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VECHE AS A PREREQUISITE FOR FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF REFERENDUM

To build a democratic, constitutional state must constantly develop institutions of democracy in the country. Among the institutions of direct democracy priority in allocating traditions of state constitutional are institutions referendums.

It should be noted that the referendum has attracted the attention of scientists for a long time. First, this institution interested constitutionalists, and then institute a referendum came interdisciplinary, attracting the attention of sociologists and political scientists.

This article focuses on a democratic basis veche activities as progenitor of the modern institution of the referendum. The article aims to prove the fact that the referendum relations originated in the Middle Ages at Kievan Rus. We investigate that veche meetings laid the foundations of democracy much earlier

than similar institutions in other European countries. Based on materials and chronicles developments Ukrainian and Russian scientists made a generalization activities council on matters of public and national importance. Draws a parallel between decisions made on veche meetings or by referendum.

It can be argued that this council has laid the foundation for developing legal minds of our ancestors and of referendum democracy. It should also be noted that the decision taken at face marked by the highest legitimacy as they were approved by the people, which mostly spread and data solutions. Of course, the mechanism of the Chamber was effective only for such time as the number of residents who can participate in the veche meetings was not great, and most able to express their views, as opposed to the present.