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**ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN FOR A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL –
THE SOLUTIONS OF THE ELECTORAL CODE
AND CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE**

The Author analyzes the provisions of the Electoral Code concerning an electoral campaign with a special emphasis on the elections to municipal councils (city councils). The analysis, extended by references to the electoral practice, shows that the Electoral Code does not fully implement the principle of electoral equality, mainly by creating worse position of local electoral committees that intend to propose candidates in only one municipality. This refers mainly to conducting the electoral campaign in public media and its financing. It should be considered that some modifications of these areas of electoral law are necessary. Another drawback of the Electoral Code is the lack of effective mechanisms to ensure transparency of the electoral campaign. It is reflected in ineffective tools, mainly limited to formal issues, to control the financial reports of electoral committees. As a result, it is difficult to conclude that the solutions of the Electoral Code, although much more complex, provide an essential qualitative change in relation to the previous legal status of local self-government elections.