

**FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW NO. 2-FKZ OF FEBRUARY 5, 2007
ON THE INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**Approved by the State Duma on January 19, 2007
Ratified by the Federation Council on January 24, 2007**

Article 1

The following amendments shall be introduced to Article 115 of Federal Constitutional Law No. 1-FKZ of July 21, 1994 on the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii No. 13, 1994, item 1447):

1) the first part of this Article shall be worded as follows:

"The city of St. Petersburg shall house the permanent headquarters of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation";

2) the third part of the Article shall be added to the text:

"For the purpose of ensuring the access of citizens and their associations to the administration of constitutional justice, facilitating the permanent communication of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation with other organs of state power in the Russian Federation, with the constituents of the Russian Federation in the city of Moscow and assisting the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation in the exercise of its powers, the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation shall set up its representative office in the city of Moscow".

Article 2

For the purpose of retaining the continuity of the constitutional justice the date of the implementation by the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation of the constitutional court proceedings in the city of St. Petersburg shall be fixed by the President of the Russian Federation by agreement with the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation.

Article 3

The judges of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, during the period of holding their offices in St. Petersburg, and also their family members who move together with the judges to the city of St. Petersburg and who are not supplied with the living accommodation in the place of the permanent stay of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, shall be given service lodgings in the order and on the conditions stipulated by the legislation of the Russian Federation. Other social guarantees for the judges of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, including those who retired or left the office, and also for the persons who hold the posts of the federal civil service in the apparatus of

the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, shall be granted in keeping with the legal normative acts of the Russian Federation.

Article 4

1. The expenses on the change of the place of the permanent stay of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation shall be financed from the federal budget resources allocated for the said purposes.

2. The expenses of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation on the holding of its sittings not in the place of its permanent stay and the expenses on the participation of the representatives of the federal organs of state power in the meetings of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation shall be financed from the federal budget resources assigned for the maintenance of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation and of the relevant federal organs of state power.

Article 5

1. The present Federal Constitutional Law shall enter into force since the day of its official publication, with the exception of Item 1 of Article 1 of the present Federal Constitutional Law.

2. Item 1 in Article 1 of the present Federal Constitutional Law shall take effect since the date of the beginning of the execution by the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation of the constitutional court proceedings in the city of St. Petersburg.

President of the Russian Federation

Vladimir Putin

Moscow, the Kremlin
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