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**MATTERS OF PUBLIC OPINION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF  
MODERN LEGISLATION**

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**Abstract:** The article touches upon the problems of public opinion in the modern law and legislation system. Public opinion about the law and its operation is considered to be one of the main motivating forces under the influence of which the state is forced to constantly change and improve the current legislation and practice of its application.

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Public opinion research on the problems of law and legislation Public opinion is understood as a statement on any socially significant issue shared by a certain group, social stratum or society as a whole and recorded in a written document or in another way accessible to the general public. One of the necessary conditions for the stable and sustainable development of the Russian state is the strengthening of the legal foundations for the functioning of its state and public life. The reforms carried out in Russia urgently require optimization of the existing legal system, which is "a set of internally organized and interconnected, socially homogeneous and ultimately striving for common goals of the legal phenomena of a given society, each of which performs its specific role in legal regulation or legal impact on public relations beyond its limits" Public opinion on issues of law, legal regulation inevitably becomes the property of the state, its bodies and obliges them to take measures to resolve the conflict between the current law and public opinion. The state is forced either to abolish imperfect norms, or to convince citizens that public opinion is untenable, subjective and does not correspond to the

actual state of affairs. The state's disregard of public opinion on pressing, vital problems for society and the individual can prompt society to the most desperate protest measures, up to the demand for a change of state power. Thus, public opinion about the law and its operation is one of the main motivating forces, under the influence of which the state is forced to constantly change and improve the current legislation and practice of its application. Public opinion can be formed on other issues of legal regulation. The system of techniques used in in the process of studying public opinion, it is traditional for socio-legal research, but the methods of document analysis are of paramount importance among them. However, the study does not exclude the possibility of conducting surveys, in particular, of representatives of the social group on whose behalf public opinion emanates, as well as surveys of citizens, representatives of public associations, parties that are in opposition to this public opinion. Expert surveys conducted with the aim of establishing the interests expressed by public opinion, the degree of validity of its content, possible ways of implementing public opinion by competent authorities and other interested persons are quite possible.[2]

The relevance of the study of public opinion and its influence on modern Russian law is determined by the trend of building a rule of law state and the active development of various institutions of civil society. [1]

Thus, on April 4, 2005, a federal law was adopted "About the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation". In the explanatory note to the draft law sent to the State Duma by the President of the Russian Federation, it was noted that this law was developed in order to involve broad circles of the Russian public in the implementation of the state policy of Russia, public authorities and local self-government bodies take into account public initiatives and interests of citizens, ensure the protection of the rights of public associations, as well as the creation of a mechanism for public control over the activities of public authorities.[3]

Summing up all of the above, it should be noted that public opinion is a social phenomenon that is just beginning to develop as an independent social phenomenon. It can also be said that public opinion depends on the society in

which it is formed and developed, on the principles of this society, on cultural values and the degree of democratization of the social system.[4]

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