

After approval by Parliament, constitutional amendments ready for a referendum in Russia



Moscow, March 14 (RHC)-- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law on introducing amendments to the Russian Constitution, a document published on the official legal information web portal showed on Saturday.

According to a report by Sputniknews, the law "On improving the regulation of certain issues of the organization and functioning of public authority" was dated March 11.

The legislation was passed by both houses of Russia's Parliament and includes amendments imposing new requirements for the president, ministers, and various officials.

It stipulates social guarantees and changing Parliament's authority, among other things. Moreover, these changes allow the incumbent president to seek re-election in 2024.

The law will need to be approved by the Russian public in a referendum slated for April 22.

In late January, Russian President Vladimir Putin submitted a bill to the Duma about amendments to the fundamental law. Putin suggested significant changes to the Constitution, including reducing the presidency to two terms and expanding the role of the legislature.

Putin also said that the State Council, currently an advisory body made up of regional governors, should have its status and duties fixed in the Constitution.

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