

We, the multinational people of the Russian Federation, united by a common fate on our land, establishing human rights and freedoms, civic peace and accord, preserving the historically established state unity, proceeding from the universally recognized principles of equality and self-determination of peoples, revering the memory of ancestors who have conveyed to us the love for the Fatherland, belief in the good and justice, reviving the sovereign statehood of Russia and asserting the firmness of its democratic basic, striving to ensure the well-being and prosperity of Russia, proceeding from the responsibility for our Fatherland before the present and future generations, recognizing ourselves as part of the world community, adopt the CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

Chapter 4. The President of the Russian Federation

Article 81

1. The President of the Russian Federation shall be elected for six years by citizens of the Russian Federation on the basis of universal, equal, direct suffrage by secret ballot.
2. A citizen of the Russian Federation who has reached the age of 35 and has permanently resided in the Russian Federation for not less than 10 years may be elected President of the Russian Federation.
3. The same person may not hold President's office for more than two consecutive terms.
4. The order of elections of the President of the Russian Federation shall be established by a federal law.

Article 84

The President of the Russian Federation shall:

- a. announce elections to the State Duma according to the Constitution of the Russian Federation and the federal law;
- b. dissolve the State Duma in cases and according to the rules fixed by the Constitution of the Russian Federation;
- c. announce a referendum according to the rules fixed by the federal constitutional law;
- d. submit bills to the State Duma;

- e. sign and make public the federal laws;
- f. address the Federal Assembly with annual messages on the situation in the country, on the guidelines of the internal and foreign policy of the State.

Chapter 5. The Federal Assembly

Article 96

1. The State Duma shall be elected for a term of five years.
2. The rules of forming the Council of the Federation and the rules of electing deputies to the State Duma shall be introduced federal laws.