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## RELEVANT RESEARCH OF ELECTORAL ENGINEERING IN UKRAINE<sup>1</sup>

Elections are a central element of the political process and defining characteristic of citizens' participation in the political life of democratic countries. They enable people to form a government and to monitor the performance of its functions, given adequate constitutional and legal support of democracy. It is known that the results of voting, representation of certain political forces in public authorities, and subsequently the direction of government policy depend not only on ideological orientations and preferences of voters, but also on the type of electoral system, legal technologies of organization and conduct of the electoral process.

In summary, the authors note that the reviewed monographic by M.V. Afanasieva "Electoral Engineering in Ukraine" is one of the first domestic scientific publications, which comprehensively considers constitutional and legal issues of electoral engineering using unconventional for legal science methodological approach. The monograph is theoretically and practically valuable and can be recommended to researchers, teachers, employees of public administration and local government, postgraduate students and students of higher educational institutions of political and legal training areas. Implementation of legislative proposals suggested in the scientific work by M.V. Afanasieva will improve the legal regulation of legislative and electoral processes in Ukraine.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm l}$  Review of the monograph by Afanasieva M.V. "Vyborch inzheneriia v Ukraini" [Electoral Engineering in Ukraine] (Odessa: Yurydychna Literatura, 2014. – 384 p.)