

PhD abstract

System and reform of local government in Ukraine

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The purpose and tasks of the study. The aim of the work is to investigate the process of forming the institution of local government in Ukraine and the peculiarities of its transformation at the present stage.

To achieve this goal the following tasks were undertaken:

- to study the peculiarities of Ukraine's political system;
- to define the concept of local government and its role in the creation of democracy and civil society;
- to investigate institutional and legal aspects of local government of Ukraine;
- to describe the specifics of Ukraine's local elections;
- to find out the priorities of reform in the policy documents of the President, Parliament and the Government;
- to justify the use of foreign experience of reforming local government in Ukraine;
- to analyze the implementation of local government reform;
- to identify the contradictions of the implementation of local government reform;
- assess the state of local government reform on the basis of an expert survey;
- to highlight conceptually-priority areas for local government reform

The object of the study is the institute of local government in Ukraine.

The subject of the study is an analysis of the process of reforming the institution of local government in modern Ukraine.

Research methods. To achieve the goals and tasks that have been formulated, the work used a set of general scientific and special methods and approaches to research, namely:

A political approach that has made it possible to explore the forms of interaction between the institution of local government, the institution of state power and civil society in modern Ukraine;

Through the dialectical method, the establishment of the institution of local government is considered as a complex and contradictory process, contributing to the preservation and development of the political identity of the Ukrainian state;

A systematic approach has allowed me to investigate the components and functions of the local government institute of Ukraine as an operator of the system of distribution of values and resources among citizens;

Based on the historical method, the process of historical development of the institution of local government and its place in the system of fundamental institutions of the Ukrainian state at various stages of the historical development of Ukrainian statehood is investigated;

The principles of functioning of both the institution of local government and other political institutions of the Ukrainian state (President, Supreme Council, Cabinet of Ministers, political parties, etc.) are analyzed using the institutional method;

For the empirical study was used the factual basis, which was compiled by the data of surveys of Ukrainian sociological centers and the author's study of expert assessments of Ukrainian political scientists.

The structure of the dissertation. The dissertation consists of an introduction, five sections, conclusions, a list of used sources. It consists of 388 pages, main text is 346 pages long, bibliography is 36 pages long.

Dissertation content

The “introduction” substantiated the relevance of the research topic, the relationship of the work with the scientific topics of research, the purpose and tasks of the study, the methodological basis of the thesis, the scientific novelty revealed, the question of theoretical and practical significance of the work was clarified.

In the first section – “Founding a local government in Ukraine” explored the main general theoretical and methodological approaches to the topic of the formation of local government in Ukraine.

The second section, “The role of local government in the political system of Ukraine” analyzes the direction of institutionalization of local government in the political system of Ukraine, explores institutional – legal aspects of the development of local government, characterizes the system of local elections.

The third section, “Initiating Reforms”, considers the regulatory provision for local government reform in Ukraine, and the use of the foreign experience of local government reform in Ukraine is justified.

The fourth section, “The Implementation and Problems of Local Government Reform,” focuses on implementation and the challenges of local government reform in Ukraine.

The fifth section, “Expert Provision of Local Government Reform in Ukraine,” is dedicated to expert evaluation of local government reform in Ukraine.

The findings of the dissertation work summarize the results of the study, which have scientific theoretical and political-practical significance.