

Law No. 9655, of 11.12.2006

ON THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

Pursuant to the Articles 78 and 83, section 1 of the Constitution, based on the proposal by the Council of Ministers,

THE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

DECIDED:

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania (hereinafter referred to as the Academy) is a scientific institution, which acts through a selected assembly of scientists.

Article 2

1 The Academy is a legal person.

2 The Academy has its headquarters in Tirana and it has its own seal. Its statute is approved by the Assembly.

Article 3

The Academy is an autonomous institution, and its activity is based on the scientific truth and the national interests.

It acts pursuant to the laws in the Republic of Albania and its Statute.

CHAPTER II

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Article 4

Functions

The Academy has the following functions:

- a) it cooperates with research and academic institutions at home or abroad, provided these have the necessary physical capacities to carry out research in various fields of science;
- b) it proposes new fields of science and research, in compliance with the needs for the development of the country;
- c) it provides necessary counseling and expertise to senior level of state institutions, in view of solutions to important matters for the development of the country;
- ç) it publishes periodicals and other publications of high scientific level;
- d) it organizes scientific congresses and conferences at national and international level;
- dh) it organizes competitions and grants scientific awards.

CHAPTER III

COMPOSITION OF THE ACADEMY

Article 5

The Academy members

1. The academy is composed of regular members, permanent members, associated members and honorary members.
2. The regular members of the Academy hold the title “Academician” and they such shall be 30 members. This group shall also include the permanent members of the Academy and such shall not exceed 10 members.
3. The associated members of the Academy hold the title “Associated Academician” and such shall be 15 members.
4. Honorary members of the Academy shall be well-known personalities of foreign countries. Their number is determined in the statute of the Academy, but this number shall not exceed the number of regular member of the Academy Assembly”.

Article 6

Selection of members

1 The regular members of the Academy shall be elected from the renowned scientists holding the title “Professor”, having the Albanian citizenship, who, through their original work, high scientific level of abstraction works, have provided solutions to theoretical and practical problems of special importance in the fields of science, economy, arts and culture, and have provided their assistance to university education and teaching at graduate and post-graduate levels for the upbringing of new scientists.

2 In special cases, even personalities with outstanding values in various fields of creativity, can be elected as regular members.

3. Academicians who are 75 years of age or older, and have outstanding contribution, highly evaluated at national and international levels, are eligible to be elected permanent members of the Academy.

4 The associated members of the Academy shall be elected from candidates who are scientists holding the title “Professor”, of Albanian citizenship, who, through their scientific works, have rendered valuable contribution to the development of science, and have provided their assistance to university education and teaching at graduate and post-graduate levels for the upbringing of new scientists.

5 The honorary members shall be elected from renowned foreign personalities, who have rendered outstanding contribution to the development of our country.

6 Persons who hold senior administrative and political positions shall not be eligible to run for election as regular and associated members of the Academy in the course of their terms in these positions.

7. The procedures for the election of the members shall be defined in the statute of the Academy.

Article 6/1

The termination of the membership of the Academy and the fulfillment of the vacancies

1. The status of the regular members, the associated member and governing authorities of the academy relating to this position, pursuant to the Articles 9 and 10, shall be terminated when he or she:

- a) reaches the age of 75;
- b) resigns;
- c) is elected or nominated in senior positions in political parties or state bodies;
- ç) is declared disabled or working by final court decision;
- d) has been convicted by final court decision for a criminal offence;
- dh) is dismissed by two thirds of votes of all the Assembly members, for acts or behavior that undermine the reputation of the Academy membership;
- e) is deceased.

2. The status of permanent member shall be terminated when one of the above cases applies, except for the case specified in letter “a”.

3. The status of the honorary member shall be terminated when one of the above cases applies, except for the cases specified in letters “a” and “c”.

4. The procedures for the vacancies created due to the termination as provided in section 1 of this Article, begin no later than two months prior to the end of the function, as specified in letter “a” and no later than 30 days after its termination, as specified in letters “b”, “c”, “ç”, “d”, “dh” and “e” of the section 1 of this article.”.

Article 7

Allowance for members

1. Admission to the Academy as regular member, permanent member or associated member does not mean a full-time position, payable at the Academy.
2. The Academy members, who have full time payable positions in the Academy, are the members of the Presidency and the leading authorities of the Sections.
3. Allowance is paid from the Academy budget for those holding the title “Academician”, and support is provided for the academic activities of the regular members, permanent members, associated members and honorary members, from the moment of their admission until the termination of membership for reasons specified in the Article 6/1 letters “c”, “ç”, “d”, “dh” and “e”.
4. The regular members of the Academy, who have permanent residence in the Republic of Albania, and are employed in another institution or organization, in addition to the salary they are paid to, they also receive a monthly allowance for the title “Academician” at the amount determined by ordinance of the Council of Ministers. Even after the termination of their employment, in addition to their pension as Professors, they also receive the allowance for the title “Academician”.

CHAPTER IV

THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Article 9

Governing bodies

The governing authorities of the Academy are the Assembly, the Executive Council and the Presidency. The responsibilities and their functioning shall be defined in the statute of the Academy.

Article 10

The composition of the governing bodies

1. The Assembly is the highest governing body of the Academy and it is composed of regular members, permanent members and the associated members of the Academy.
2. The Executive Council is composed of the President, the Vice President, the Scientific Secretary and the Chairs of the Sections.
3. The Presidency of the Academy is composed of the President, the Vice President and the Scientific Secretary.

Article 11

The election of the Presidency

1. The President of the Academy is elected directly through secret vote by the Assembly, from candidates from regular or permanent members. The winning candidate shall win more than half of all the votes of the Assembly members. The President elected by the Assembly is nominated by the President of the Republic.
2. The Vice President, the Scientific Secretary and the Chairs of the Sections are elected directly, through secret vote by the Assembly, from candidates from regular or members, permanent members or associated members, through procedures specified and provided for in the Statute of the Academy.
3. The length of the mandate of the President and the Vice President of the Academy is 4 years, whereas that of the Scientific Secretary and the Chairs of the Sections is 5. In any case, the mandate of the President, Vice President and the Scientific Secretary does not stretch beyond the status of the regular or associated member as provided in the Article 6/of this law.
4. The President, the Vice President, the Scientific Secretary and the Chairs of the Sections can be re-elected in the same position for two terms but these shall not be consecutive.

Article 12

Support structures

The Presidency of the Academy, in carrying out its duties and functions, is supported by the administration. The structure and the composition of the latter are determined by an act of the Council of Ministers.

CHAPTER V

THE SECTIONS OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Article 13

The sections and their compositions

1. The activity of the Academy is carried out in the framework of the sections, which carry and embody the rights, the duties and the responsibilities of the Academy for the various fields of science.
2. The duties, the responsibilities, the composition, the governance and the functioning of the sections shall be defined in the statute of the Academy.

CHAPTER VI

Article 14

Financing

1. The Academy is a budgetary institution and it receives its income from the following:
 - a) the state budget;
 - b) technical-scientific services it provides to legal and physical subjects that are third parties;
 - c) applications for bids, projects, donations, subsidies or sponsorships, which are used as provided for in the laws and by-laws.
2. The income established as provided for by provisions in letter “b” and “c” of section 1 of this article, is used pursuant to the laws and by-laws.

CHAPTER VII

LAST AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Article 15

The structure and the organization of the Academy and its statute shall be adjusted pursuant to this law within two months from the date this law takes effect. The Academy re-organized as provided here, shall hold its election for the governing authorities within three months from the date this law takes effect.

Article 16

The Council of Ministers shall issue the regulations for the implementation of articles 7 and 12 within 6 months from the date this law takes effect.

Article 17

Revocation

The Law no.9182, of 5.2.2004 “On the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania”, as well as an other provisions which is not in compliance with this law, are revoked.

Article 18

Taking effect

This law takes effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

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