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Initial remarks on correspondence voting during the presidential elections in 2015 (selected aspects)

SUMMARY

The study presents general principles of voting by correspondence in the country with particular emphasis on the problems that have emerged after the establishment of universal voting during the parliamentary and presidential elections. The disadvantages of the regulations of the Minister of Administration and Digitization and the Minister of Foreign Affairs hindering the interpretation of the provisions regarding the date and place of expressing preferences regarding elections have been also indicated, as well as doubts in relation to the information mentioned on the website of the National Electoral Commission on “posting” a sealed return envelope in any way, and not only in the branch of the Polish Post. The subject of assessment also refers to the first experience of the universal vote by correspondence in 2015.

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