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THE DECISIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA ON THE ELECTION AND DISMISSAL OF HEADS OF STATE INSTITUTIONS – CONSTITUTIONAL REGULATION AND CASE-LAW OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

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Abstract: *According to article 84, item 8 of the Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria of 1991, the National Assembly elects and dismisses the heads of the Bulgarian National Bank and of other institutions designated by law. The Constitution lists the following institutions (except for the Council of Ministers and the bodies of Parliament itself), heads or members of which are appointed by parliamentary decisions: Bulgarian National Bank, National Audit Office, Ombudsman, eleven of the members of the Supreme Judicial council, all of the members of the Inspectorate to the Supreme Judicial council and four of the judges in the Constitutional court. The author of this paper examines the constitutional regulation of the “personnel” decisions of the National Assembly and the case-law of the Constitutional court on challenged acts of Parliament in the matter, and suggests improvements of the constitutional framework.*

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