FEDERAL LAW NO. 113-FZ OF AUGUST 5, 2000 ON THE PROCEDURE FOR THE FORMATION OF THE FEDERATION COUNCIL OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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Article 1. Under the <u>Constitution</u> of the Russian Federation the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as "the Federation Council") shall comprise two representatives from each subject of the Russian Federation: one each from the legislative (representative) and the executive bodies of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation.

The member of the Federation Council may be an elected (appointed) citizen of the Russian Federation at least 30 years of age, eligible to vote and be elected to bodies of state power under the <u>Constitution</u> of the Russian Federation.

Article 2. The member of the Federation Council who is a representative of the legislative (representative) body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation shall be elected by the legislative (representative) body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation for the term of authority of this body and in the case of the formation of the legislative (representative) body of a subject of the Russian Federation by means of rotation - for the term of authority of the members of this body elected one time.

The member of the Federation Council who is a representative of a two-chamber legislative (representative) body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation shall be elected in turn from each of the chambers for half of the term of authority of a respective chamber.

Article 3. The nominees for the representative of the legislative (representative) body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation in the Federation Council shall be introduced to this body for consideration by its chairperson.

In the two-chamber legislative (representative) body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation nominees for election to representative in the Federation Council shall be introduced to this body for consideration in turn by the chambers' chairpersons.

A group of deputies making up at least one third of the total number of deputies of the legislative (representative) body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation may propose alternative nominees for the representative in the Federation Council to this body for consideration.

Article 4. The representative of the executive body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation in the Federation Council shall be appointed by the supreme office-holder of the subject of the Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation) for his/her term of office.

Article 5. The decision of the legislative (representative) body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation to select the representative of the legislative (representative) body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation in the Federation Council shall be adopted by secret ballot and shall be executed by a decision of the said body or joint decision of both chambers in case of a two-chamber legislative (representative) body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation.

The decision of the supreme office-holder of a subject of the Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation) whereby the

representative of the executive body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation in the Federation Council is appointed shall be executed by a decree (decision) of the supreme officeholder of the subject of the Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation). The decree (decision) shall within three days be forwarded to the legislative (representative) body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation.

The decree (decision) whereby the representative of the executive body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation in the Federation Council is appointed shall take effect unless at the next scheduled or special session of the legislative (representative) body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation two thirds of the total number of its deputies vote against the appointment of this representative of the executive body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation Council.

Article 6. The legislative (representative) body of state power of a subject of the Russian Federation shall consider nominees for election as a representative in the Federation Council in compliance with the standing orders of this body.

Article 7. Nominees for election (appointment) as a representative in the Federation Council shall provide the following to the legislative (representative) body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation or the supreme office-holder of the subject of the Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation) respectively:

a) information on the amount and sources of the candidate's earnings for the year preceding the year of election (appointment);

b) information on the property owned by the candidate.

Article 8. The decisions whereby members of the Federation Council are elected (appointed) in keeping with the present Federal Law shall be forwarded to the Federation Council by the bodies of state power of the subjects of the Russian Federation which have adopted these decisions within five days of their effective dates.

An elected (appointed) member of the Federation Council shall within the same term submit to the Federation Council a copy of the order (other document) whereby he/she has been relieved from his/her duties incompatible with the status of a member of Federation Council, or a copy of a document confirming that he/she has filed an application to be relieved from such duties.

Article 9. The powers of a Federation Council member elected (appointed) under the present Federal Law shall commence as of the date when the decision of election (appointment) takes effect and shall be terminated as of the effective date of the decision of the election (appointment) of a member of the Federation Council by a newly elected legislative (representative) body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation or the supreme office-holder of the subject of the Russian Federation (head of the supreme executive state body of the subject of the Russian Federation) respectively.

The powers of a Federation Council member may be terminated before the due date by the body of state power of the subject of the Russian Federation which elected (appointed) him/her, this being performed under the same procedure whereby he/she is elected (appointed) as a member of the Federation Council.

Article 10. The present Federal Law shall come into force as of the date of the <u>official</u> <u>publication</u> thereof.

Article 11. The election (appointment) of all members of the Federation Council in keeping with the present Federal Law shall be completed not later than January 1, 2002.

The Federation Council members being ex officio members from subjects of the Russian Federation in the Federation Council shall continue to exercise their powers after the present

Federal Law takes effect until the date when decisions take effect whereby Federation Council members are elected under the procedure established by this Federal Law as representatives of the legislative (representative) and executive state bodies of respective subjects of the Russian Federation, but not later than January 1, 2002.

As of the effective dates of decisions whereby Federation Council members are elected (appointed) under the present Federal Law as representatives of the legislative (representative) and executive state bodies of subjects of the Russian Federation the powers of the ex officio representatives from respective subjects of the Russian Federation shall be terminated.

Article 12. The Federation Council members elected (appointed) under the present Federal Law shall be subject to the provisions of <u>Items "a", "b" and "c" Part 2 Article 4</u>, <u>Parts 1</u> and <u>2</u> Article 6 of the Federal Law on the Status of Federation Council Member and the Status of State Duma Deputies of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (in the wording of the <u>Federal Law</u> No. 133-FZ of July 5, 1999) (Sobranie Zakonodatelstva Rossiskoy Federatsii, item 74, No. 2, 1994; item 3466, No. 28, 1999).

Article 13. The present Federal Law shall supersede, effective from the date when it <u>takes</u> <u>effect</u>, <u>Federal Law</u> No. 192-FZ of December 5, 1995 on the Procedure for the Formation of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (Sobranie Zakonodatelstva Rossiskoy Federatsii, item 4869, No. 50, 1995).

Article 14. In connection with the adoption of the present Federal Law the President of the Russian Federation is hereby recommended to lay proposals before the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation for amending the legislation of the Russian Federation for the purpose of ensuring the effective operation and interaction of the bodies of state power.

Article 15. The Government of the Russian Federation is hereby instructed to bring its regulatory legal acts into conformity with the present Federal Law.

Article 16. The legislative (representative) and executive bodies of state power of the subjects of the Russian Federation are hereby recommended to adopt regulatory legal acts required for the purposes of implementing the present Federal Law.

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