

Federal Constitutional Court

- Annual Statistics 2008 -

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for the judicial year 2008

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Proceedings brought

since 7 September 1951 until 31 December 2008

Proceedings brought (total)	175.880	of them: 169.592 3.573 8 2.682	(96,42%) (2,03%) (0,01%) (1,53%)	proceedings involving the abstract ¹ and the concrete ² review of statutes, party-ban proceedings, other types of proceedings, e.g. disputes between the Federation and the <i>Länder</i> (states), disputes between
		25	(0,01%)	supreme federal bodies and other constitutional disputes at the federal and the <i>Länder</i> level, former types of proceedings conducted until 1960 ³
Proceedings terminated (total)	173.234	of them: 167.049 3.501 8 2.651 25	(96,43%) (2,02%) (0,01%) (1,53%) (0,01%)	4.094 were successful =2,5% proceedings involving the abstract and the concrete review of statutes, party-ban proceedings, other types of proceedings,
Proceedings still pending:	2.646	of them: 2.543 72 31	(96,11%) (2,72%) (1,17%)	•
of them,		1.533 1.113	(57,94%) (42,06%)	were dealt with by the First Senate, and were dealt with by the Second Senate

¹ Article 93.1 no. 2 of the Basic Law (Grundgesetz - GG)

² Article 100.1 GG

³ File numbers: BvT and PBvV; see page 7

Year	First Senate	Second Senate	together
1951	476* (473+3 ^{1 and 4})	5	481
1952	1008* (1,005+3 ^{2 and 4})	9	1.017
1953	736* (735+1²)	7	743
1954	571* (567+4²)	6	577
1955	587* (585+2²)	7	594
1956	734* (732+2²)	74* (73+1¹)	808
1957	807	37* (34+3¹)	844
1958	1114* (1,110+4 ^{2 and 3})	96* (95+1¹)	1.210
1959	1.190	28	1.218
1960	635* (634+1²)	747	1.382
1961	544	512	1.056
1962	728	732	1.460
1963	688	726	1.414
1964	808	830	1.638
1965	767	737	1.504
1966	810	770	1.580
1967	786	812	1.598
1968	814	786	1.600
1969	850	809	1.659
1970	845	832	1.677

* corrected figure proceedings (see p. 7) on:

¹Senate jurisdiction ²legal aid ³ decisions by the Plenum ⁴legal opinions

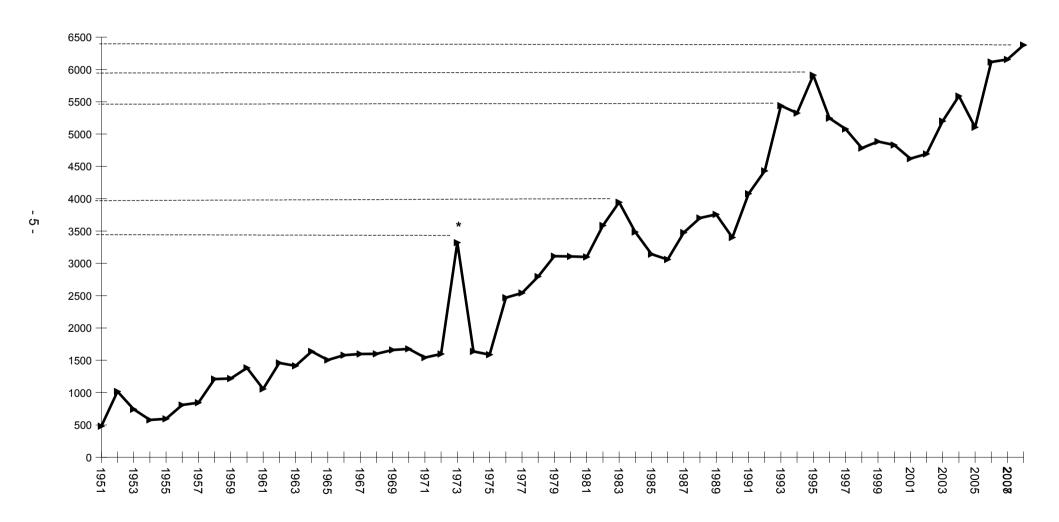
Year	First Senate	Second Senate	together
1971	494	1.048	1.542
1972	655	943	1.598
1973	2.374	947	3.321
1974	506	1.131	1.637
1975	512	1.076	1.588
1976	1.079	1.389	2.468 ²
1977	1.263	1.277	2.540
1978	1.701	1.095	2.796
1979	1.499	1.612	3.111
1980	1.588	1.519	3.107
1981	1.527	1.571	3.098
1982	1.741	1.845	3.586
1983	1.829	2.117	3.946
1984	1.765	1.719	3.484
1985	1.547	1.594	3.141
1986	1.587	1.473	3.060
1987	1.690	1.786	3.476
1988	1.803	1.899	3.702
1989	1.669	2.089	3.758
1990	1.609	1.791	3.400
1991	2.016	2.061	4.077
1992	2.049	2.382	4.431
1993	2.319	3.121	5.440
1994	2.551	2.773	5.324
1995	2.776	3.135	5.911

1 1,735 of them were parallel proceedings (concerning the stability supplement) 2 381 of them were parallel proceedings (concerning § 218 of the Criminal Code (StGB))

Year	First Senate	Second Senate	together
1996	2.599	2.647	5.246
1997	2.636	2.442	5.078
1998	2.419	2.364	4.783
1999	2.303	2.582	4.885
2000	2.402	2.429	4.831
2001	2.328	2.292	4.620
2002	2.496	2.196	4.692
2003	2.738	2.462	5.200
2004	3.006	2.583	5.589
2005	2.786	2.319	5.105
2006	3.288	2.827	6.115
2007	3.367	2.787	6.154
2008	3.677	2.701	6.378 ¹

¹ of them, 163 were parallel proceedings (concerning banking law, stock exchange law and law on securities)

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Senat 1 + Sena	481	1.017	743	577	594	808	844	1.210	1.218	1.382	1.056



^{* 1,735} of them were parallel proceedings (concerning the stability supplement)

1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
1.460	1.414	1.638	1.504	1.580	1.598	1.600	1.659	1.677	1.542	1.598	3.321*	1.637

1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
1.588	2.468*	2.540	2.796	3.111	3.107	3.098	3.586	3.946	3.484	3.141	3.060	3.476

1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
3.702	3.758	3.400	4.077	4.431	5.440	5.324	5.911	5.246	5.078	4.783	4.885	4.831

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Γ	4.620	4.692	5.200	5.589	5.105	6.115	6.154	6.378

New proceedings

Type of proceedings	File no	Until 1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Article 18 GG)	BvA	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Ruling on the unconstitutionality of political parties (Article 21.2 GG)	BvB	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	ı	ı	-	-	8
Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections (Article 41.2 GG)	BvC	117	21	6	-	-	7	12	3	6	11	1	184
Impeachment of the Federal President (Article 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	ı	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal bodies (Article 93.1 no.1 GG)	BvE	122	6	2	2	3	1	3	10	5	6	6	166
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional body (Article 93.1 no. 2 GG)	BvF	137	3	1	4	3	4	1	8	1	1	ı	163
Constitutional disputes betwen the Federation and the Länder (states) (Article 93.1 no. 3 and Article 84.4 sentence 2 GG)	BvG	33	-	2	2	2	-	2	3	ı	-	-	44
Disputes involving public law (Article 93.1 no. 4 GG)	BvH	73	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	74
Impeachment of judges (Article 98.2 and 98.5 GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	ı	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> (state) decided by virtue of their assignment by <i>Land</i> law (Article 99 GG)	BvK	20	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	26
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Article 100.1 GG)	BvL	3.081	40	26	27	36	15	25	26	74	27	33	3.410
Status of a provision of public international law as part of federal law (Article 100.2 GG)	BvM	14	1	-	-	-	9	-	1	3	1	-	28
Interpretation of the Basic Law upon application of a Land constitutional court (Article 100.3 GG)	BvN	8	-	ı	-	-	-	-	ı	ı	-	ı	8
Disagreements concerning the continued applicability of law as federal law (Article 126 GG)	BvO	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151

New proceedings (continued)

Type of proceedings	File no.	Until 1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Proceedings in other cases referred to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Article 93.3 GG) - from 1971 onwards -	BvP	6	-	1	-	-	-	-1	1	-	-	1	6
Temporary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	984	85	88	98	123	108	110	88	108	102	93	1.987
Constitutional complaints (Article 93.1 nos. 4a and 4b GG)	BvR	117.528	4.729	4.705	4.483	4.523	5.055	5.434	4.967	5.918	6.005	6.245	169.592
 Examination of which Senate has jurisdiction now: Administrative file no. 1004/4 E - Grant of legal aid - now: BvR - Plenum decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG) - now: PBvU - until 1960 - 	BvT*	22	ı	ı	1	-	-	1	ı	1	1	ı	22
Disagreements on whether a law complies with the requirements of Article 72.2 and Article 93.1 no. 2a GG - from 1998 onwards -	BvW	ı	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	-	-	ı	-
Submissions by the Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof) pursuant to § 36.2 of the Law Governing the Legal Framework for Committees of Inquiry (Untersuchungsausschussgesetz) - from 2001 onwards -	BvX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Submissions pursuant to Article 93.2 GG - from 2006 onwards -	BvY	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Retirement of a judge of the Federal Constitutional Court due to disability for service or for other reasons (§ 105 BVerfGG)	PBvS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	-	-	ı	-
Plenum decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG)	BvU / PBvU	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Legal opinions issued by the Plenum (§ 97 BVerfGG) - until 1952 -	PBvV*	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sum of all proceedings:		122.311	4.885	4.831	4.620	4.692	5.200	5.589	5.105	6.115	6.154	6.378	175.880

^{*} former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

Decisions by the Plenum, the Senates and the Chambers

Type of proceedings	File no.	Until 1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Article 18 GG)	BvA	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Ruling on the unconstitutionality of political parties (Article 21.2 GG)	BvB	4	-	1	1	-	1	-	ı	ı	ı	-	5
Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections (Article 41.2 GG)	BvC	93	-	17	10	-	-	1	12	ı	5	6	144
Impeachment of the Federal President (Article 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	ı	ı	-	-	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı
Constitutional disputes between federal bodies (Article 93.1 no. 1 GG)	BvE	58	2	1	7	4	-	4	8	ı	3	2	89
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional body (Article 93.1 no. 2 GG)	BvF	77	4	-	2	6	2	2	3	2	3	3	104
Constitutional disputes betwen the Federation and the Länder (Article 93.1 no. 3 and Article 84.4 sentence 2 GG)	BvG	18	1	1	1	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	26
Disputes involving public law (Article 93.1 no. 4 GG)	BvH	34	1	2	1	-	-	1	ı	ı	ı	ı	38
Impeachment of judges (Article 98.2 and 98.5 GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> decided by virtue of their assignment by <i>Land</i> law (Article 99 GG)	BvK	12	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	21
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Article 100.1 GG)													
- Senates - - Chambers (since 11 August 1993) -	BvL	964 71	8 16	4 25	4 8	8 11	6 10	6 8	6 8	5 13	5 7	10 8	1.026 185
Status of a provision of public international law as part of federal law (Article 100.2 GG)	BvM	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	13
Interpretation of the Basic Law upon application of a Land constitutional court (Article 100.3 GG)	BvN	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	5
Disagreements concerning the continued applicability of law as federal law (Article 126 GG)	BvO	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19

<u>Decisions</u> by the Plenum, the Senates and the Chambers (continued)

Type of proceedings	File no.	Until 1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Proceedings in other cases referred to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Article 93.3 GG) - from 1971 onwards -	BvP	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Temporary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	660	68	67	90	97	93	101	69	102	79	85	1.511
Constitutional complaints (Article 93.1 nos. 4a and 4b GG) - Senates Judges' Committees or Chambers -	BvR	3.830 95.257	15 4.774	10 4.755	11 4.460	13 4.335	21 4.413	27 5.213	24 4.687	15 5.767	14 5.905	10 5.731	3.990 145.297
 Examination of which Senate has jurisdiction now: Administrative file no. 1004/4 E - Grant of legal aid - now: BvR - Plenum decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG) - now: PBvU - until 1960 - 	BvT*	9	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	9
Disagreements on whether a law complies with the requirements of Article 72.2 and Article 93.1 no. 2a GG - from 1998 onwards -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Submissions by the Federal Court of Justice pursuant to § 36.2 of the Law Governing the Legal Framework for Committees of Inquiry - from 2001 onwards -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Submissions pursuant to Article 93.2 GG - from 2006 onwards -	BvY	-	ı	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Retirement of a judge of the Federal Constitutional Court due to disability for service or for other reasons (§ 105 BVerfGG)	PBvS	ı	ı	ı	-	-	-	ı	ı	-	-	ı	ı
Plenum decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG)	BvU / PBvU	3	-	-	-	-	1		-	-	-	-	4
Legal opinions issued by the Plenum (§ 97 BVerfGG) - until 1952 -	PBvV*	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sum of all proceedings:		101.131	4.891	4.883	4.595	4.477	4.549	5.364	4.818	5.906	6.026	5.857	152.497

^{*} former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

Proceedings terminated in other ways than by a decision, e.g. proceedings consolidated with others for joint adjudication, applications withdrawn, etc.

Type of proceedings	File no	Until 1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Article 18 GG)	BvA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ruling on the unconstitutionality of political parties (Article 21.2 GG)	BvB	1	-	ı	1	-	2	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	3
Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections (Article 41.2 GG)	BvC	24	-	ı	ı	-	ı	2	ı	ı	ı	ı	26
Impeachment of the Federal President (Article 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	ı	1	-	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	-
Constitutional disputes between federal bodies (Article 93.1 no. 1 GG)	BvE	51	6	ı	2	-	1	1	2	ı	3	1	67
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional body (Article 93.1 no. 2 GG)	BvF	46	4	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	53
Constitutional disputes betwen the Federation and the Länder (Article 93.1 no. 3 and Article 84.4 sentence 2 GG)	BvG	11	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	16
Disputes involving public law (Article 93.1 no. 4 GG)	BvH	34	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Impeachment of judges (Article 98.2 and 98.5 GG)	BvJ	-	-	ı	-	-	-	1	ı	ı	ı	1	-
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> decided by virtue of their assignment by <i>Land</i> law (Article 99 GG)	BvK	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Article 100.1 GG)	BvL	1.916	42	28	6	19	18	6	14	54	10	20	2.133
Status of a provision of public international law as part of federal law (Article 100.2 GG)	BvM	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	15
Interpretation of the Basic Law upon application of a Land constitutional court (Article 100.3 GG)	BvN	3	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Disagreements concerning the continued applicability of law as federal law (Article 126 GG)	BvO	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132

Proceedings terminated in another way (continued)

Type of proceedings	File no.	Until 1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Proceedings in other cases referred to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Article 93.3 GG) - from 1971 onwards -	BvP	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Temporary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	321	14	18	16	17	20	11	16	9	22	7	471
Constitutional complaints (Article 93.1 nos. 4a and 4b GG)	BvR	15.425	246	307	194	201	144	228	209	203	256	349	17.762
1. Examination of which Senate has jurisdiction - now: Administrative file no. 1004/4 E - 2. Grant of legal aid - now: BvR - 3. Plenum decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG) - now: PBvU until 1960 -	BvT*	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Disagreements on whether a law complies with the requirements of Article 72.2 and Article 93.1 no. 2a GG - from 1998 onwards -	BvW	-	-	ı	ı	-	-	ı	-	-	ı	-	-
Submissions by the Federal Court of Justice pursuant to § 36 Abs. 2 of the Law Governing the Legal Framework for Committees of Inquiry - from 2001 onwards -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Submissions pursuant to Article 93.2 GG - from 2006 onwards -	BvY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement of a judge of the Federal Constitutional Court due to disability for service or for other reasons (§ 105 BVerfGG)	PBvS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plenum decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG)	BvU / PBvU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal opinions issued by the Plenum (§ 97 BVerfGG) - until 1952 -	PBvV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sum of all proceedings terminated:		17.987	316	358	219	238	186	248	242	268	298	377	20.737

^{*} former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

Senate decisions with / without dissenting opinion(s) in the Official Collection of Decisions (BVerfGE) - volumes 30 to 120 (1971 to 2008)

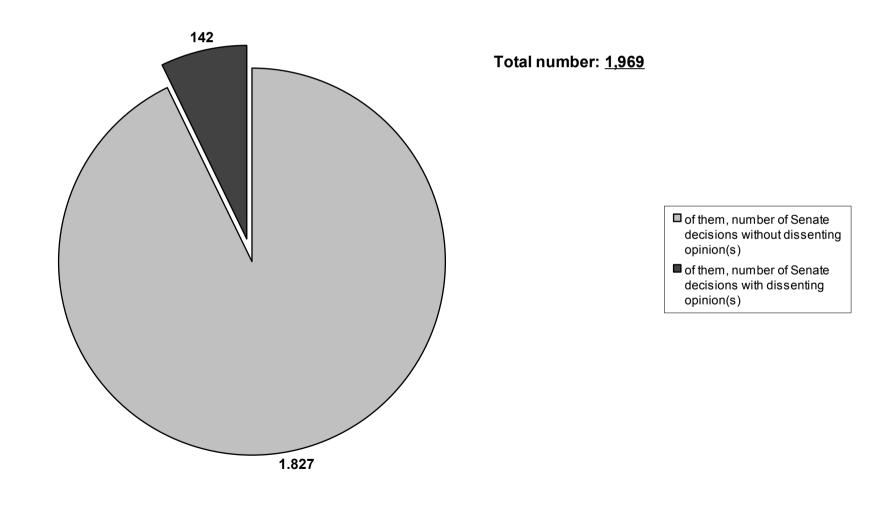
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of them, number of Senate decisions with dissenting opinion(s)

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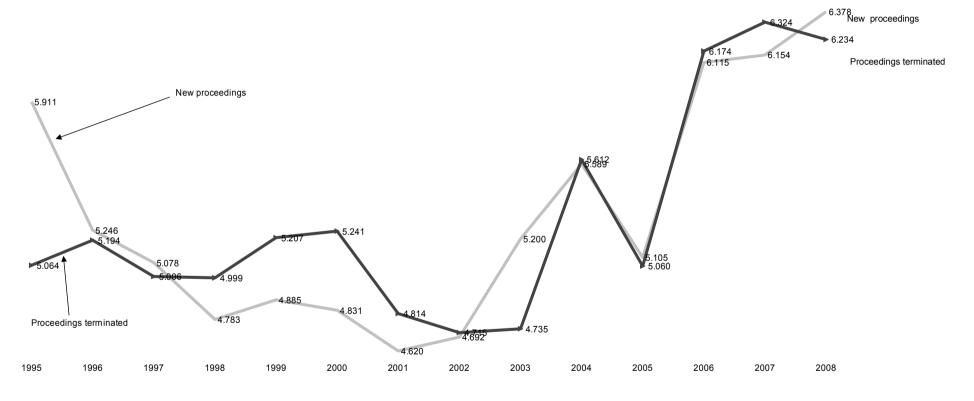
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Senate decisions with / without dissenting opinion(s) in the Official Collection of Decisions (BVerfGE) - volumes 30 to 120 (1971 to 2008)

New proceedings and proceedings terminated * since 1995

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	2000	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
New proceed.	5.911	5.246	5.078	4.783	4.885	4.831	4.620	4.692	5.200	5.589	5.105	6.115	6.154	6.378
Pr.terminated	5.064	5.194	5.006	4.999	5.207	5.241	4.814	4.715	4.735	5.612	5.060	6.174	6.324	6.234



^{*} Proceedings terminated (decisions and proceedings terminated in another way), proceedings brought in former years and proceedings brought in the respective year

Total number of new proceedings

brought in the last five judicial years

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
First Senate					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	2.943	2.733	3.234	3.304	3.612
Concrete review of statutes (BvL)	12	12	13	14	11
Abstract review of statutes (BvF)		4			
Temporary injunctions (BvQ)	51	37	41	49	54
Plenary matters (PBvU)					
	3.006	2.786	3.288	3.367	3.677
Second Senate					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	2.491	2.234	2.684	2.701	2.633
Concrete review of statutes (BvL)	13	14	61	13	22
Abstract review of statutes (BvF)	1	4	1	1	
Temporary injunctions (BvQ)	59	51	67	53	39
Unconstitutionality of political parties (BvB)					
Scrutiny of elections and of the status of a member of the <i>Bundestag</i> (BvB)	12	3	6	11	1
Organstreit proceedings (BvE)	3	10	5	6	6
Disputes between the Federation and the Länder (BvG)	2	3			
Disputes involving public law (BvH)	1				
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> (BvK)	1			1	
Review of public international law (BvM)			3	1	
	2.583	2.319	2.827	2.787	2.701
Total	5.589	5.105	6.115	6.154	6.378

Applications forwarded to the opposing party and the other parties pursuant to § 23.2 of the Federal Constitutional Court Act in the last five judicial years

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<u>First Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (PvP)	85	77	95	106	97
Constitutional complaints (BvR)					
Concrete review of statutes (BvL)	5	4	2	6	10
Abstract review of statutes (BvF)		2	1	1	
Temporary injunctions (BvQ)	1	2	1		1
Plenary matters (PBvU)					
	91	85	99	113	108
Second Senate					
Second Senate					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	22	22	93	80	101
Concrete review of statutes (BvL)	4	8	6	7	6
Abstract review of statutes (BvF)	1	2	4		2
Temporary injunctions (BvQ)		4	2		
Unconstitutionality of political parties (BvB)					
Scrutiny of elections and of the status of a member of the <i>Bundestag</i> (BvB)		5		10	
Organstreit proceedings (BvE)		1	9	4	7
Disputes between the Federation and the Länder (BvG)	2	6	1		
Disputes involving public law (BvH)					
Constitutional disputes within a Land (BvK)	1			1	
Review of public international law (BvM)	2		1		
	32	48	116	102	116
Total	123	133	215	215	224

Caseload and proceedings terminated

Proceedings from the previous years pending on:

	1.1.2007 <i>‡</i>	1.1.2008
First Senate	1.408	1.281
Second Senate	1.264	1.221
·	2.672	2.502

New proceedings:

_	2007 #	2008					
First Senate	3.367	3.677	of them, 3.612 CC, 1	11 RS, ²	54 TI, ³		
Second Senate	2.787	2.701	of them, 2.633 CC,	22 RS,	39 TI,	6 CSM,⁴	1 other ⁵
•	6.154	6.378	of them, 6.245 CC,	33 RS,	93 TI,	6 CSM,	1 other

Proceedings terminated:

_	2007 #	2008	_			
First Senate	3.494	3.425	of them, 3.357 CC,	13 RS,	55 TI,	
Second Senate	2.830	2.809	of them, 2.733 CC,	29 RS,	37 TI,	3 CSM, 7 other
•	6.324	6.234	of them, 6.090 CC,	42 RS,	92 TI,	3 CSM, 7 other

Proceedings pending on:

	31.12.2007 #	31.12.2008						
First Senate	1.281	1.533	of them,	1.501 CC,	31 RS,	1 TI,		
Second Senate	1.221	1.113	of them,	1.042 CC,	41 RS,	4 TI,	12 CSM,	14 other
	2.502	2.646	of them,	2.543 CC,	72 RS,	5 TI,	12 CSM,	14 other

¹ Constitutional complaints

² Proceedings involving the abstract and concrete review of statutes (Article 93.1 no. 2, Article 100.1 and 100.2 GG)

³ Temporary injunctions (proceedings in their own right)

⁴ Disputes between supreme federal organs and disputes between the Federation and the Länder

⁵ Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections, constitutional disputes within a *Land* decided by virtue of their assignment by *Land* law

Proceedings terminated

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L			2007	2008						
l.	De	ecisions taken by a	<u>Senate</u>							
	1	. Decisions in the ma	ain action							
		First Senate Second Senate	15 20	12 21	of them of them	8 CC, 2 CC,	4 RS, 10 RS,	TI TI	2SC,	7 other
	2	. Interim / incidental	decisions	3						
		First Senate	20	18	of them	exclus	orary injungion of a jual	udge by v	rirtue of law e	
		Second Senate	3	11	of them	exclus	orary injunesion of a jualification of	udge by v	rirtue of law e	
II.	De	ecisions taken by a	Chambe	<u>er</u>						
	1	. Decisions in the ma	ain action							
		a) Constitutional co	mplaints	and tem	porary inj	unctions:				
		aa) Non-acceptar	nce for ad	ljudicatio	on / rejecti	on of a motio	n for a ten	nporary ii	njunction	
		First Senate	3.317	3.081	of them	616 with re 964 with re 1.501 withou	easoning i	-	erative provi)	sions
		Second Senate	2.543	2.636	of them	400 with re 168 with re 2.068 withou	easoning i	-	erative provi)	sions
		bb) Grant of the I	relief sou	ght						
		First Senate Second Senate	64 60	39 60						
		b) Proceedings invo	olving the	concret	e review o	of a statute (in	admissibl	e referral):	
		First Senate Second Senate	4 3	3 5						
	2	. Interim / incidental	decisions	3						
		First Senate	96	92	of them	exclus	orary injungion of a jual	udge by v	rirtue of law e	
		Second Senate	85	64	of them	1 exclus	orary injung sion of a ju alification	udge by v	rirtue of law e	
III.	Pr	oceedings termina	ted in an	other w	ay					
	1.	Withdrawals								
		First Senate Second Senate	22 69	184 21						
	2.	Transfer to the other	er Senate	I						
		First Senate Second Senate	5 16	3						
	3.	Proceedings conso	lidated w	ith other	proceedii	ngs, etc.				
		First Senate Second Senate	67 119	103 63						

Constitutional complaint proceedings

(including proceedings consolidated with others for joint adjudication) terminated in the last five judicial years

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
New proceedings	5.434	4.967	5.918	6.005	6.245
Proceedings terminated					
1. by a <u>Chamber</u>					
Non-acceptance	5.205	4.666	5.731	5.884	5.735
Grant of relief sought	97	108	127	132	100
2. by a <u>Senate:</u>					
Non-acceptance	4	1		1	2
Rejection	17	8	9	4	4
Grant of relief sought	20	25	9	16	11
3. by withdrawal:	71	70	62	81	202
4. in another way:	54	42	47	57	36

Share of the constitutional complaints granted of the constitutional complaint proceedings decided per year

since 1987 *

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Year	Proceedings decided on their own or	Successful		
real	consolidated	proceedings among them		
1987	2.638	94		
1988	2.975	84		
1989	3.204	87		
1990	3.715	635		
1991	3.452	246		
1992	3.782	210		
1993	4.927	270		
1994	4.901	161		
1995	4.743	139		
1996	4.853	109		
1997	4.663	45		
1998	4.615	99		
1999	4.872	103		
2000	4.884	76		
2001	4.575	89		
2002	4.452	100		
2003	4.499	81		
2004	5.343	117		
2005	4.808	133		
2006	5.876	136		
2007	6.037	148		
2008	5.852	111		

Share of the constitutional complaints granted of the constitutional complaint proceedings decided per year

since 1987 *

^{*} It is not possible to provide valid figures for the period before 1987 because no separate surve of decisions which terminated several proceedings (consolidated proceedings).

Share of the constitutional complaints granted of the constitutional complaint proceedings decided per year

since 1987 *

Share
in %
3,56%
2,82%
2,72%
17,09%
7,13%
5,55%
5,48%
3,29%
2,93%
2,25%
0,97%
2,15%
2,11%
1,56%
1,95%
2,25%
1,80%
2,19%
2,77%
2,31%
2,45%
1,90%

Share of the constitutional complaints granted of the constitutional complaint proceedings decided per year

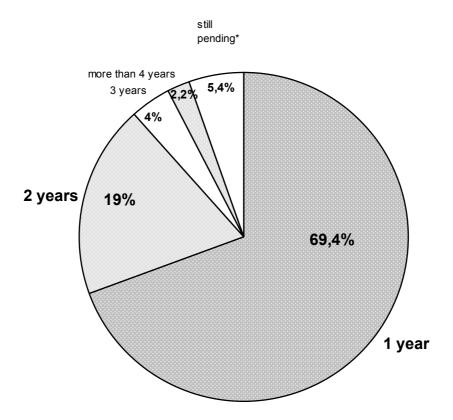
since 1987 *

y was carried out

Average length of proceedings of <u>constitutional complaints</u> lodged in the years 2000 to 2008

			more than 4	1
1 year	2 years	3 years	years	still pending
69,4%	19,0%	4,0%	2,2%	5,4%

Average length of proceedings of <u>constitutional complaints</u> lodged in the years 2000 to 2008



*from the years 2000 to 2008

Constitutional complaints <u>lodged against judicial decisions</u> since 1991

	1991 t	1991 to 2003		04	20	05	2006		2007		2008		
Jurisdiction	First Senate	Second Senate	Total										
a) Civil courts (incl. non-contentious jurisdiction)	17.586	4.690	1.695	464	1.532	327	1.831	359	1.863	356	2.107	458	33.268
b) Criminal courts	410	13.634	49	1.299	25	1.252	50	1.605	47	1.788	40	1.668	21.867
Administrative courts a) general admin. proceedings	5.112	2.802	455	262	436	255	535	321	438	297	432	288	11.633
b) asylum proceedings		7.744		233	-	130		126		89		50	8.372
Social courts	2.433	12	249	1	280	1	370	2	354	1	398	3	4.104
Labour courts	1.651	54	131		88		81	2	139	2	148		2.296
Finance courts	588	1.122	85	103	62	94	93	86	95	68	81	80	2.557
Patent courts	30	1	1		2				3	1	4		42
Courts of honour	91	9			1								101
Disciplinary/professional discipl. courts	242	44	24	6	23	1	16	2	24	5	24		411
Federal Court of Justice in laywer and notary matters	311		26		20		40	1	29	1	25	1	452
Land constitutional courts	183	99	17	9	14	2	8	4	14		26		376
Total	28.637	30.211	2.732	2.377	2.483	2.062	3.024	2.507	3.006	2.607	3.285	2.548	85.479

Judicial decisions rescinded^{1,2,3}

since 1991⁴

1991 to	2003	20	04	20	05	2006		2007		20	80	
First Senate	Second Senate	Total										
Certate	Condic	Certate	Certate	Condic	Coriate	Certate	Certate	Certate	Certate	Certate	Condic	
720	972	69	38	68	58	50	83	75	63	42	61	2.299
	(480)		(5)		(1)		(6)		(2)		(7)	(501)

¹ if several judicial decisions from successive stages of appeal were rescinded in a single set of proceedings, only the last stage of appeal was counted

² if several judicial decisions from different stages of appeal were rescinded in a single set of proceedings, only the last decision was counted in each stage of appeal

³ if after consolidating several proceedings, the same judicial decision challenged was rescinded, it was only counted once

⁴ also in proceedings lodged in previous years

^{() =} of them, asylum proceedings

Constitutional complaints lodged against decisions by <u>federal courts</u>

since 1991

	1991 t	o 2003	2003 20		20	2005		2006		2007		80	
	First Senate	Second Senate	Total										
Federal Court of Justice	2.183	1.684	269	202	253	179	336	261	341	254	342	238	6.542
Federal Administrative Court	1.036	871	111	37	96	33	141	21	103	61	122	59	2.691
Federal Social Court	1.914	9	186		171	1	184	2	217	1	253	1	2.939
Federal Labour Court	1.093	21	58		51		69	1	109	2	121		1.525
Federal Finance Court	503	856	80	87	59	87	75	73	96	60	81	77	2.134
Total	6.729	3.441	704	326	630	300	805	358	866	378	919	375	15.831

Decisions by <u>federal courts</u> rescinded

since 1991*

	1991 bis 2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		
	First Senate	Second Senate	Total										
Federal Court of Justice	52	15	5	2	10	7	2	7	5	4	2		111
Federal Administrative Court	27	82			2		2	1	1	1			116
Federal Social Court	19		5		4		2						30
Federal Labour Court	15			1									16
Federal Finance Court	2	19				1		1					23
Total	115	116	10	3	16	8	6	9	6	5	2		296

^{*} also in proceedings lodged in previous years

Constitutional complaints

lodged against judicial decisions / statutes (legal provisions) / sovereign acts of federal / Land and European
Union authorities in the judicial year 2008

Federati	ion / <i>Länder</i>		icial sions		utes / ovisions	federal / Europea	n acts of Land and an Union orities	<u>Total</u> (Share of overall number of
Inhabitants (million)	(Share of overall population)	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	proceedings (without Federation and EU))
Baden-V	Vürttemberg	258	249	2		8		517
10,7	13,0%			4*	2*			10,5%
Ва	avaria	558	409	8	2	1		978
12,5	15,2%			*	2*			20,0%
E	Berlin	162	164	3	1	4	2	336
3,4	4,1%			1*	*			6,9%
Bran	denburg	39	44					83
2,5	3,1%			*	*			1,7%
Br	remen	19	22		2			43
0,7	0,9%			*	1*			0,9%
На	ımburg	92	111	5		3		211
1,8	2,2%			2*	2*			4,3%
Н	lesse	224	199	4		2		429
6,1	7,4%			4*	2*			8,8%
Mecklenb	-W. Pomerania	45	36	1				82
1,7	2,1%			*	*			1,7%
Lowe	r Saxony	267	232	8	1	2	1	511
8	9,7%			1*	*			10,4%
North Rhir	ne-Westphalia	489	367	1	1	8		866
18	21,9%			2*	31*			17,7%
Rhinelan	nd-Palatinate	82	110	2		1		195
4,1	5,0%			*	*			4,0%
Sa	arland	34	46					80
1	1,2%			*	*			1,6%
Sa	axony	103	82			4		189
4,2	5,1%			*	*			3,9%
Saxo	ny-Anhalt	85	72			1		158
2,4	2,9%			2*	*			3,2%
Schlesv	vig-Holstein	60	55	2				117
2,8	3,4%			*	*			2,4%
Th	uringia	54	44			2		100
2,3	2,8%			*	*			2,0%
Sum	<u>Länder</u>	2.571	2.242	36	7	36	3	4.895
				16*	40*			
Fed	eration	714	301	141	22	11	7	1.196
82,2	mio inhabit.			177*	65*			
	EU		5	1	7		1	14
				*	*			
Ove	<u>rall</u> sum	3.285	2.548	178	36	47	11	6.105
				193*	105*			

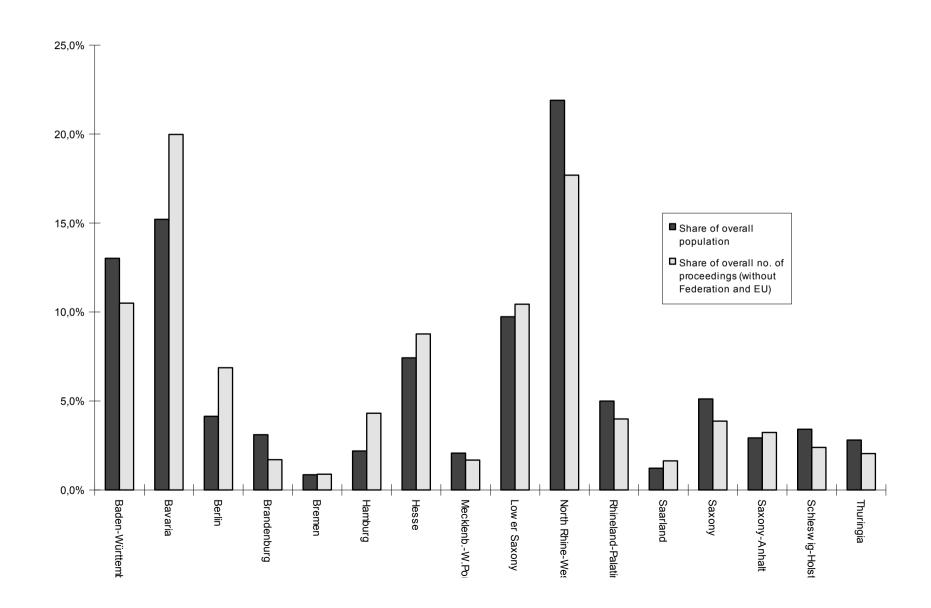
^{*} indirect subject-matter of the challenge

Constitutional complaints
lodged
against judicial decisions / statutes (legal provisions) / sovereign acts of Land authorities
in the judicial year 2008

	Share of overall population	Share of overall no. of proceedings (without Federation and EU)
Baden-Württemberg	13,0%	10,5%
Bavaria	15,2%	20,0%
Berlin	4,1%	6,9%
Brandenburg	3,1%	1,7%
Bremen	0,9%	0,9%
Hamburg	2,2%	4,3%
Hesse	7,4%	8,8%
MecklenbW.Pomerania	2,1%	1,7%
Lower Saxony	9,7%	10,4%
North Rhine-Westphalia	21,9%	17,7%
Rhineland-Palatinate	5,0%	4,0%
Saarland	1,2%	1,6%
Saxony	5,1%	3,9%
Saxony-Anhalt	2,9%	3,2%
Schleswig-Holstein	3,4%	2,4%
Thuringia	2,8%	2,0%

Constitutional complaints lodged

lodged against judicial decisions / statutes (legal provisions) / sovereign acts of *Land* authorities in the judicial year 2008



Constitutional complaints
lodged
against judicial decisions / statutes (legal provisions) / sovereign acts of Land authorities
in the judicial year 2008

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Proceedings involving the concrete review of statutes (Article 100.1 GG)

since 1980

Year	First Senate	Second Senate	Total
1980	59	22	81
1981	55	31	86
1982	33	24	57
1983	55	20	75
1984	29	27	56
1985	26	11	37
1986	85	15	100
1987	60	14	74
1988	35	13	48
1989	20	10	30
1990	22	9	31
1991	21	78 ¹	99
1992	52	85 ²	137
1993	26	64 ³	90
1994	35	20	55
1995	40	14	54
1996	29	14	43
1997	33	12	45
1998	22	16	38
1999	22	18	40
2000	17	9	26
2001	15	12	27
2002	17	19	36
2003	9	6	15
2004	12	13	25
2005	12	14	26
2006	13	61	74
2007	14	13	27
2008	11	22	33

of them, parallel proceedings:

¹ a) Schöneberg Local Court (Amtsgericht): 10

b) Judicial Service Court of Saxony (Sächsisches Richterdienstgericht): 51

² a) Schöneberg Local Court: 18

b) Judicial Service Court of Saxony: 35

³ Schöneberg Local Court: 35

Initial jurisdictions of the proceedings involving the concrete review of statutes (Article 100.1 GG) since 1991

	1991 to	o 2003	20	2004		2005		2006		07	2008		
Initial jurisdiction	First Senate	Second Senate	Total										
Civil courts	113	90	7	3	5		3		1		1		223
Criminal courts	7	79		4	1			49	1	2		6	147
Administrative courts	46	77	1	5	1	8		5	2	6	2	9	160
Social courts	129	1	4		6	1	7	1	7		3	5	162
Labour courts	30	2			1		-	1	1		2		34
Finance courts	13	28	1	1	1	6	1	7	4	5	3	2	72
other courts		90					2						92
Total	338	367	12	13	12	14	13	61	14	13	11	22	890

Provisions objected to by the Federal Constitutional Court as being unconstitutional in the period between 1951 and 31 December 2008

(void, incompatible with the constitution and void, only incompatible - without declaration of nullity)

Period		Law / Ordinance entirely or in part		Provision* entirely in part		Total	First Senate	Second Senate
1951 to 1991	Federation	23	15	89	164	291	188	103
1951 (0 1991	Länder	12	1	52	63	128	53	75
1992 to 2002	Federation	3	1	51	34	89	52	37
1992 to 2002	Länder	3	1	22	2	28	17	11
2003	Federation	-	1	3	9	13	10	3
2003	Länder	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
2004	Federation	1	-	6	8	15	13	2
2004	Länder	2	-	-	-	2	-	2
2005	Federation	1	-	-	8	9	3	6
2005	Länder	-	-	1	4	5	5	-
2006	Federation	1	-	1	4	6	6	-
2006	Länder	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
2007	Federation	-	-	4	1	5	3	2
2007	Länder	-	-	3	-	3	2	1
2009	Federation	-	-	-	8	8	2	6
2008	Länder	-	-	1	6	7	5	2
Total	Federation	29	17	154	236	436	277	159
Total	Länder	18	2	79	76	175	83	92

^{*} if a decision affected several provisions of a law (or ordinance), it was only counted once

Legal provisions examined in proceedings involving the review of statutes and in constitutional complaint proceedings (judicial year 2008)

	Number¹ of						
Provision	600	a ta			Com-	Incom-	Void
	Sei i	iale II	Proceedings/File no. Publication	examined		patible	Void
(legal area) Act for Continuation of the Reform of Business Taxation Art. 3 no. 4 (a) of 29 October 1997 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBI) I p. 2590 - (constitutional boundaries of the Mediation Committee's competence)	.	X	2 BvL 12/01	1	patible	X	
Reich Property Act (RVermG) § 19.1 of 16 May 1961 - BGBI I p. 597 - (entry into force in Berlin (West) of the provisions of the RVermG on property to be reverted		х	2 BvF 4/05 BVerfGE 119, 394	1	Х		
Trade Tax Act (GewStG) § 2.1 sentence 2 in the version promulgated on 14 May 1984 - BGBI I p. 657 -, amended by Art. 10 of the Tax Adjustment Act of 19 December 1985 - BGBI I p. 2436 (2451) - and § 15.3 no. 1 of the Income Tax Act (EStG) in the version promulgated on 27 February 1987 - BGBI I p. 657 (688) - (business enterprises' trade tax liability, § 15.3 no. 1 EStG)	x		1 BvL 2/04	2	×		
EStG § 10.1 no. 2 (a) in conjunction with § 10.3 in the version applicable for the assessment period 1997 and all subsequent versions including the subsequent provision of § 10.1 no. 3 (a) in conjunction with § 10.4, entered into force on 1 January 2005 by the Retirement Income Act of 5 July 2004 - BGBI I p. 1427 -, (constitutionality of the consideration of contributions to health and long-term care insurance in terms of income tax)		x	2 BvL1/06	1		X ²	
North-Rhine Westphalia Constitution Protection Act (VSG NRW) § 5.2 no. 11 in the version promulgated on 20 December 2006 - Law and Ordinance Gazette of North Rhine-Westphalia (GVBI NW) 2006 p. 620 - (fundamental right to the guarantee of the confidentiality and integrity of information technology systems)	х		1 BvR 370/07 1 BvR 595/07	1		х	х
Hesse Public Safety and Order Act (HSOG) § 14.5 in the version promulgated on 14 January 2005 - Law and Ordinance Gazette (GVBI) I p. 14 - and § 184.5 Land Administrative Act (LVwG) Schleswig-Holstein in the version of Article 1 no. 6 (b) of the Act on the Adjustment of Provisions of Police Law and Law of Administrative Procedure of 13 April 2007 - GVBI p. 234 - (automatic number plate recognition)	x		1 BvR 2074/05 1 BvR 1254/07	2		х	х
Hesse Private Broadcasting Act (HPRG) § 6.2 no. 4 of 25 January 1995 - GVBI I pp. 87 et seq, last amended by Article 2 of the Act of 13 December 2002 - GVBI I p. 778 - (participation of political parties in private broadcasting enterprises)		x	2 BvF 4/03	1		X²	
Inheritance Tax Act (ErbStG) § 13.1 no. 18 of 17 April 1974 - BGBI I p. 933 - (tax-free donations to political parties)		Х	2 BvL 4/05	1		X²	
Transsexuals Act (TSG) § 8.1 no. 2 of 10 September 1980 - BGBI I p. 1654 - in the version of the Act Amending the Passport Act and other Provisions of 20 July 2007 - BGBI I p. 1566 - (recognition under the law on civil status of a married transsexual's new gender affiliation)	х		1 BvL 10/05	1		X²	

Legal provisions examined in proceedings involving the review of statutes and in constitutional complaint proceedings (judicial year 2008)

	Number¹ of						
Provision	Ser	nate	Proceedings/File no.	provisions	Com-	Incom-	Void
(legal area)	1	Ш	Publication	examined	patible	patible	
Land Civil Service Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (LBG NRW) § 25b in the version of the Act of 20 April 1999 - GVBI NRW p. 278 - and in all subsequent versions (appointment of civil servants to senior executive positions on a fixed-term basis)		x	2 BvL 11/07	1		Х	х
Civil Servants Pension Act (BeamtVG) § 85.4 sentence 2 in the version promulgated on 16 March 1999 - BGBI I p. 322 - (calculation of part-time civil servants' pension rates)		х	2 BvL 6/07	1		X²	х
Federal Electoral Act (BWG) § 7.3 sentence 2 in conjunction with § 6.4 and 6.5 in the Version of the 17th Act to Amend the Federal Electoral Act of 11 March 2005 - BGBI I p. 674 - (effect of what is known as the negative voting weight or inverse success value)		х	2 BvC 1/07 2 BvC 7/07	1		X²	
Land Non-Smoking Act (LNRSchG) Baden-Württemberg § 7.1 sentence 1 and 7.5 sentence 2 of 25 July 2007 - Law Gazette (GBI) BW p. 337 - and § 2.1 no. 8 of the Berlin Non-Smoking Act (NRSG) of 16 November 2007 - Berlin Law and Ordinance Gazette p. 578 - (ban on smoking in eating and drinking establishments)	х		1 BvR 3262/07 1 BvR 402/08 1 BvR 906/08	2		X²	
Act on Legal Advice and Representation for Citizens with Low Income (BerHG) § 2.2 of 18 June 1980 - BGBI I p. 689 - in the version of the Act Amending the Act on Legal Advice and Representation for Citizens with Low Income and other Statutes of 14 September 1994 - BGBI I p. 2323 - (grant of legal advice and representation in matters related to child benefit according to the Income Tax Act)	x		1 BvR 2310/06	1		X²	
Single Payment Implementation Act (BetrPrämDurchfG) Art. 1 §§ 2, 4.1 with Appendix 1, § 5.1 and § 6.1 with Appendix 3 of 21 July 2004 in the version of the Act Amending the Single Payment Implementation Act of 23 July 2004 - BGBI I p. 1861 -, promulgated in its new version on 26 July 2004 - BGBI I p. 1868 - (grant of single farm payments)	х		1 BvF 4/05	1	X		
Sixth Book of the Code of Social Law (SGB VI) § 237.4 sentence 1 no. 3 in the version of Art. 1 no. 76 of the Pension Reform Act (RRG) 1999 of 16 December 1997 - BGBI I p. 2998 -, last amended by Art. 1 no. 8 of the 5th Act Amending the SGB VI of 4 December 2004 - BGBI I p. 3183 - and § 237.3 SGB VI in the version of Art. 1 no. 76 RRG 1999 of 16 December 1997 - BGBI I p. 2998 - in conjunction with § 77.2 sentence 1 no. 2 letter a SGB VI in its version of Art. 1 no. 22 of the Act Reforming the Pensions for Reduced Earning Capacity of 20 December 2000 - BGBI I p. 1827 - (favourable treatment of insured persons with 45 obligatory contribution years when drawing old-age pensions on account of unemployment or part-time work leading into retirement)	x		1 BvL 3/05 1 BvL 4/05 1 BvL 5/05 1 BvL 6/05 1 BvL 7/05	1	X		
EStG § 9.2 sentences 1 and 2 in the version applicable since the entry into force of the Tax Reform Act 2007 of 19 July 2006 - BGBI I p. 1652		х	2 BvL 1/07 2 BvL 2/07 2 BvL 1/08 2 BvL 2/08	1		х	

Legal provisions examined in proceedings involving the review of statutes and in constitutional complaint proceedings (judicial year 2008)

Provision	Sen	ate	Proceedings/File no.	Number¹ of provisions	Com-	Incom-	Void
(legal area)	ı	Ш	Publication	examined	patible	patible	
Total	8	9		20	4	5 8²	4

¹ if a decision concerned several provisions of a law or ordinance, it was only counted once

² partial incompatibility

Abuse fees levied

since 1962

	First	Senate	Secon	d Senate	Т	otal
Year	Sum	Number of abuse fees levied	Sum	Number of abuse fees levied	Sum	Number of abuse fees levied
		1962 to 200	01 in German	marks (DM)		
1962	3.510	34	7.040	87	10.550	121
1963	3.610	34	4.580	39	8.190	73
1964	2.965	32	4.400	20	7.365	52
1965	6.230	53	2.000	14	8.230	67
1966	5.720	35	300	3	6.020	38
1967	2.320	19	600	8	2.920	27
1968	2.480	13	3.200	36	5.680	49
1969	3.600	29	2.050	17	5.650	46
1970	6.200	29	4.530	32	10.730	61
1971	780	5	7.340	36	8.120	41
1972	570	7	5.110	30	5.680	37
1973	1.790	12	6.800	31	8.590	43
1974	2.020	15	7.190	29	9.210	44
1975	3.100	15	10.330	43	13.430	58
1976	3.350	19	9.200	32	12.550	51
1977	4.600	28	17.770	64	22.370	92
1978	5.730	34	27.310	115	33.040	149
1979	3.650	22	15.900	69	19.550	91
1980	28.550	114	31.450	216	60.000	330
1981	46.200	121	18.450	73	64.650	194
1982	23.500	59	18.880	97	42.380	156
1983	10.800	33	8.120	98	18.920	131
1984	12.200	22	26.250	119	38.450	141
1985	5.550	12	21.180	82	26.730	94

	First	Senate	Secon	d Senate	Т	otal
Year	Sum	Number of abuse fees levied	Sum	Number of abuse fees levied	Sum	Number of abuse fees levied
1986	21.100	24	20.470	41	41.570	65
1987	12.200	6	20.750	34	32.950	40
1988	18.900	10	19.400	21	38.300	31
1989	54.740	24	7.750	10	62.490	34
1990	3.000	2	8.550	12	11.550	14
1991	6.700	4	5.900	7	12.600	11
1992	2.500	1	12.530	11	15.030	12
1993			19.310	13	19.310	13
1994	4.000	2	26.100	31	30.100	33
1995	3.800	3	15.200	18	19.000	21
1996	8.700	11	18.200	20	26.900	31
1997	200	1	14.000	20	14.200	21
1998	4.500	5	10.100	12	14.600	17
1999	5.750	5	46.700	61	52.450	66
2000	3.000	3	27.000	28	30.000	31
2001	9.300	5	7.500	16	16.800	21
Total DM = €	347.415 177.630	902	539.440 275.811	1.745	886.855 453.441	2.647
		fro	om 2002 in eu	ros		
2002	2.500	8	5.950	18	8.450	26
2003	1.650	6	2.400	10	4.050	16
2004	2.970	7	4.400	10	7.370	17
2005	3.500	7	2.950	6	6.450	13
2006	8.000	8	9.490	23	17.490	31
2007	700	2	7.175	13	7.875	15
2008	2.000	3	9.400	9	11.400	12
Total	198.950	943	317.576	1.834	516.526	2.777

Abuse fees levied pursuant to § 34.2 BVerfGG

New proceedings

a) constitutional complaints		2007	2008
	First Senate	3.304	3.612
	Second Senate	2.701	2.633
	Total	6.005	6.245
b) motions for a temporary injunc	ction	2007	2008
	First Senate	49	54
	Second Senate	53	39
	Total	102	93

		Number and share of the total of constitutional complaints/motions for temporary injunctions		Total amount in €		Smallest amount in €		Highest amount in €	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
First Senate	Constitutional complaints	2 (0,06%)	3 (0,08%)	700	2.000	200	500	500	1.000
Socond Sonato	Constitutional complaints	13 (0,48%)	8 (0,30%)	7.175	9.300	25	200	1.600	2.600
Second Senate- t	Motions for a temporary injunction	()	1 (2,56%)		100	·	·		
Total		15 (0,25%)	12 (0,19%)	7.875	11.400				

Amounts broken down

	2007	2008					
First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate				
1 x 200€	1 x 25€	2 x 500€	1 x 100€				
1 x 500€	1 x 100€	1 x 1.000€	1 x 200€				
	1 x 150€		2 x 250€				
	2 x 250€		1 x 500€				
	1 x 300€		1 x 1.500€				
	3 x 500€		2 x 2.000€				
	3 x 1.000€		1 x 2.600€				
	1 x 1.600€						

B. Overview

of the matters dealt with by the **First Senate**

in the judicial year 2008

General overview

	previo pendir	ings from us years ng on 31 ber 2007	New pro	New proceedings 2008		Together		iinated	Still pending
Proceedings involving the abstract review of statutes - BvF -	3	(4)	-1	()	3	(4)	1	(1)	2
Proceedings involving the concrete review of statutes - BvL -	30	(30)	11	(14)	41	(44)	12	(14)	29
Motions for a temporary injunction - BvQ -	2	(1)	54*	(49*)	56	(50)	55	(48)	1
Constitutional complaints - BvR -	1.246	(1.373)	3.612*	(3.304*)	4.858	(4.677)	3.357	(3.431)	1.501
	1.281	(1.408)	3.677	(3.367)	4.958	(4.775)	3.425	(3.494)	1.533

BvQ 17 (17) BvR 1.482 (1.707)

() = figures from the previous year

^{*} of them, transfers from the General Register (§ 61.2 and 61.3 of the Federal Constitutional Court's Rules of Procedure - GOBVerfG):

New proceedings

1. Proceedings involving the concrete review of statutes:

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a)	пош	me	courts	ΟI	ordinary	Jui	ISC	lici	поп

Local -- (--) Reg. 1 (--) Higher -- (1) Fed. -- (--) = 1 (1)

Courts: Regional Court

Courts: of Justice:

b) from the administrative courts

Adm. 2 (1) Higher -- (--) Federal -- (1) = 2 (2)
Courts: Admin.
Courts: Court:

c) from the social courts

Social 2 (7) Higher 1 (--) Federal -- (--) = 3 (7)

Courts: Social Social

Courts: Court:

d) from the labour courts

Lab. 1 (--) Higher 1 (--) Federal -- (--) = 2 (--)

Courts: Labour

Courts: Court:

e) from the finance courts

Fin. 2 (2) Federal 1 (2) = 3 (4) Courts: Fin. C.

f) from the disciplinary courts and the disciplinary courts for the professions = -- (--)

= 11 (14)

() = figures from the previous year

2. Constitutional complaints lodged against

2.1.	Decisions of the			2007	2008
	a) courts of ordinary jurisdiction			1.910	2.147
	of them	2007	2008		
	1. in civil matters (including matters of non-contentious jurisdiction)	1.863	2.107		
	2. in criminal matters	47	40		
	b) administrative courts			438	432
	c) social courts			354	398
	d) labour courts			139	148
	e) finance courts			95	81
	f) patent courts			3	4
	g) lawyers' disciplinary courts				
	h) disciplinary courts, disciplinary courts for the profession	S		24	24
	i) Federal Court of Justice in lawyer and notary matters			29	25
	j) Land constitutional courts			14	26
2.2.	a) laws and ordinances (directly)			96	178
	b) legislative omission			1	2
2.3.	other sovereign acts by:				
	a) European authorities				
	b) supreme federal authorities			22	11
	c) Land authorities			57	36
	d) local government authorities			3	6
2.4.	other general matters of challenge			119	94
				<u>3.304</u>	3.612
	of them: with counsel without counsel			1.636 1.668	1.910 1.702

Proceedings terminated

1. Final decisions

	a) <u>Senate:</u>				
	aa) judgment	_ 4	(4)		
	decided jointly in consolidated proceedings* 4 (3)				
	bb) order	8	(11)		
	of them pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG				
	decided jointly in consolidated proceedings* 6 (3)				
				12	(15)
	b) <u>Chambers:</u>				
	aa) order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	. 3	(4)		
	decided jointly in consolidated proceedings* ()				
	bb) non-acceptance/denial of temporary injunction 3.0	081	(3.317)		
	decided jointly in consolidated proceedings* 81 (41)				
	cc) grant of relief sought	39	(64)		
	decided jointly in consolidated proceedings*1 (10)				
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			3.123	(3.385)
2.	Proceedings terminated in other ways:				
۷.	·				
	*a) decided jointly in consolidated proceedings (see above)		(57)		
	b) withdrawal of constitutional complaints	182	(20)		
	c) transfer to the Second Senate	3	(5)		
	d) rescission of referral orders		<i>(</i> = <i>)</i>		
	by the referring court	2	(5)		
	e) withdrawal of an application	2	(2)		
	f) proceedings having lost their subject-matter	9	(4)		
	(e.g. by the complainant's death, an amendment of the law, the complainant's				
	being deprived of a cause of action, etc)				
	g) § 7.3 of the Records Ordinance(AktO; non-pursuance of the proceedings)		(1)		
	(, F F			290	(94)
					` /
	Tot	al		3.425	(3.494)

3.1. Interim / incidental decisions of the Senate and the Chambers within proceedings in the main action

	2007	200
a) a temporary injunction	41	42
issuance 7 (12)		
repetition 6 (5)		
rejection 14 (22)		
revocation (1) objection (1)		
termination 15 ()		
b) exclusion of a judge	2	
c) disqualification of a judge (also self-disqualification)		
d) grant of legal aid and assignment of counsel to the assisted party	4	8
e) setting of a date for an oral hearing	8	7
f) appointment of experts	1	
g)service by public notice		
h) partial non-acceptance of a constitutional complaint (§ 25.3 BVerfGG)	1	
i)reimbursement of expenses	9	4
j) determination of the amount involved	45	40
k)remonstrance		
l)restitutio in integrum	1	1
m) correction, amendment, completion, etc. of decisions	2	5
n) legal remedies against orders of the judicial officer fixing lawyer's fees/other costs	2	3
	116	11
Fixing of costs / of remuneration by the judicial officer		
a) pursuant to § 34a.2 and 34a.3 BVerfGG, § 104 of the Code of Civil Procedure (ZPO)	8	2
b)pursuant to § 19 of the Federal Fee Schedule for Lawyers (BRAGO), § 11 of the Lawyers' Remuneration Act (RVG)	4	6
	3	1
c) in the context of legal aid	2	4
c) in the context of legal aid d) legal remedies against orders fixing lawyer's fees/other costs		1

() = figures from the previous year

Total numbers of constitutional complaint proceedings terminated

Procee	dings			sions pass e Sena				by	Decision the C h	s passed a m b e	r s ¹		With-	Transfer to the	termin- ated other-	Proce	eedings
pendin previous new prod 20	years and ceedings	success-	unsuc-	inad-	§ 93b sentence 2,	decided	1	Non-acceptanc	e <u>e</u>	decided	<u>Grant</u>	decided	drawals 1	Second Senate ¹	wise 1		from the ears
		ful	cessful	missible	§ 24 BVerfGG	jointly	reasoned	reasoning in the operat. provisions	not reasoned	jointly		jointly					
2000	1																2000
2001 2002	2 11																2001 2002
2003	22		1													8	2003
2004	73	1					574	957	1.501	81	36	1(1)	182	3	8	31	2004
2005	113	1														50	2005
2006 2007	249 775	3	1			4(3)										106 249	2006 2007
2007	3.612	3	1			2(2)										1.057	2008
Total:	4.858		8	(6 ²)		6 (5 ²)	3.032			81	36 ³	1 (1 3)	182 4	3	8	1.501	Total
Figures from the previous year	4.677		10	(72)		6 (53)	3.275			38	63 ³	10 (10 ³)	20 4	4	5	1.246	Figures from the previous year

¹ from all years of entry

² of them, with counsel: 11 [previous year: 12], without counsel: -- [previous year: --]

³ of them, with counsel: 31 [previous year: 61], without counsel: 6 [previous year: 12]

⁴ of them, after a letter from the rapporteur recommending the complainant to withdraw the constitutional complaint: 3 [previous year: 1]

^{() =} successful constitutional complaints: Senate decisions and grants by the Chambers (including proceedings decided jointly), together: 48 [previous year: 85]

Total numbers of proceedings terminated (without constitutional complaints)

Proceedings	Proceedi	ngs pend-		Decision by the	ons pass S e n a						sions passe C h a m b			With-	Transfer	Proceedings terminated otherwise (rescission of	pendi	eedings ing from
pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	years a	previous and new ings 2008	successful	unsuccessful	inad- mis- sible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	decided jointly	Re- jection	decided jointly	Grant	decided jointly	Order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	decided jointly	drawals	Second	the referral order, proceedings having lost their subject-matter, etc.)		J
	2005	3		1												ŕ	2	2005
No. 6 (BvF)	2008																	2008
	Total:	3		1													2	Total
	2002	1										1						2002
	2004	1		1														2004
	2005	9	1	1			4					1					2	2005
No. 11 (BvL)	2006	6															6	2006
	2007	13														2	11	2007
	2008	11										1					10	2008
	Total:	41	1	2			4					3				2	29	Total
	2007	2						2										2007
§ 32 (BvQ)	2008	54						47		3				2		1	1	2008
	Total:	56						49		3				2		1	1	Total

C. Overview

of the matters dealt with by the **Second** Senate

in the judicial year 2008

General overview

	previou pendin	ings from us years ag on 31 ber 2007	New pr	oceedings 2008	Tog	ether	Term	inated	Still pending
Scrutiny of elections and of the status as a member of the <i>Bundestag</i> - BvC -	19	(13)	1*	(11*)	20	(24)	6	(5)	14
Organstreit proceedings - BvE -	7	(7)	6	(6*)	13	(13)	3	(6)	10
Abstract review of statutes - BvF -	6	(7)		(1)	6	(8)	2	(2)	4
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Länder</i> - BvG -	2	(2)		()	2	(2)		()	2
Other disputes involving public law - BvH -		()		()		()		()	
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> - BvK -	1	(1)		(1)	1	(2)	1	(1)	
Concrete review of statutes - BvL -	41	(36)	22*	(13)	63	(49)	26	(8)	37
Review of international law - BvM -	1	(11)	-1	(1)	1	(12)	1	(11)	
Temporary injunctions - BvQ -	2	(2)	39*	(53*)	41	(55)	37	(53)	4
Constitutional complaints - BvR -	1.142	(1.185)	2.633*	(2.701*)	3.775	(3.886)	2.733	(2.744)	1.042
	1.221	(1.264)	2.701	(2.787)	3.922	(4.051)	2.809	(2.830)	1.113

^{*} of them, transfers from the General Register (§ 61.2 and 61.3 GOBVerfG):

BvC	1	(2)
BvE		(1)
BvL	4	()
BvQ	1	(7)
BvR	830	(886)

()= figures from the previous year

New proceedings

1. Proceedings involving the concrete review of statutes:

() = figures from the previous year

a)	from the	cour	ts of ordi	nary jurisd	ictic	on								
	Local Courts:	5	(1)	Reg. Courts:		(1)	Higher Regional Courts:	1	()	Fed. Court of Justic	()	=	6	(2)
b)	from the	admi	inistrative	courts			courts.			or vasire				
	Adm. Courts:	9	(5)	Higher Admin.		()	Federal Admin. Court:		(1)			=	9	(6)
c)	from the	socia	al courts											
	Social Courts:		()	Higher Social Courts	1	()	Federal Social Court	4	()			=	5	()
d)	from the	labo	ur courts											
	Lab. Courts		()	Higher Labour Courts:		()	Federal Labour Court:		()			=		()
e)	from the	finar	nce courts											
	Fin. Courts:		(5)	Federal Fin. C.	2	()						=	2	(5)
f)	from the	disci	plinary co	ourts and t	he d	isciplina	ry courts for	the p	orofessio	ns		=		()
												= .	22	(13)

2. Constitutional complaints lodged against:

2.1. Decisions of the	2007	2008
a) courts of ordinary jurisdiction	2.144	2.126
of them 2007 2008		
1. in civil matters 356 (including matters of non-contentious jurisdiction)		
2. in criminal matters 1.788 1.668		
b) administrative courts - of them, asylum proceedings: 50 (89) -	386	338
c) social courts	1	3
d) labour courts	2	
e) finance courts	68	80
f) patent courts	1	
g) lawyers' disciplinary courts		
h) disciplinary courts, disciplinary courts for the professions	5	
i) Federal Court of Justice in Lawyer and Notary Matters		1
j) Land constitutional courts		
2.2. a) laws and ordinances (directly)	15	36
b) legislative omission		23
2.3. other sovereign acts by:		
a) European authorities	1	1
b) supreme federal authorities	15	7
c) Land authorities	9	3
d) local government authorities	1	1
2.4. other general matters of challenge	53	14
	<u>2.701</u>	<u>2.633</u>
of them: with counsel without counsel	1.420 1.281	1.327 1.306

Proceedings terminated

1. Final decisions

	a) Sen	nate:				
	aa)	judgment	6	(6)		
		decided jointly in consolidated proceedings* 3 (3)			
	bb)	order	15	(14)		
		of them pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG 5 (7)				
		p. to § 93b sent. 2 BVerfGG1 ()	^			
		decided jointly in consolidated proceedings*1 (7			21	(20)
	b) <u>Cha</u>	ambers:			21	(20)
	aa)	order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	5	(3)		
	Ź	decided jointly in consolidated proceedings* (2				
	bb)	non-acceptance/denial of temporary injunction		(2.543)		
	ĺ	decided jointly in consolidated proceedings* 20 (68				
	cc)	grant of relief sought	60	(60)		
		decided jointly in consolidated proceedings* 3 (-)			
					2 701	(2.606)
					2.701	(2.000)
2.	Proce	edings terminated in other ways:				
	a) dec	eided jointly in consolidated proceedings (see above)	27	(80)		
	b) with	hdrawal of constitutional complaints	20	(61)		
	c) tran	nsfer to the First Senate	3	(16)		
	d) reso	cission of referral orders				
	by 1	the referring court	9	(3)		
	e) with	hdrawal of an application	1	(8)		
	f) pro	ceedings having lost their subject-matter	22	(35)		
	, ,	g. by the complainant's death,				
		amendment of the law, the complainant's				
		ng deprived of a cause of action, etc.)	5	(1)		
	g) § /.	.3 AktO (non-pursuance of the proceedings)		(1)		
					87	(204)
					2 809	(2.830)

() = figures from the previous year

3.1. Interim / incidental decisions of the Senate and the Chambers within proceedings in the main action

	2007	2008
concerning		
a) a temporary injunction	15	22
issuance 9 (4)		
repetition 4 (2)		
rejection 9 (9)		
revocation ()		
objection () termination ()		
b) exclusion of a judge	3	1
c) disqualification of a judge (also self-disqualification)	3	
d) grant of legal aid and assignment of counsel to the assisted party	2	2
e) setting of a date for the oral hearing		
f) appointment of experts		
g) service by public notice	1	
h) partial non-acceptance of a constitutional complaint (§ 25.3 BVerfGG)		
i) reimbursement of expenses	3	1
j) determination of the amount involved	59	46
k) remonstrance		2
l) restitutio in integrum	1	
m) correction, amendment, completion etc. of decisions	1	
n) legal remedies against orders of the judicial officer fixing lawyer's fees/other costs		1
	88	75
Fixing of costs / of remuneration by the judicial officer		
a) pursuant to § 34a.2 and 34a.3 BVerfGG, § 104 ZPO	47	56
b) pursuant to § 19 BRAGO, § 11 RVG	3	3
c) in the context of legal aid	1	
d) legal remedies against orders fixing lawyer's fees/other costs		1
e) compensation to witnesses and experts		
	51	60

() = figures from the previous year

Total numbers of constitutional complaint proceedings terminated

Proceedir	ngs		Decisions passed by the S e n a t e						Decision the C h				With-	Transfer to the	termin- ated other-	Proce	eedings
pending f previous y	ears/	success-	unsuc-	inad-	§ 93b sentence 2,	decided	N	on-acceptan	<u>ce</u>	decided	Grant	decided	drawals 1	Second Senate ¹	wise 1		from the ears
and new proceedings		ful	cessful	missible	§ 24 BVerfGG	jointly	reasoned	reasoning in the operat. provisions	not reasoned	jointly		jointly					
	1 5 6 8 26 34 124 938 2.633		1		1	1 ()	371	167	2.065	19	60	3 (3)	20	3	22	1 3 3 1 12 14 34 120 854	2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008
Total: 3	3.775		2	(- - 2)		1 (2)		2.603		19	60 ³	3 (3)	20 4	3	22	1.042	Total:
Figures from the previous year	3.886		4	(3 ²)		1 1 (1 ⁻²)		2.508		63	59 ³	()	61	16	32	1.142	Figures from the previous year

¹ from all years of entry

² of them, with counsel: -- [previous year: 4], without counsel: -- [previous year: --]

³ of them, with counsel: 50 [previous year: 41], without counsel: 13 [previous year: 18]

⁴ of them, after a letter from the rapporteur recommending the complainant to withdraw the constitutional complaint: 2 [previous year: 4]

^{() =} successful constitutional complaints: Senate decisions and grants by the Chambers (including proceedings decided jointly, together: 63 [previous year: 63]

Total number of proceedings terminated (without constitutional complaints)

Proceedings pursu	ant	Proceedi	from			cisions pas the Sen						ons passed h a m b e r	S		With-	Transfer to the	Proceedings terminated otherwise (rescission of the		ngs pending
to § 13 BVerfGG		previous ye new proces 2008	ars and edings	success- ful	unsuc- sessful	inad- missible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	decided jointly	Re- jection	decided jointly	Grant	decided jointly	Order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	decided jointly	drawals	First Senate	referral order, proceedings having lost their subject- matter, etc.)	from	the years
		2005	2															2	2005
No .2 (By	G)	2008																	2008
		Total:	2															2	Total:
		2003	1															1	2003
		2004	5															5	2004
No. 3 (By	.(7)	2006	2				1											1	2006
NO. 3 (B)	()	2007	11	2			3											6	2007
	ı	2008	1															1	2008
		Total:	20	2			4											14	Total:
		2003	1	1															2003
		2005	1															1	2005
No. 5 (By	,E)	2006	1															1	2006
100. 3 (6)	(E)	2007	4				1										1	2	2007
		2008	6															6	2008
		Total:	13	1			1										1	10	Total:
		2003	1	1															2003
		2005	3		1													2	2005
No. 6 (By	Æ)	2006	1															1	2006
10.0 (B)	11)	2007	1															1	2007
		2008																	2008
		Total:	6	1	1													4	Total:
		2007	1	1															2007
No. 10 (By	K)	2008																	2008
		Total:	1	1															Total:

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Total number of proceedings terminated (without constitutional complaints)

Proceedings p	pursuant	Procee pending	g from			eisions pas the Sen						ons passed h a m b e r	s		With-	Transfer to the	Proceedings terminated otherwise (rescission of the		ngs pending
to § 13 BVerfG		previous y new proc 200	eedings	success- ful	unsuc- sessful	inad- missible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	decided jointly	Re- jection	decided jointly	Grant	decided jointly	Order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	decided jointly	drawals		referral order, proceedings having lost their subject- matter, etc.)	from t	he years
		2000	1															1	2000
		2001	1	1															2001
		2002	2															2	2002
		2003	3										2					1	2003
No. 11	(BvL)	2004	4															4	2004
	, ,	2005	7	1									1				3	2	2005
		2006	11	1													3	7	2006
		2007	12	3				1									3	5	2007
		2008	22			1		2					2				2	15	2008
		Total:	63	6		1		3					5				11	37	Total:
		2006	1		1														2006
No. 12	(BvM)	2008																	2008
		Total:	1		1			1			-	-		-				-	Total:
		2007	2							1								1	2007
§ 32	(BvQ)	2008	39						33						1		2	3	2008
		Total:	41						33	1					1		2	4	Total:

D. Overview

of the matters dealt with in the **General Register** (GR)

in the judicial years 1998 to 2008

Matters dealt with in the General Register (GR) since 1998

		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Total number of entries	7.090	7.750	8.060	8.536	8.650	7.783	7.945	9.014	8.536	8.450	8.547
	of them											
1. i	nquiries (§ 60.1a GOBVerfG)	1.856	2.133	1.861	1.513	1.487	1.486	1.319	1.334	1.296	1.139	1.208
2. (general letters / expressions of opinion			2.195	3.059 ¹	3.263 ¹	1.982 ¹	1.898	2.173	1.877	1.678	2.077
3. a	anonymous letters (§ 60.1b GOBVerfG)	42	31	32	19	17	17	17	15	29	23	21
	submissions and constitutional complaints (§ 60.2a and 60.2b GOBVerfG)	5.192	5.586	3.972	3.945	3.883	4.298	4.711	5.492 ²	5.334 ²	5.610 ²	5.241
	of them a) transferred to the register of proceedings (§ 61.2 GOBVerfG) after previous instruction of the complainant											
	First Senate			583	703	838	1.014	839	879	1.086	1.065	955
	Second Senate			394	462	487	621	533	503	575	591	574
	Sum			977	1.165	1.325	1.635	1.372	1.382	1.661	1.656	1.529
I	Percentage: b) transferred to the register of proceedings (§ 61.2 GOBVerfG) without previous instruction ⁴				30%	34%	38%	29%	25%	31%	30%	29%
	First Senate			165	214	94	102	264	410	521	659	544
	Second Senate			113	144	46	49	156	190	277	305	262
	Sum			278	358	140	151	420	600	798	964	806
	Total:	1.397	1.216	1.255	1.523	1.465	1.786	1.792	1.982	2.459	2.620	2.335
(c) after instruction by the General Register (GR)				_							
	terminated:	3.795	4.370	2.717	3.798 ³	3.648 ³	2.630 ³	2.888 ³	3.155 ³	3.332 ³	3.164 ³	2.945 ³
		73%	78%									

¹ of them in 2001: 238; 2002: 780 concerning the same proceedings (permit for ritual slaughter for Muslim butchers)

² of them in 2005: 183; 2007: 102 constitutional complaints concerning the same proceedings (EU Constitution)

³ also matters from previous years

⁴ e.g. because the complainant requested the matter to be entered into the GR or because further legal remedies were pending