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THE PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF JUDGES AS AN ELEMENT OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL LEGAL STATUS

In the modern conditions the issue of appointment and election of judges on their positions acquires outstanding actuality. There is no doubt that the authority of all judicial system directly depends on professionalism of certain judges, on fair and impartial implementation of their duties. The procedure for appointment and election of judges on their positions in Ukraine today causes discussions not only among the representatives of legal science and practitioners but also among ordinary citizens.

With development of science of constitutional law in Ukraine, it becomes obvious that, considering constitutional legal status of judges, an important is-

sue is the procedure for appointment and election of judges on their positions. It is possible to assert that the exact category "constitutional status," getting wide recognition, is the scientific instrument of determining place and role of judge not only in the judicial system but also in society and state. This category enables to educe the basic structural elements of constitutional legal status of judges and outline their features.

Constitutional and legislative requirements, which establish the procedure for election of judges on their positions, determine the granting of the specific rights and duties, and also guarantees that allow judges to carry out the function of justice effectively.