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CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE KINGDOM OF SERBIA FROM 1888

Summary: The subject of the paper is the analysis of provisions guaranteeing civil rights and freedom in the first constitution of the Kingdom of Serbia, the so-called The Radical Constitution of 1888, which is considered one of the most liberal constitutions in the nineteenth century Serbia. Accordingly, the author first gives a historical account of what preceded the adoption of this constitution, focusing especially on the socio-political conditions in the Kingdom of Serbia at that time, as well as on the provisions of the so-called Regents' constitution of the Principality of Serbia from 1869, which preceded the adoption of the constitution from 1888. In the central part of the work, the author presents the provisions on civil rights and freedoms of the constitution from 1888, pointing out the differences compared to the provisions of the constitution from 1869, comparing certain constitutional solutions with the standards of Western European constitutions that served as a model for the Serbian constitutional makers for the creation of this constitution. In the paper, the method of analysis and synthesis, the method of induction and deduction, as well as the historical legal method were applied.

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