons

(1) All State Organs and Municipalities are obliged to cooperate in enforcing this Law.

¹²⁾ Article 98 of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic

(2) Both Natural and Legal Persons running a business in printing industry are obliged to the extent of the technical capacity of their business and for reward to provide on request of the State Organs or the Municipalities fulfilling the duties pursuant to this Law for early and correct printing of the Ballots, Voter's Cards and all other documents needed for the Referendum. This provision does not regulate the claims for damage done when fulfilling these duties.

Article 28

Claims Of The Commission Members

The claims of the Commission Members are subject to the provisions of the Election Law on the claims of the Election Commission Members. ¹³⁾

Article 29

Reimbursement Of The Costs Relating To The Referendum

(1) The costs relating to the preparation and holding of the Referendum and finding its results are reimbursed from the State Budget.

(2) The costs of clause (1) do not include the costs

relating to the pre-referendum campaign, except for using the communications facilities (Article 17.4).

Article 30

Final Provision

(1) The Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic shall

- a) produce the examples of the Ballot Papers and provide for their printing,
- b) regulate
 1. establishing the Precincts for the voting,
 2. making up and maintaining the Voter Lists,
 3. issuing the Voter's Cards,
 4. providing for and arranging the Polling Stations,
 5. safekeeping the Ballots and other documents on the voting.

(2) The Slovak Statistical Office shall issue the methodology of the processing the voting results.

¹³⁾ Article 51 of the Law of the SNC No. 80/1990

Article 31

This Law shall come into force as of the day of its publication.

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V. Meèiar

Collection of Laws No. 158/1994

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LAW OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC PASSED
ON 8 JUNE 1994

Amending And Supplementing The Law No. 564/1992 On
Holding A Referendum

The National Council of the Slovak Republic decided on
the following Law:

Section I

The Law of the National Council of the Slovak Republic
No. 564/1992 on holding a referendum is amended and
supplemented as follows:

1. In Article 1.3 the first sentence is:
"In the case the referendum is to be called on the basis of
petition, the procedure of executing the right of petition
provided by this law and a special law will be followed²⁾."

2. Article 1 will be followed by new Articles 1a - 1c:

"Article 1a

(1) Petition asking for calling a referendum

(hereinafter referred to as "Petition") must be in writing and must state the first and last name, personal number^{2a)} and address of the person who signed it. If the Petition is filed by the Petition Committee, the first and last names and addresses of all Petition Committee Members and the first and last name, personal number ^{2a)} and address of the person authorized to represent the Petition Committee Members must be stated.

(2) The address mentioned in clause (1) means the Municipality, Street and Number of the House.

Article 1b

(1) Citizens can be appealed for supporting the petition only at places available to the public, at public rallies, in press and other mass media, at meetings of civic associations, political parties and political movements.

(2) It is not allowed to call for support for the petition and ask for signatures in buildings of State Organs and Organs of territorial self-government as well as in immediate surroundings of these buildings and in the premises of Armed Forces. In Health and Social Care Institutions and at places of work is possible to call for support and ask for signatures only at the designated area and designated hours.

(3) Similarly, clauses (1) and (2) regulate the calls for non-supporting the petition too.

Article 1c

(1) The President shall review whether the contents of the petition is in accordance with the Constitution^{2b)} and a special law^{2c)} and whether it includes all necessities.

(2) If the conditions of clause (1) were not met, the President will reject calling the referendum. He will inform the agent of the Petition Committee on his decision."

The footnotes relating to ^{2a)}, ^{2b)}, ^{2c)} are:

^{2a)} Article 15.(f) of the Law of the SNC No. 322/1992 on the State Statistics as amended.

^{2b)} Article 93 of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic.

^{2c)} Article 1.4 of the Law No. 85/1990 on Right of Petition.

Section II

This Law shall come into force as of the day of its publication.

**Michal Kováč
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Collection of Laws No. 269/1995

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**LAW OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC PASSED
ON 13 NOVEMBER 1995**

**Amending And Supplementing The Law Of The National
Council Of The Slovak Republic No. 158/1994 On Holding A
Referendum**

The National Council of the Slovak Republic decided on
the following Law:

Section I

The Law of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 564/1992 on holding a referendum in the wording of the Law of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 158/1994 is amended and supplemented as follows:

1. In Article 1.3 the second sentence is:
"The citizens will submit the Petition asking for calling the referendum via the Petition Committee to the Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic; the Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic is obliged with no undue delay to inform the President of the

Slovak Republic on receiving the Petition, the day of its submitting and its contents."

2. In Article 1a.1 the first sentence is:
"The Petition for calling the Referendum (hereinafter referred to as "the Petition") must be in writing and must state the first and last name and address of the person who signed it."

3. Article 1c is:

"Article 1c

(1) The National Council of the Slovak Republic shall review whether the contents of the petition is in accordance with the Constitution^{2a)} and a special law^{2b)}. The National Council of the Slovak Republic shall designate a respective State Organ or another institution to review whether the Petition includes all necessities. This Organ is obliged to announce its findings on the number of valid signatures to the National Council of the Slovak Republic within 15 days after it was asked by the National Council of the Slovak Republic to review the Petition.

(2) The National Council of the Slovak Republic shall announce its findings subject to clause (1) to the President of the Slovak Republic within 20 days after receiving the notice of submitting the Petition.

(3) The President of the Slovak Republic shall call the referendum after the statement of the National Council of the Slovak Republic confirming that all conditions to call a referendum were fulfilled; if not, the President will not call the referendum and inform the agent of the Petition Committee on that."

The footnotes relating to ^{2a)}, ^{2b)} are:

^{2a)} Article 93 of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic

^{2b)} Article 1.4 of the Law No. 85/1990 on Right of Petition"

Section II

This Law shall come into force as of the day of its publication.

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