



Federal Constitutional Court

- Annual Statistics 2015 -

2015 – Trend Reversal or Calm Before the Storm?

Fortunately, the last year did not bring a further increase in new proceedings. The total numbers in the register of proceedings are approximately 5,900 and in the General Register slightly above 8,800 proceedings or new proceedings.

This brief “respite” led to two particularly positive aspects:

Firstly, it enabled both Senates to intensively prepare for the large-scale proceedings concerning the prohibition of the National Democratic Party and the nuclear phase-out and the respective upcoming oral hearings that are scheduled to last several days.

Secondly, for the first time since 2007, the number of proceedings terminated significantly surpassed the number of new proceedings entered into the register of proceedings. Currently, a total of approximately 3,600 proceedings are pending before the Federal Constitutional Court. The very high number of new proceedings brought in the years 2008 to 2014 alone led to a “backlog” of more than 1,000 proceedings not terminated.

This year’s total number of proceedings in the register of proceedings is at the level of the year 2012. The following years 2013 and 2014 brought the highest numbers of new proceedings in the Court’s history. One can only hope that this development will not repeat itself in the coming years.

Unfortunately, there is nothing to indicate that this decrease in the number of new proceedings marks a real trend reversal that could lead to a significant reduction of the Court’s workload. For many years, the number of large-scale, complex proceedings dealt with by the Senates has been very high. Taking a look at the overall political situation in Germany and Europe, it is more likely that, in the near future, the number of proceedings will increase.

Karlsruhe, February 2016

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for the Judicial Year 2015

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Proceedings Brought

between 7 September 1951 and 31 December 2015

<u>Proceedings brought</u> (total)	220.353	; of these,	
	212.827	(96,58%)	constitutional complaints,
	3.790	(1,72%)	abstract ¹ and specific ²
	9	(0,01%)	judicial review proceedings,
	3.702	(1,68%)	proceedings concerning the prohibition of political parties
			other types of proceedings, e.g. disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (federal states), disputes between highest federal organs and other constitutional disputes at the federal and the <i>Laender</i> level
	25	(0,01%)	former types of proceedings conducted until 1960 ³

<u>Proceedings concluded</u> (total)	216.741	; of these,	
	209.374	(96,60%)	constitutional complaints; of these 4872 were successful = 2.3% ,
	3.717	(1,71%)	abstract and specific
	8	(0,01%)	judicial review proceedings,
	3.617	(1,67%)	proceedings concerning the prohibition of political parties
	25	(0,01%)	other types of proceedings
			former types of proceedings conducted until 1960

<u>Proceedings still pending</u>	3.612	; of these,	
	3.453	(95,60%)	constitutional complaints,
	73	(2,02%)	abstract and specific
	1	(0,03%)	judicial review proceedings,
	85	(2,35%)	proceedings concerning the prohibition of political parties
			other types of proceedings

of these,

1.710	(47,34%)	are dealt with by the First Senate, and
1.902	(52,66%)	are dealt with by the Second Senate

¹ Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 2 of the Basic Law (*Grundgesetz* - GG)

² Art. 100 sec. 1 GG

³ File numbers: BvT and PBvV, see page 7

New Proceedings Brought Since 7 September 1951

Year	First Senate	Second Senate	Total
1951	476* (473+3 ¹ & ⁴)	5	481
1952	1008* (1,005+3 ² & ⁴)	9	1.017
1953	736* (735+1 ²)	7	743
1954	571* (567+4 ²)	6	577
1955	587* (585+2 ²)	7	594
1956	734* (732+2 ²)	74* (73+1 ¹)	808
1957	807	37* (34+3 ¹)	844
1958	1114* (1,110+4 ² & ³)	96* (95+1 ¹)	1.210
1959	1.190	28	1.218
1960	635* (634+1 ²)	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
 proceedings (see p. 7) on:
¹ Senate jurisdiction
² legal aid
³ plenary decisions
⁴ legal opinions

New Proceedings Brought Since 7 September 1951 (Continued)

Year	First Senate	Second Senate	Total
1971	494	1.048	1.542
1972	655	943	1.598
1973	2.374	947	3.321 ¹
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 these were parallel proceedings (concerning the stability supplement)

² 381 of these were parallel proceedings (concerning § 218 of the Criminal Code, *Strafgesetzbuch*)

New Proceedings Brought Since 7 September 1951 (Continued)

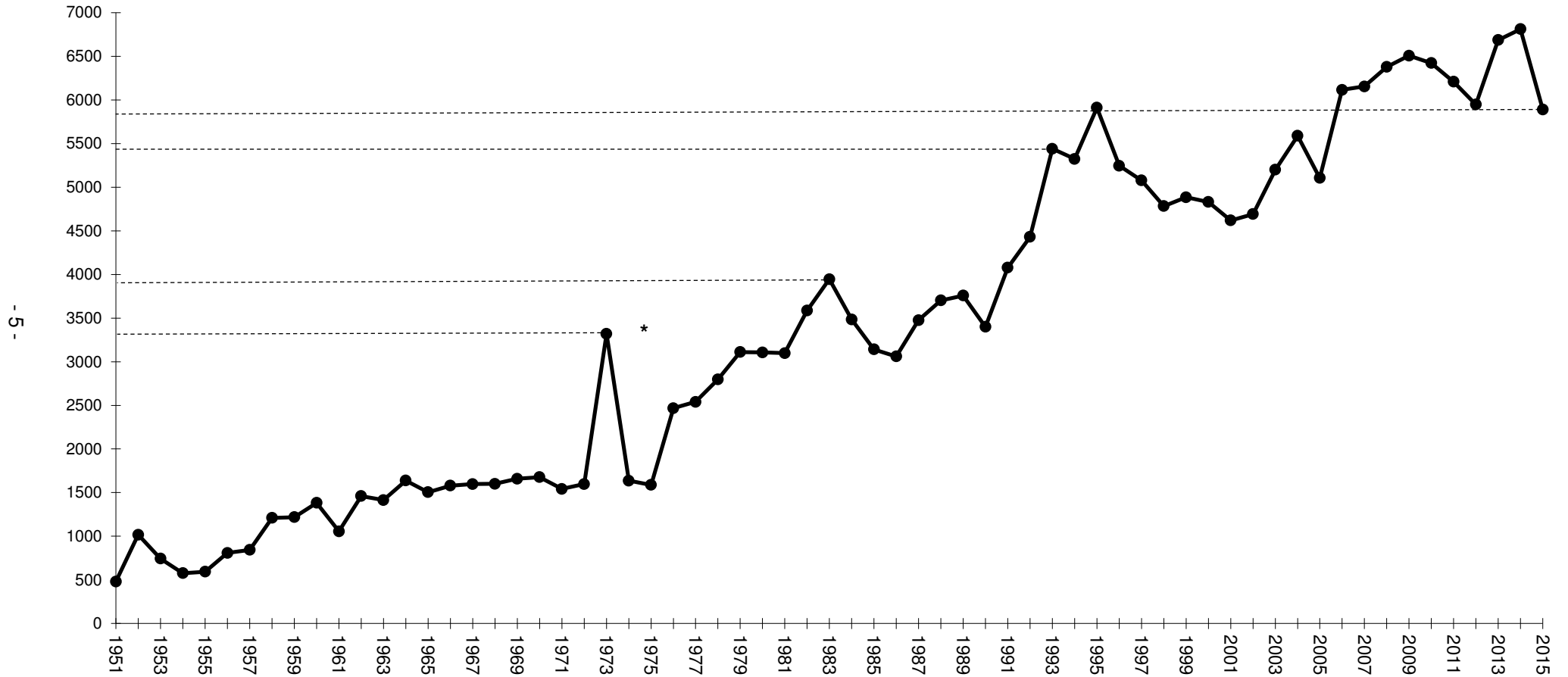
Year	First Senate	Second Senate	Total
1996	2.599	2.647	5.246
1997	2.636	2.442	5.078
1998	2.419	2.364	4.783
1999	2.303	2.582	4.885
2000	2.402	2.429	4.831
2001	2.328	2.292	4.620
2002	2.496	2.196	4.692
2003	2.738	2.462	5.200
2004	3.006	2.583	5.589
2005	2.786	2.319	5.105
2006	3.288	2.827	6.115
2007	3.367	2.787	6.154
2008	3.677	2.701	6.378 ¹
2009	3.321	3.187	6.508
2010	3.331	3.091	6.422 ²
2011	3.288	2.920	6.208
2012	2.864	3.083	5.947
2013	3.710	2.976	6.686
2014	3.561	3.250	6.811 ³
2015	3.320	2.571	5.891

¹ 163 of these were parallel proceedings banking, stock exchange and securities law)

² 130 of these were parallel proceedings (concerning banking, stock exchange and securities law)

³ 116 of these were parallel proceedings (concerning the general right of personality) and 230 parallel proceedings (concerning international law)

New Proceedings Brought Since 7 September 1951



* 1.735 of these were parallel proceedings (concerning the stability supplement)

New Proceedings

Type of Proceedings	File no.	up to 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Art. 18 GG)	BvA	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Rulings on the unconstitutionality of political parties (Art. 21 sec. 2 GG)	BvB	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	9
Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections (Art. 41 sec. 2 GG)	BvC	166	6	11	1	1	16	17	-	12	70	20	320
Impeachment of the Federal President (Art. 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal organs (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 1 GG)	BvE	149	5	6	6	2	3	9	14	14	4	7	219
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional organ (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 2 GG)	BvF	161	1	1	-	2	-	7	3	3	-	2	180
Constitutional disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 3 and Art. 84 sec. 4 sentence 2 GG)	BvG	44	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	--	46
Disputes involving public law (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 4 GG)	BvH	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
Impeachment of judges (Art. 98 secs. 2 and 5 GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes with a <i>Land</i> (state) decided by virtue of their assignment by <i>Land</i> law (Art. 99 GG)	BvK	25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Art. 100 sec. 1 GG)	BvL	3.276	74	27	33	47	19	35	28	18	41	12	3.610
Status of a provision of public international law as part of federal law (Art. 100 sec. 2 GG)	BvM	24	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Interpretation of the Basic Law upon application of a <i>Land</i> constitutional court (Art. 100 sec. 3 GG)	BvN	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Disagreements whether law continues to be valid as federal law (Art. 126 GG)	BvO	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151

New Proceedings (Continued)

Type of Proceedings	File no.	up to 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Proceedings in other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93 sec. 3 GG) - from 1971 onwards -	BvP	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
Preliminary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	1.684	108	102	93	148	132	103	84	161	89	110	2.814
Constitutional complaints (Art. 93 sec. 1 nos. 4a and 4b GG)	BvR	151.424	5.918	6.005	6.245	6.308	6.251	6.036	5.818	6.477	6.606	5.739	212.827
1. Examination of which Senate has jurisdiction - now: administrative file no. 1004/4 E - 2. Grant of legal aid - now: BvR - 3. Plenary decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG) - now: PBvU - - until 1960 -	BvT*	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Disagreements on whether a law meets the requirements of Art. 72 sec. 2 and Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 2a GG - from 1998 onwards -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Referrals by the Federal Court of Justice (<i>Bundesgerichtshof</i>) pursuant to § 36 sec. 2 of the Committees of Inquiry Act (PUAG) - from 2001 onwards -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications pursuant to Art. 93 sec. 2 GG - from 2006 onwards -	BvY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement of a Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court due to incapacity for office or for other reasons (§ 105 BVerfGG)	PBvS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plenary decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG)	BvU / PBvU	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Legal opinions issued by the Plenary (§ 97 BVerfGG) - until 1952 -	PBvV*	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sum of all Proceedings:		157.233	6.115	6.154	6.378	6.508	6.422	6.208	5.947	6.686	6.811	5.891	220.353

* former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

Decisions Issued by the Plenary, the Senates and the Chambers

Type of Proceedings	File no.	up to 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Art. 18 GG)	BvA	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Rulings on the unconstitutionality of political parties (Art. 21 sec. 2 GG)	BvB	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections (Art. 41 sec. 2 GG)	BvC	133	-	5	6	10	4	13	12	13	3	18	217
Impeachment of the Federal President (Art. 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal organs (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 1 GG)	BvE	84	-	3	2	4	2	2	5	2	12	8	124
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional organ (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 2 GG)	BvF	96	2	3	3	1	3	1	2	1	3	1	116
Constitutional disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 3 and Art. 84 sec. 4 sentence 2 GG)	BvG	25	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	27
Disputes involving public law (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 4 GG)	BvH	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Impeachment of judges (Art. 98 secs. 2 and 5 GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes with a <i>Land</i> decided by virtue of their assignment by <i>Land</i> law (Art. 99 GG)	BvK	19	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Art. 100 sec. 1 GG) - Senates - - Chambers (since 11 August 1993) -	BvL	1.006 157	5 13	5 7	10 8	5 16	11 10	1 7	13 10	4 5	11 10	3 3	1.074 246
Status of a provision of public international law as part of federal law (Art. 100 sec. 2 GG)	BvM	7	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Interpretation of the Basic Law at the request of a <i>Land</i> constitutional court (Art. 100 sec. 3 GG)	BvN	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Disagreements whether law continues to be valid as federal law (Art. 126 GG)	BvO	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19

Decisions Issued by the Plenary, the Senates and the Chambers (Continued)

Type of Proceedings	File no.	up to 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Proceedings in other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93 sec. 3 GG) - from 1971 onwards -	BvP	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Preliminary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	1.245	102	79	85	128	113	95	73	105	83	100	2.208
Constitutional complaints (Art. 93 sec. 1 nos. 4a and 4b GG) - Senates - - Judges' Committees or Chambers -	BvR	3.951 127.894	15 5.767	14 5.905	10 5.731	14 5.783	14 5.897	16 5.597	8 5.176	12 5.975	10 6.076	12 5.653	4.076 185.454
1. Examination of which Senate has jurisdiction - now: administrative file no. 1004/4 E - 2. Grant of legal aid - now: BvR - 3. Plenary decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG) - now: PBvU - - until 1960 -	BvT*	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Disagreements on whether a law meets the requirements of Art. 72 sec. 2 and Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 2a GG - from 1998 onwards -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Referrals by the Federal Court of Justice pursuant to § 36 sec. 2 of the Committees of Inquiry Act - from 2001 onwards -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications pursuant to Art. 93 sec. 2 GG - from 2006 onwards -	BvY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement of a Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court due to incapacity for office or for other reasons (§ 105 BVerfGG)	PBvS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plenary decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG)	BvU / PBvU	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
Legal opinions issued by the Plenary (§ 97 BVerfGG) - until 1952 -	PBvV*	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sum of all Decisions:		134.708	5.906	6.026	5.857	5.961	6.054	5.733	5.300	6.117	6.208	5.798	193.668

* former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

Proceedings Concluded in Other Ways Than by a Decision, e.g. Proceedings Consolidated with Others for Joint Adjudication, Applications Withdrawn, etc.

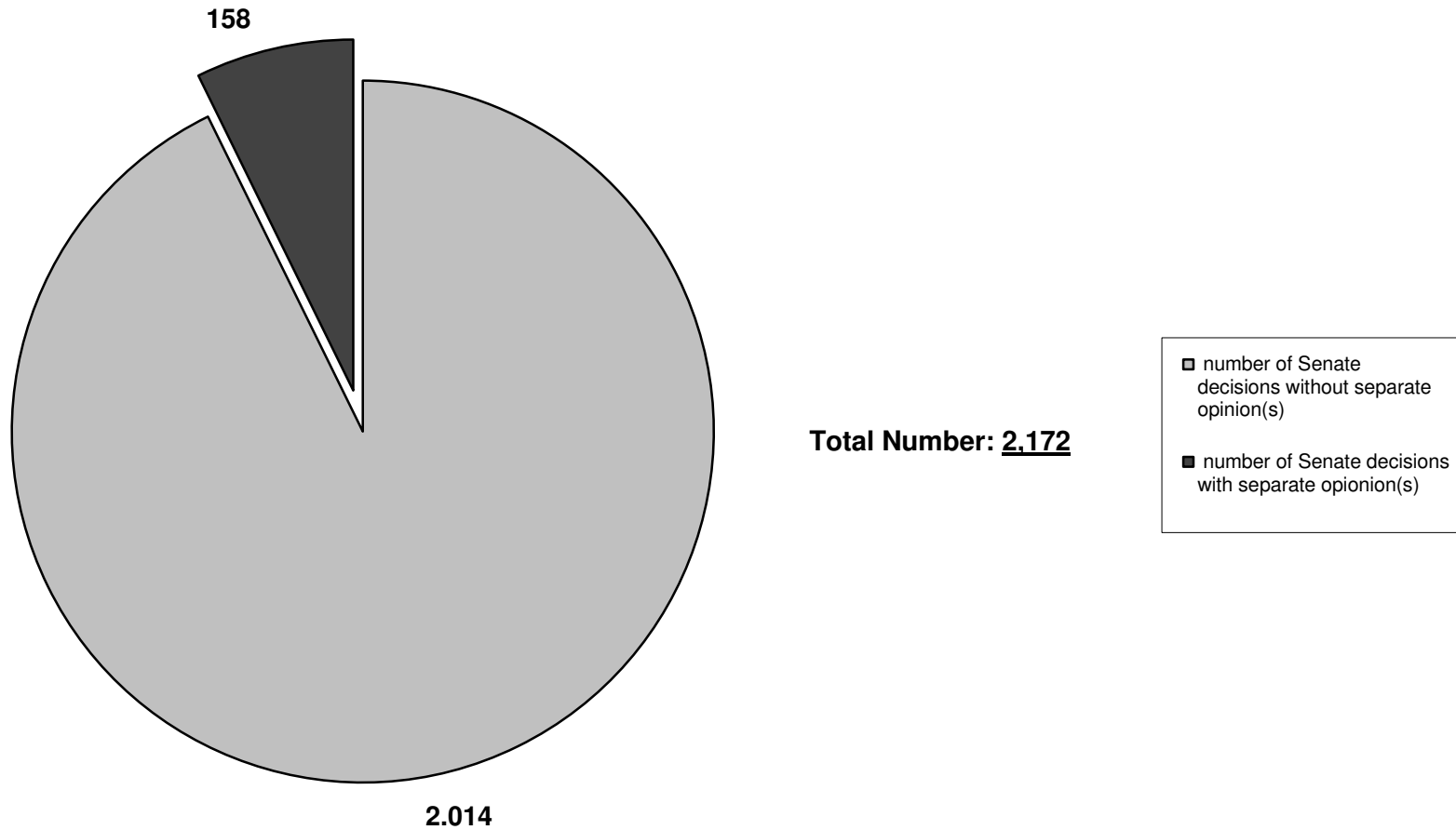
Type of Proceedings	File no.	up to 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Art. 18 GG)	BvA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rulings on the unconstitutionality of political parties (Art. 21 sec. 2 GG)	BvB	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections (Art. 41 sec. 2 GG)	BvC	26	-	-	-	1	3	2	2	-	-	5	39
Impeachment of the Federal President (Art. 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal organs (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 1 GG)	BvE	63	-	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	10	1	84
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional organ (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 2 GG)	BvF	53	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	--	57
Constitutional disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 3 and Art. 84 sec. 4 sentence 2 GG)	BvG	14	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	18
Disputes involving public law (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 4 GG)	BvH	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Impeachment of judges (Art. 98 secs. 2 and 5 GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> decided by virtue of their assignment by <i>Land</i> law (Art. 99 GG)	BvK	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Art. 100 sec. 1 GG)	BvL	2.049	54	10	20	15	21	13	11	9	11	11	2.224
Status of a provision of public international law as part of federal law (Art. 100 sec. 2 GG)	BvM	8	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Interpretation of the Basic Law at the request of a <i>Land</i> constitutional court (Art. 100 sec. 3 GG)	BvN	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Disagreements whether law continues to be valid as federal law (Art. 126 GG)	BvO	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132

Proceedings Concluded in Ways Other Than by a Decision (Continued)

Type of Proceedings	File no.	up to 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Proceedings in other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93 sec. 3 GG) - from 1971 onwards -	BvP	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Preliminary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	433	9	22	7	16	17	14	12	12	44	12	598
Constitutional complaints (Art. 93 sec. 1 nos. 4a and 4b GG)	BvR	16.954	203	256	349	254	247	301	278	382	314	306	19.844
1. Examination of which Senate has jurisdiction - now: administrative file no. 1004/4 E - 2. Grant of legal aid - now: BvR - 3. Plenary decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG) - now: PBvU - - until 1960 -	BvT*	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Disagreements on whether a law meets the requirements of Art. 72 sec. 2 and Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 2a GG - from 1998 onwards -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Referrals by the Federal Court of Justice pursuant to § 36 sec. 2 of the Committees of Inquiry Act - from 2001 onwards -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications pursuant to Art. 93 sec. 2 GG - from 2006 onwards -	BvY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement of a Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court due to incapacity for office or for other reasons (§ 105 BVerfGG)	PBvS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plenary decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG)	BvU / PBvU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal opinions issued by the Plenary (§ 97 BVerfGG) - until 1952 -	PBvV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sum of all Proceedings Concluded		19.794	268	298	377	288	290	333	305	404	381	335	23.073

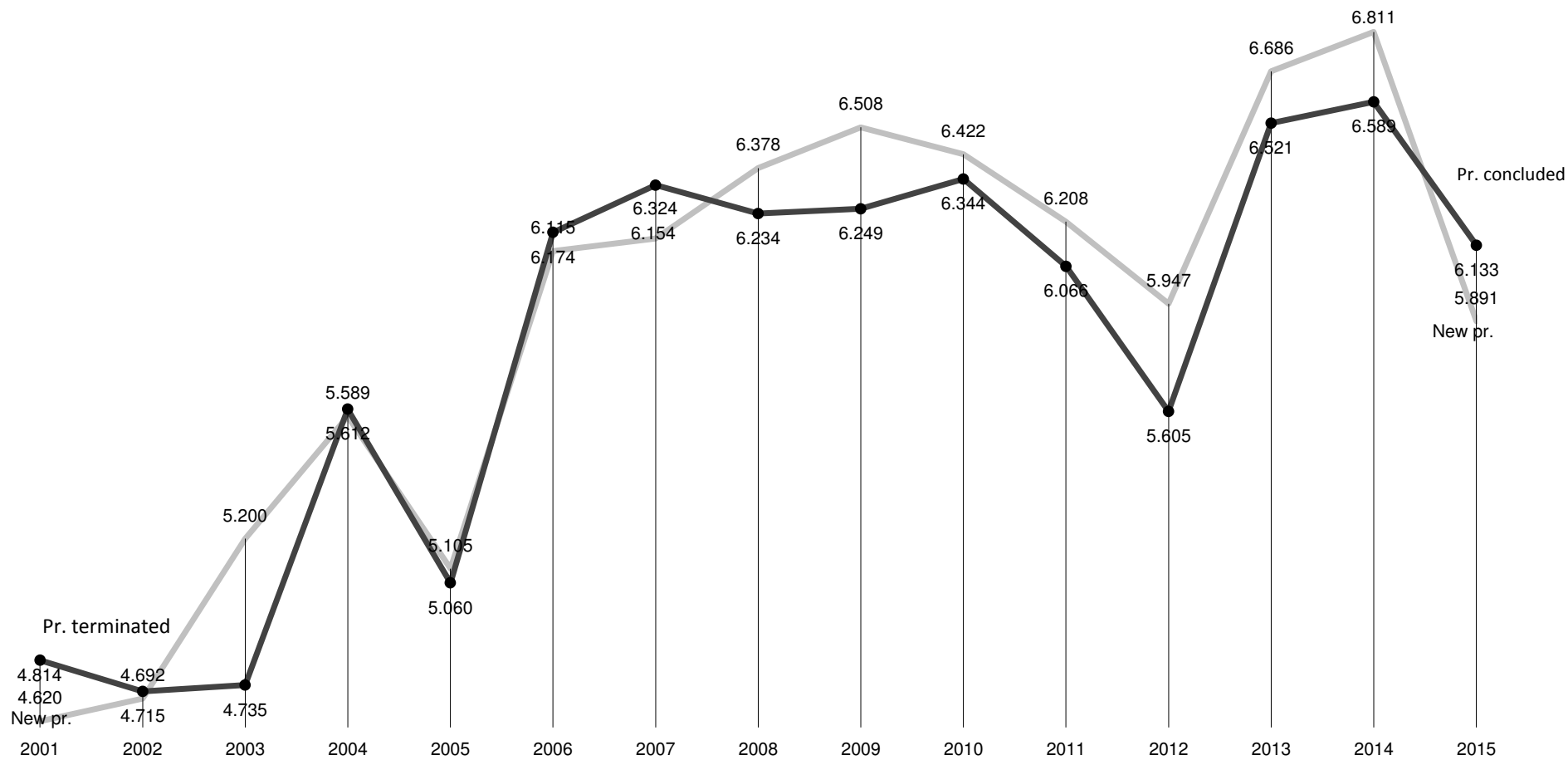
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**Senate Decisions With/Without Separate Opinion(s)
in the Official Collection of Decisions (BVerfGE) - Volumes 30 to 137 (1971 to 2015)**



New Proceedings and Proceedings Concluded* Since 2001

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
New pr.	4.620	4.692	5.200	5.589	5.105	6.115	6.154	6.378	6.508	6.422	6.208	5.947	6.686	6.811	5.891
Pr. concluded	4.814	4.715	4.735	5.612	5.060	6.174	6.324	6.234	6.249	6.344	6.066	5.605	6.521	6.589	6.133



* Proceedings concluded (decisions and proceedings concluded in other ways), proceedings brought in former years and proceedings brought in the respective year

**Total Numbers of New Proceedings
Brought in the Last Five Judicial Years**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<u>First Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	3.217	2.814	3.636	3.516	3.253
Specific judicial review (BvL)	23	22	10	12	9
Abstract judicial review (BvF)	4	--	2	--	--
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	44	28	62	33	58
Plenary matters (PBvU)	--	--	--	--	--
	3.288	2.864	3.710	3.561	3.320
<u>Second Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	2.819	3.004	2.841	3.090	2.486
Specific judicial review (BvL)	12	6	8	29	3
Abstract judicial review (BvF)	3	3	1	--	2
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	59	56	99	56	52
Unconstitutionality of political parties (BvB)	--	--	1	--	--
Scrutiny of elections and of the status of a member of the <i>Bundestag</i> (BvC)	17	--	12	70	20
<i>Organstreit</i> proceedings (BvE)	9	14	14	4	7
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (BvG)	--	--	--	1	--
Disputes involving public law (BvH)	--	--	--	--	--
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> (BvK)	--	--	--	--	--
Review of public international law (BvM)	--	--	--	--	--
Other cases assigned by federal law (BvP)	--	--	--	--	1
Plenary matters (PBvU)	1	--	--	--	--
	2.920	3.083	2.976	3.250	2.571
Total	6.208	5.947	6.686	6.811	5.891

**Applications Forwarded to the Respondent and the Other Parties
Pursuant to § 23 sec. 2 BVerfGG
in the Last Five Judicial Years**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<u>First Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	143	57	53	85	135
Specific judicial review (BvL)	11	1	4	7	9
Abstract judicial review (BvF)	3	--	1	1	--
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	--	--	--	--	--
Plenary matters (PBvU)	--	--	--	--	--
	157	58	58	93	144
<u>Second Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	90	94	91	76	75
Specific judicial review (BvL)	9	--	9	6	9
Abstract judicial review (BvF)	1	2	1	--	1
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	--	--	--	--	--
Unconstitutionality of political parties (BvB)	--	--	1	--	--
Scrutiny of elections and of the status of a member of the <i>Bundestag</i> (BvC)	3	1	12	--	--
<i>Organstreit</i> proceedings (BvE)	3	13	9	3	2
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (BvG)	--	--	--	--	--
Disputes involving public law (BvH)	--	--	--	--	--
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> (BvK)	--	--	--	--	--
Review of public international law (BvM)	--	--	--	--	--
Other cases assigned by federal law (BvP)	--	--	--	--	--
Plenary matters (PBvU)	--	--	--	--	--
	106	110	123	85	87
Total	263	168	181	178	231

Oral Hearings and Pronouncements of Judgments

Since 1990

Year	Number of oral hearings conducted		Number of judgments pronounced		Total number		Total
	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	
1990	1	4	1	3	2	7	9
1991	4	6	4	4	8	10	18
1992	2	4	4	3	6	7	13
1993	1	3	--	4	1	7	8
1994	1	2	1	1	2	3	5
1995	1	3	2	1	3	4	7
1996	--	2	--	3	--	5	5
1997	4	3	6	2	10	5	15
1998	5	2	3	3	8	5	13
1999	5	4	9	3	14	7	21
2000	6	6	5	4	11	10	21
2001	5	5	8	4	13	9	22
2002	6	8	5	6	11	14	25
2003	6	7	4	6	10	13	23
2004	1	5	6	7	7	12	19
2005	4	6	4	6	8	12	20
2006	3	5	2	5	5	10	15
2007	4	5	4	5	8	10	18
2008	2	5	4	5	6	10	16
2009	4	1	3	3	7	4	11
2010	2	2	3	--	5	2	7
2011	--	7	1	3	1	10	11
2012	4	3	2	6	6	9	15
2013	2	3	3	1	5	4	9
2014	2	6	3	8	5	14	19
2015	4	3	1	4	5	7	12

Caseload and Proceedings Concluded

Proceedings from the previous years pending on:

	<u>1.1.2014</u>	<u>1.1.2015</u>
First Senate	1.852	1.821
Second Senate	1.780	2.033
	<u>3.632</u>	<u>3.854</u>

New Proceedings:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>					
First Senate	3.561	3.320	of these, 3.253 CC, ¹	9 JR, ²	58 PI, ³		
Second Senate	3.250	2.571	of these, 2.486 CC,	5 JR,	52 PI,	7 CSM, ⁴	21 other ⁵
	<u>6.811</u>	<u>5.891</u>	of these, 5.739 CC,	14 JR,	110 PI,	7 CSM,	21 other

Proceedings concluded:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>					
First Senate	3.592	3.431	of these, 3.371 CC,	6 JR,	54 PI,		
Second Senate	2.997	2.702	of these, 2.600 CC,	12 JR,	58 PI,	9 CSM,	23 other
	<u>6.589</u>	<u>6.133</u>	of these, 5.971 CC,	18 JR,	112 PI,	9 CSM,	23 other

Proceedings pending on:

	<u>31.12.2014</u>	<u>31.12.2015</u>					
First Senate	1.821	1.710	of these, 1.678 CC,	26 JR,	6 PI,		
Second Senate	2.033	1.902	of these, 1.775 CC,	47 JR,	2 PI,	12 CSM,	66 other
	<u>3.854</u>	<u>3.612</u>	of these, 3.453 CC,	73 JR,	8 PI,	12 CSM,	66 other

¹ Constitutional complaints

² Abstract and specific judicial review proceedings (Art. 93 sec. 1 no. 2, Art. 100 sec. 1 GG)

³ Preliminary injunctions (proceedings in their own right)

⁴ *Organstreit* proceedings (disputes between highest federal organs) and disputes between the Federation and the *Laender*, here, the Federal Constitutional Court acts in its function as a court for state matters

⁵ Unconstitutionality of political parties, complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections, other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93 sec. 3 GG)

Proceedings Concluded

	2014	2015				
I. Decisions issued by the <u>Plenary</u>						
First Senate	--	--				
Second Senate	--	--				
II. Decisions issued by a <u>Senate</u>						
1. Decisions in principal proceedings						
First Senate	15	10	of these:	8 CC,	2 JR,	-- PI,
Second Senate	24	33	of these:	4 CC,	2 JR,	1 PI, 8 CSM, 18 other
2. Interim/incidental decisions						
First Senate	7	11	of these:	2 preliminary injunctions -- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law -- disqualification of a Justice 9 other		
Second Senate	23	19	of these:	3 preliminary injunctions -- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law -- disqualification of a Justice 16 other		
III. Decisions issued by a <u>Chamber</u>						
1. Decisions in the principal proceedings						
a) Constitutional complaints and preliminary injunctions:						
aa) Non-admission for decision/rejection of an application for a preliminary injunction						
First Senate	3.306	3.212	of these:	172 reasoned 493 with reasoning in the operative provisions 2.547 not reasoned (79%)		
Second Senate	2.756	2.448	of these:	76 reasoned 157 with reasoning in the operative provisions 2.215 not reasoned (90%)		
bb) Granting the relief sought						
First Senate	39	45				
Second Senate	58	47				
b) Proceedings involving specific judicial review (inadmissible referral):						
First Senate	9	3				
Second Senate	1	--				
2 Interim/incidental decisions						
First Senate	34	32	of these:	13 preliminary injunctions -- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law -- disqualification of a Justice 19 other		
Second Senate	58	66	of these:	40 preliminary injunctions -- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law -- disqualification of a Justice 26 other		
IV. Proceedings concluded in other ways						
1. Withdrawals						
First Senate	34	20				
Second Senate	15	26				
2. Transfers to the other Senate						
First Senate	11	6				
Second Senate	18	25				
3. Proceedings combined with other proceedings, etc.						
First Senate	178	135				
Second Senate	125	123				

Constitutional Complaint Proceedings

(Including Proceedings Combined with Others For Joint Decision)

Concluded in the Last Five Judicial Years

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
New Proceedings	6.036	5.818	6.477	6.606	5.739
Proceedings concluded					
1. by a <u>Chamber</u> :					
Non-admission	5.641	5.173	6.142	6.155	5.769
Granting relief sought	77	143	75	110	98
2. by a <u>Senate</u> :					
Non-admission	--	--	--	--	1
Rejection	10	6	5	16	3
Granting relief sought	16	5	16	11	13
3. by withdrawal:	74	54	46	46	38
4. in other ways/transfers to the other Senate:	96	81	85	62	49

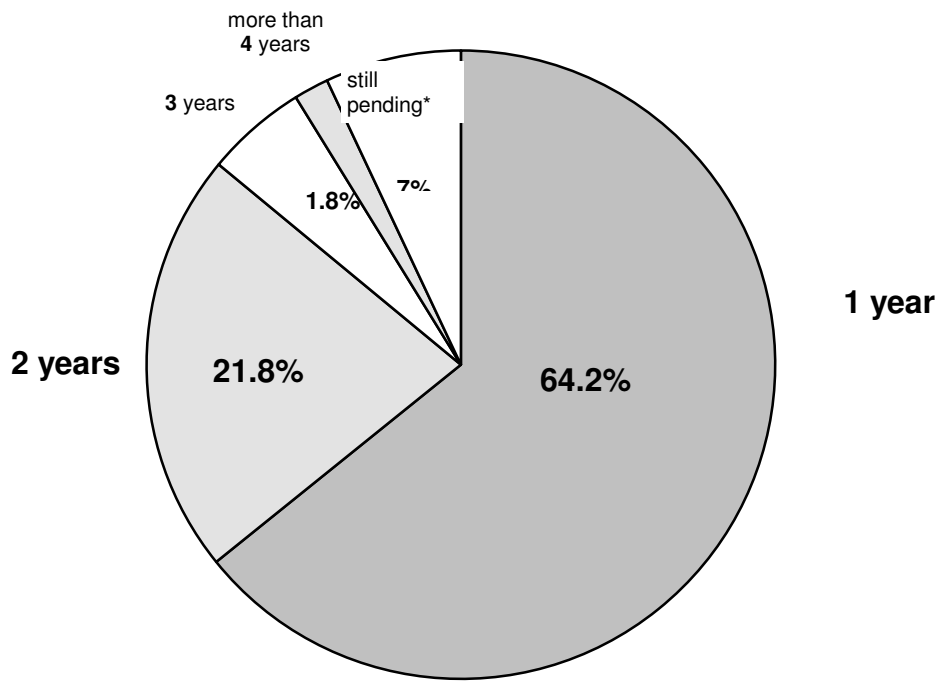
**Percentage of Constitutional Complaints Granted
of the Total Constitutional Complaints Decided per Year**

Since 1987 *

Year	Proceedings decided on their own or combined with others	Among these, successful proceedings	Share in %
1987	2.638	94	3,56%
1988	2.975	84	2,82%
1989	3.204	87	2,72%
1990	3.715	635	17,09%
1991	3.452	246	7,13%
1992	3.782	210	5,55%
1993	4.927	270	5,48%
1994	4.901	161	3,29%
1995	4.743	139	2,93%
1996	4.853	109	2,25%
1997	4.663	45	0,97%
1998	4.615	99	2,15%
1999	4.872	103	2,11%
2000	4.884	76	1,56%
2001	4.575	89	1,95%
2002	4.452	100	2,25%
2003	4.499	81	1,80%
2004	5.343	117	2,19%
2005	4.808	133	2,77%
2006	5.876	136	2,31%
2007	6.037	148	2,45%
2008	5.852	111	1,90%
2009	5.911	111	1,88%
2010	6.021	103	1,71%
2011	5.744	93	1,62%
2012	5.327	148	2,78%
2013	6.238	91	1,46%
2014	6.292	121	1,92%
2015	5.884	111	1,89%

* It is not possible to provide valid figures for the period before 1987 because no separate survey of decisions which concluded several proceedings (combined proceedings) was carried out..

**Average Length of Proceedings of Constitutional Complaints
Lodged in the Years 2008 to 2015**



*from the years 2008 to 2015

**Constitutional Complaints Lodged Against Judicial Decisions
Since 1991**

Type of Jurisdiction	1991 to 2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		Total
	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	
a) Civil courts (incl. non-contentious jurisdiction)	30.051	8.328	1.654	771	1.319	874	1.747	605	1.777	736	1.587	574	50.023
b) Criminal courts	746	24.338	59	1.412	54	1.507	78	1.633	43	1.547	70	1.381	32.868
Administrative courts													
a) general administrative courts	8.372	4.794	439	280	405	232	466	222	454	176	431	189	16.460
b) asylum proceedings	--	8.496	--	72	--	54	--	67	--	119	--	80	8.888
Social courts	4.987	26	516	1	521	4	591	2	651	2	553	2	7.856
Labour courts	2.456	61	102	--	127	1	120	2	132	3	127	1	3.132
Finance courts	1.209	1.685	105	74	55	72	106	62	58	63	68	61	3.618
Patent courts	44	3	--	--	4	--	3	--	1	--	3	--	58
Disciplinary courts/ disciplinary courts for the professions	496	75	14	3	8	8	21	1	15	--	10	2	653
Federal Court of Justice in lawyer and notary matters	496	2	28	1	21	--	16	--	25	--	19	--	608
Land constitutional courts	296	132	16	6	22	21	28	10	19	2	14	8	574
Total	49.153	47.940	2.933	2.620	2.536	2.773	3.176	2.604	3.175	2.648	2.882	2.298	124.738

Judicial Decisions Reversed^{1,2,3}

since 1991⁴

1991 to 2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		Total
First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	
1.147	1.375 (505)	52	38 (1)	102	56 (1)	38	53 (1)	50	67 (--)	58	55 (--)	3.091 (508)

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

² if several judicial decisions from successive stages of appeal in various types of jurisdiction were reversed in a single set of proceedings, only the last stage of appeal was counted in each type of jurisdiction

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

⁴ also in proceedings brought in previous years

() = of these, asylum proceedings

Constitutional Complaints Lodged Against Decisions by Federal Courts

since 1991¹

	1991 bis 2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		Total
	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	
Federal Court of Justice	4.236	3.379	276	221	206	290	326	276	361	216	319	222	10.328
Federal Administrative Court	1.787	1.156	103	45	93	51	117	22	87	28	85	36	3.610
Federal Social Court	3.372	16	219	--	248	--	278	1	353	3	274	--	4.764
Federal Labour Court	1.706	27	73	1	85	1	74	3	126	2	116	1	2.215
Federal Finance Court	1.104	1.387	89	65	43	71	101	75	64	73	65	66	3.203
Total	12.205	5.965	760	332	675	413	896	377	991	322	859	325	24.120

¹ if in a single set of proceedings, several decisions of the respective federal court were challenged, these were counted separately

Decisions by Federal Courts Reversed

since 1991²

	1991 bis 2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		Total
	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	
Federal Court of Justice	79	37	5	4	20	3	--	1	3	3	11	1	167
Federal Administrative Court	34	84	1	1	--	2	--	1	--	--	1	3	127
Federal Social Court	31	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32
Federal Labour Court	16	1	1	--	10	--	--	--	--	3	2	--	33
Federal Finance Court	6	25	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	33
Total	166	147	9	5	30	5	--	3	3	6	14	4	392

² also in proceedings brought in previous years

Constitutional Complaints

Lodged Against

Judicial Decisions / Statutes (Legal Provisions) / Sovereign Acts of Federal, *Land* (*Federation*) and European Union Authorities in 2015

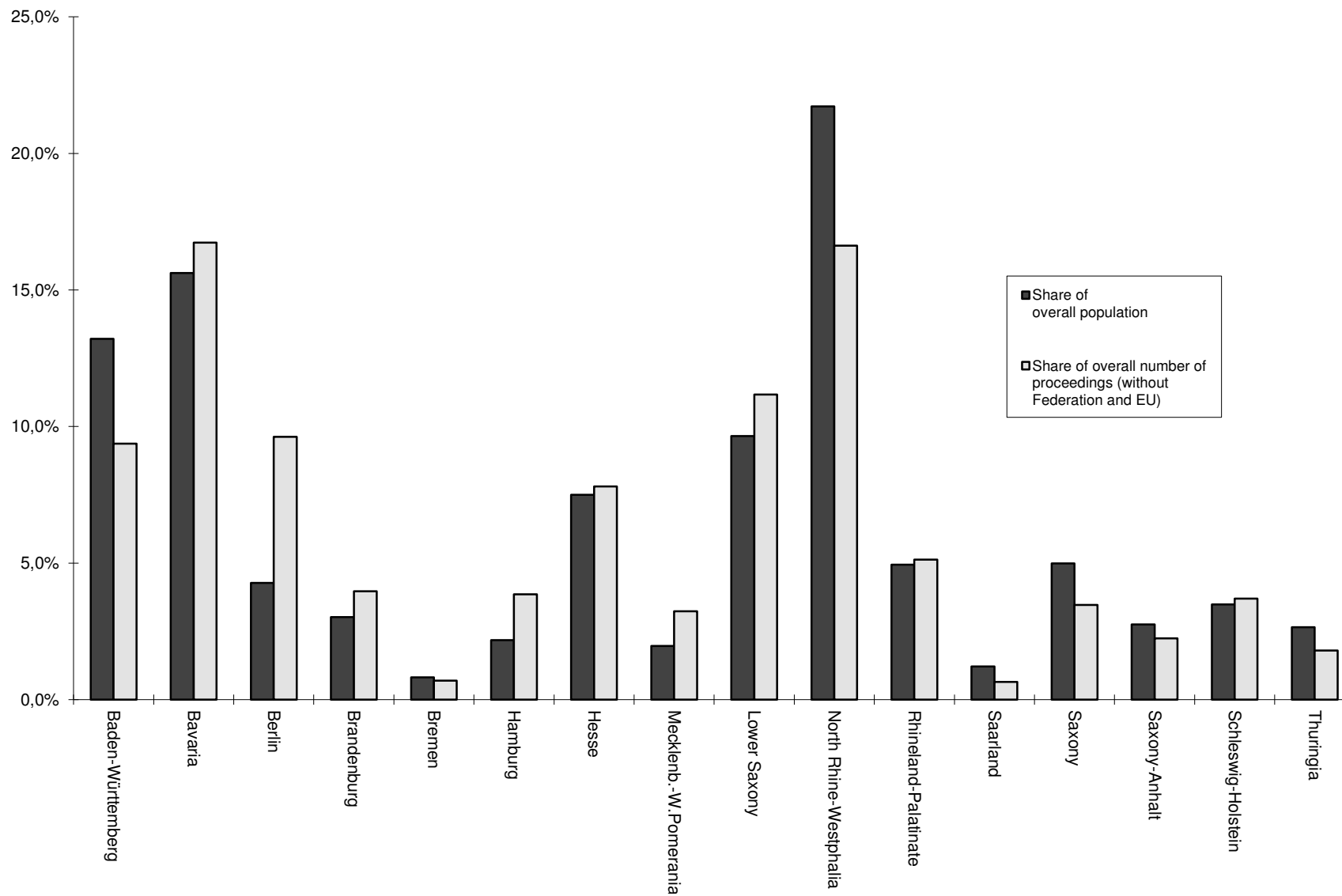
Federation/ <i>Laender</i>		Judicial decisions		Statutes/ legal provisions		Sovereign acts of federal, <i>Land</i> and European Union authorities		Total (Share of overall number of proceedings; without Federation and EU)
		Inhabitants (million)	Share of overall population	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	
Baden-Württemberg	195	201	--	--	7	3	406	
10,7	13,2%		4*	2*			9,4%	
Bavaria	321	394	--	--	8	2	725	
12,7	15,6%		1*	1*			16,7%	
Berlin	241	146	1	--	28	1	417	
3,5	4,3%		--*	--*			9,6%	
Brandenburg	102	67	--	2	--	1	172	
2,5	3,0%		27*	1*			4,0%	
Bremen	16	14	--	--	--	--	30	
0,7	0,8%		--*	--*			0,7%	
Hamburg	86	80	--	--	--	1	167	
1,8	2,2%		1*	--*			3,9%	
Hesse	175	161	--	--	2	--	338	
6,1	7,5%		--*	--*			7,8%	
Mecklenb.-W.Pomerania	87	50	1	1	1	--	140	
1,6	2,0%		7*	--*			3,2%	
Lower Saxony	241	242	--	--	1	--	484	
7,8	9,6%		--*	1*			11,2%	
North Rhine-Westphalia	386	325	1	1	3	4	720	
17,7	21,7%		3*	1*			16,6%	
Rhineland-Palatinate	107	111	--	--	4	--	222	
4,0	4,9%		2*	2*			5,1%	
Saarland	9	18	1	--	--	--	28	
1,0	1,2%		--*	--*			0,6%	
Saxony	76	69	--	1	4	--	150	
4,1	5,0%		1*	10*			3,5%	
Saxony-Anhalt	46	49	1	--	1	--	97	
2,2	2,8%		--*	--*			2,2%	
Schleswig-Holstein	105	51	2	--	--	--	158	
2,8	3,5%		1*	1*			3,7%	
Thuringia	40	35	--	--	1	2	78	
2,2	2,7%		--*	--*			1,8%	
Sum <i>Laender</i>	2.233	2.013	7	5	60	14	4.332	
			47*	19*				
Federation	649	285	99	10	34	13	1.090	
81,3 rounded	mio inhabit.		117*	65*				
EU	--	--	--	1	--	4	5	
			--*	--*				
Sum Total	2.882	2.298	106	16	94	31	5.427	
			164*	84*				

* indirect subject-matter of the challenge

Constitutional Complaints

Lodged Against

Judicial Decisions / Statutes (Legal Provisions) / Sovereign Acts of *Land* (Federal State) Authorities
in the Judicial Year 2015



Specific Judicial Review Proceedings

(Art. 100 sec. 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
2009	20	27	47
2010	14	5	19
2011	23	12	35
2012	22	6	28
2013	10	8	18
2014	12	29	41
2015	9	3	12

of these, 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

Jurisdictions Referring the Specific Judicial Review Proceedings
(Art. 100 sec. 1 GG)
Since 1991

Referring Jurisdiction	1991 to 2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		Total
	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate	
Civil courts	136	93	9	1	7	1	4	1	1	--	2	--	255
Criminal courts	12	142	--	2	3	--	1	--	1	--	--	1	162
Administrative courts	62	132	2	2	3	4	5	2	6	9	3	2	232
Social courts	165	6	4	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	184
Labour courts	33	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	38
Finance courts	24	56	6	5	3	1	--	5	2	20	1	--	123
Other courts	2	91	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	96
Total	434	522	23	12	22	6	10	8	12	29	9	3	1.090

Statutes Objected to by the Federal Constitutional Court as Being Unconstitutional
in the Period Between **1951 and 31 December 2015**
(Void, Incompatible with the Constitution and Void, Only Incompatible Without Declaration of Nullity)

Period		Law/Ordinance		Provision*		Total	First Senate	Second Senate
		entirely	in part	entirely	in part			
1951 to 1991	Federation	23	15	89	164	291	188	103
	<i>Laender</i>	12	1	52	63	128	53	75
1992 to 2009**	Federation	6	4	68	76	154	93	61
	<i>Laender</i>	6	1	30	13	50	32	18
2010	Federation	-	-	1	10	11	5	6
	<i>Laender</i>	-	-	-	2	2	2	-
2011	Federation	-	-	1	4	5	2	3
	<i>Laender</i>	-	-	-	3	3	1	2
2012	Federation	-	-	7	4	11	6	5
	<i>Laender</i>	-	-	1	3	4	2	2
2013	Federation	-	-	1	3	4	2	2
	<i>Laender</i>	-	-	4	1	5	4	1
2014	Federation	-	-	5	3	8	6	2
	<i>Laender</i>	-	16	2	3	21	20	1
2015	Federation	-	-	2	-	2	2	-
	<i>Laender</i>	-	-	4	3	7	2	5
Total	Federation	29	19	174	264	486	304	182
	<i>Laender</i>	18	18	93	91	220	116	104

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

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**Legal Provisions Reviewed
in Judicial Review Proceedings and Constitutional Complaint Proceedings
(Judicial Year 2015)**

Provision (field of law)	Senate		Proceedings/File no. Publication	Number ¹ of provisions reviewed	Com- patible	Incom- patible	Void
	I.	II.					
North Rhine-Westphalia Education Act (SchulG NW) § 57 sec. 4 sentences 1 to 3; § 58 sentence 2 of 15 February 2005 - North Rhine-Westphalia Law and Regulations Gazette (GV.NRW) p. 270 in the version of the First Act Amending the North Rhine-Westphalia Education Act of 13 June 2006 - GV.NRW p. 270 - (General ban on headscarves for teachers at state schools)	X		1 BvR 471/10 1 BvR 1181/10	1	X	X	X
Ordinance on Civil Service Careers (LVO) § 6 sec. 1 sentence 1; § 52 sec. 1; § 84 sec. 2 of 23 November 1995 - GVBl 1996 p. 1 in the version of the Ordinance Amending the Ordinance on Civil Service Careers and other Civil Service Provisions of 30 June 2009 of the <i>Land</i> North Rhine-Westphalia - Law and Regulations Gazette (GVBl) p. 381 - (Upper age limits for recruitment to the civil service of North Rhine-Westphalia)		X	2 BvR 1322/12 2 BvR 1989/12	1		X	
Lower Saxony Civil Servants' Remuneration Act (LBesG LSA) supplement 1 annex 2 no. 4 (Basic Salaries <i>Land</i> Ordinance on Salary Grade R - LBesO R from 1 January 2008) to § 18c sec. 1 in the version of the Act to Amend the <i>Land</i> Regulations on Salaries and Benefits of 25 July 2007 - Law and Regulations Gazette (GVBl) p. 236 - in the version of supplement 1 annex 2 no. 4 to Art. 1 no. 7 of the Act to Amend the <i>Land</i> Regulations on Salaries and Benefits of 25 July 2007 - GVBl p. 236 -; supplement 2 annex 2 no. 4 (Basic Salaries LBesO R from 1 May 2008) to § 18c sec. 1 in the version of the Act to Amend the <i>Land</i> Regulations on Salaries and Benefits of 25 July 2007 - GVBl p. 236 - in the version of supplement 2 annex 2 no. 4 to Art. 1 no. 7 of the Act to Amend the <i>Land</i> Regulations on Salaries and Benefits of 25 July 2007 - GVBl p. 236 -; supplement 1 annex 2 no. 4 (Basic Salaries LBesO R from 1 March 2009) to § 18c sec. 1 in the version of the Act to Adjust <i>Land</i> Civil Servants' Salaries and Benefits - LBVAnpG 2009/2010 of 9 December 2009 - GVBl p. 598 - in the version of supplement 1 annex 2 no. 4 to Art. 1 no. 4 of the LBVAnpG 2009/2010 of 9 December 2009 - GVBl p. 598 -; supplement 2 annex 2 no. 4 (Basic Salaries LBesO R from 1 March 2010) to § 18c sec.1 in the version of the LBVAnpG 2009/2010 of 9 December 2009 - GVBl p. 598 - in the version of supplement 2 annex 2 no. 4 to Art. 1 no. 4 of the LBVAnpG 2009/2010 of 9 December 2009 - GVBl p. 598 -;		X	2 BvL 17/09 2 BvL 18/09 2 BvL 3/12 2 BvL 4/12 2 BvL 5/12 2 BvL 6/12 2 BvL 1/14	3	X	X ²	

**Legal Provisions Reviewed
in Judicial Review Proceedings and in Constitutional Complaint Proceedings
(Judicial Year 2015 - Continued)**

Provision (field of law)	Senate		Proceedings/File no. Publication	Number ¹ of provisions reviewed	Com- patible	Incom- patible	Void
	I.	II.					
<p>Federal Civil Servants' Remuneration Act (BBesG) annex IV no. 4 (Basic Salaries Federal Ordinance on Salary Grade R - BBesO R from 1 January 2003) to § 37 sec. 1 sentence 2 in the version of 6 August 2002 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 3020 - and annex IV no. 4 (Basic Salaries BBesO R from 01 July 2003) to § 37 sec. 1 sentence 2 in the version of 6 August.2002 - BGBl I p. 3020 - in the version of supplement 1 to Art. 1 no. 6 of the Act Adjusting Federal Civil Servants' Salaries and Benefits (BBVAnpG) 2003/2004 of 10 September 2003 - BGBl I p. 1798 - in conjunction with § 1 sec. 1 no. 2, §§ 2, 5, 6 secs. 1 and 2 no. 1 of the North Rhine-Westphalia Special Payments Act (SZG-NRW) of 20 November 2003 - Law and Regulations Gazette (GVBl) p. 696 -;</p> <p>Rhineland-Palatinate Civil Servants' Remuneration Act (LBesG RP) annex II no. 4 (Basic Salaries <i>Land</i> Ordinance on Salary Grade R - LBesO R from 1 January 2012) to § 2a sec. 1 sentence 1 of 12. April 2005 - Law and Regulations Gazette (GVBl) p. 119 - in the version amended by Art. 3 of the Act to Adjust the Land Civil Servants' Salaries and Benefits (LBVAnpG) 2011 of 25 August 2011 - GVBl p. 303 ; annex II no. 4 (Basic Salaries - LBesO R from 1 July 2012) to § 2a sec. 1 sentence 1 of 12 April 2005 - GVBl p. 119 - as amended by Art. 1 of the Act to Amend the Civil Service Act (DienstRÄndG) 2011 of 20 December 2011 - GVBl p. 430 -; annex 6 no. 4 (Basic Salaries - LBesO R from 1 July 2013) to § 34 sentence 2 in the version of the Act to Reform the Civil Service Act (DienstrechtsreformG) of 18 June 2013 - GVBl p. 157 -; (Salary grade R for judges and public prosecutors in several <i>Laender</i></p>							
<p><i>Land</i> Act to Futher Develop the Lausitz University Region (GWHL) § 8 sec. 2 sentence 2 of 11 February 2013 - Law and Regulations Gazette (GVBl) I no. 4 -, last amended by Art. 2 of the Brandenburg Higher Education Reform Act of 28 April 2014 - GVBl I no. 18 p. 58 - (Establishment of the Brandenburg Technical University Cottbus-Senftenberg)</p>	X		<p>1 BvR 1501/13 1 BvR 1682/13</p>	1		X	
<p>Property Transfer Tax Act (GrEStG) § 8 sec. 2 in the version of the Annual Tax Act (JStG) 1997 of 20 December 1996 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 2049 - and in all subsequent versions (Auxiliary basis for assessment in the law of property transfer tax)</p>	X		<p>1 BvL 13/11 1 BvL 14/11</p>	1		X	
<p>Bremen <i>Land</i> Constitution Art. 61 sentence 2 of 21 October 1947 - Bremen Law and Regulations Gazette (Brem.GVBl) p. 251 - (Awarding the status of a public corporation to religious communities by parliamentary statute of a <i>Land</i>)</p>		X	2 BvR 1282/11	1		X	X

**Legal Provisions Reviewed
in Judicial Review Proceedings and in Constitutional Complaint Proceedings
(Judicial Year 2015 - Continued)**

Provision (field of law)	Senate		Proceedings/File no. Publication	Number ¹ of provisions reviewed	Com- patible	Incom- patible	Void
	I.	II.					
Federal Parental Benefit and Parental Leave Act (BEEG) §§ 4a to 4d in the version of the Act on Child Care Allowance of 15 February 2013 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 254 - (Federal legislative competence for child care allowance)	X		1 BvF 2/13	1		X	X
Saxony Civil Servants' Remuneration Act (SächsBesG) annex 21 no. 1 (Basic Salaries <i>Land</i> Ordinance on Salary Grade A- LBesO A from 1 March 2010) to § 20a sec. 2 in the version of the Sixth Act to Amend the SächsBesG of 19 June 2009 - Saxony Law and Regulations Gazette (SächsGVBl) p. 327 - in the version of the supplement to Art. 2 no. 7 of the Sixth Act to Amend the SächsBesG of 19 June 2009 - SächsGVBl p. 327 - and annex 2 no. 1 (Basic Salaries - LBesO A from 1 April 2011) to § 20 sec. 2 in the version of the Seventh Act to Amend the SächsBesG of 16 June 2011 - SächsGVBl p. 170 - in the version of the supplement to Art. 1 no. 6 of the Seventh Act to Amend the SächsBesG of 16 June 2011 - SächsGVBl p. 170 - both in conjunction with Art. 27 of the Act on Accompanying Budget Regulations (HBG) 2011/2012 of 15 December 2010 - SächsGVBl p. 402 -;							
Federal Civil Servants' Remuneration Act (BBesG) annex IV no. 1 (Basic Salaries Federal Ordinance on Salary Grade A - BBesO A from 1 January 2002) to § 20 sec. 2 sentence 2 in the version of 6 August 2002 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 3020 - and annex IV no. 1 (Basic Salaries - BBesO A from 1 April 2003) to § 20 sec. 2 sentence 2 in the version of 6 August 2002 - BGBl I p. 3020 - in the version of supplement 1 to Art. 1 no. 6 of the Act to Adjust Federal Civil Servants' Salaries and Benefits (BBVAnpG) 2003/2004 of 10 September 2003 - BGBl I p. 1798 - and annex IV no. 1 (Basic Salaries - BBesO A from 1 August 2004) to § 20 sec. 2 sentence 2 in the version of 6 August 2002 - BGBl I p. 3020 - in the version of supplement 27 to Art. 3 no. 2 of the BBVAnpG 2003/2004 of 10 September 2003 - BGBl I p. 1798 - both in conjunction with § 1 sec. 1 no. 1, §§ 2, 5, 6 secs. 1 and 2 no. 1 of the North Rhine-Westphalia Act on Special Payments (SZG-NRW) of 20 November 2003 - North Rhine-Westphalia Law and Regulations Gazette (GV.NW) p. 696 -;		X	2 BvL 19/09 2 BvL 20/09 2 BvL 5/13 2 BvL 20/14	4	X	X ²	

**Legal Provisions Reviewed
in Judicial Review Proceedings and in Constitutional Complaint Proceedings
(Judicial Year 2015 - Continued)**

Provision (field of law)	Senate		Proceedings/File no. Publication	Number ¹ of provisions reviewed	Com- patible	Incom- patible	Void
	I.	II.					
<p>Federal Civil Servants's Remuneration Act (BBesG) annex IV no. 1 (Basic Salaries Federal Ordinance on Salary Grade A - BBesO A from 1 January 2002) to § 20 sec. 2 sentence 2 in the version of 6 August 2002- Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 3020 - and annex IV no. 1 (Basic Salaries - BBesO A from 1 July 2003) to § 20 sec. 2 sentence 2 in the version of 6 August 2002 - BGBl I p. 3020 - in the version of supplement 1 to Art. 1 no. 6 of the Act to Adjust Federal Civil Servants' Salaries and Benefits (BBVAnpG) 2003/2004 of 10 September 2003 - BGBl I p. 1798 - both in conjunction with § 1 sec. 1 no. 1, §§ 2, 5, 6 secs. 1 and 2 no. 1 of the North Rhine-Westphalia Act on Special Payments (SZG-NRW) of 20 November 2003 - North Rhine-Westphalia Law and Regulations Gazette (GV.NW) p. 696 -;</p> <p>Federal Civil Servants' Remuneration Act (BBesG) annex IV no. 1 (Basic Salaries Federal Ordinance on Salary Grade A - BBesO A from 1 August 2004) to § 20 sec. 2 sentence 2 in the version of 6 August 2002 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 3020 - in the version of supplement 27 to Art. 3 no. 2 of the Act to Adjust Federal Civil Servants' Salaries and Benefits (BBVAnpG) 2003/2004 of 10 September 2003 - BGBl I p. 1798 - (Salary grade A remuneration for civil servants in several <i>Laender</i>)</p>							
Total	4	4		13	3	6 2²	3

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

² partial incompatibility

Abuse Fees Imposed

Since 1962

Year	First Senate		Second Senate		Total	
	Sum	Number of abuse fees imposed	Sum	Number of abuse fees imposed	Sum	Number of abuse fees imposed
1962 to 2001 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
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	902	539.440	1.745	886.855	2.647
= €	177.630		275.811		453.441	

Abuse Fees Imposed

Since 1962 (Continued)

Year	First Senate		Second Senate		Total	
	Sum	Number of abuse fees imposed	Sum	Number of abuse fees imposed	Sum	Number of abuse fees imposed
From 2002 in euros						
Carry-over	177.630	902	275.811	1.745	453.441	2.647
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
2009	3.700	7	13.300	30	17.000	37
2010	5.700	13	9.350	22	15.050	35
2011	17.450	45	17.360	26	34.810	71
2012	16.100	38	13.850	16	29.950	54
2013	12.380	28	1.700	3	14.080	31
2014	5.550	15	5.050	6	10.600	21
2015	8.950	16	8.000	12	16.950	28
Total	268.780	1.105	386.186	1.949	654.966	3.054

Abuse Fees Imposed Pursuant to § 34 sec. 2 BVerfGG

New proceedings

a) Constitutional complaints:

	2014	2015
First Senate	3.516	3.253
Second Senate	3.090	2.486
Total	6.606	5.739

b) Preliminary injunctions:

	2014	2015
First Senate	33	58
Second Senate	56	52
Total	89	110

		Number and the share of constitutional complaints/ preliminary injunctions		Total amount in €		Smallest amount in €		Highest amount in €	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
First Senate	Constitutional complaints	15 (0,43%)	14 (0,43%)	5.550	7.700	100	100	2.000	2.000
	Preliminary injunctions	-- (--)	2 (3,45%)	--	1.250	--	500	--	750
Second Senate	Constitutional complaints	6 (0,19%)	12 (0,48%)	5.050	8.000	300	200	2.000	2.000
	Preliminary injunctions	-- (--)	-- (--)	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total		21 (0,31%)	28 (0,48%)	10.600	16.950				

Break Down of Amounts

2014				2015			
First Senate		Second Senate		First Senate		Second Senate	
1	x	100 €		1	x	300 €	
4	x	150 €		2	x	500 €	
2	x	200 €		1	x	750 €	
3	x	250 €		1	x	1.000 €	
1	x	300 €		1	x	2.000 €	
1	x	400 €					
2	x	500 €					
1	x	2.000 €					

Formal Complaints Against Judicial Delay (*Verzögerungsbeschwerden*) Lodged Pursuant to § 97a et seq. BVerfGG

	Complaints pending from the previous years	New complaints 2015	Complaints concluded											Complaints still pending on 31 December 2015	
			Complaints dismissed as inadmissible	Thereby decided as well	Complaints rejected as unfounded	Thereby decided as well	Grant of relief sought, without compensation	Thereby decided as well	Grant of relief sought, with compensation	Thereby decided as well	Amount of compensation	Withdrawal	Other		Total
First Senate	2	3	3		1				1		3.000 €			5	--
Second Senate	--	--												--	--
Total	2	3	3	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	3.000 €	--	--	5	--

B. Overview

of the Matters Dealt With by the First Senate

in the Judicial Year 2015

General Overview

	Proceedings from previous years pending on 31 December 2014	New proceedings 2015	Total	Concluded	Still pending
Abstract judicial review proceedings - BvF -	3 (6)	-- (--)	3 (6)	1 (3)	2
Specific judicial review proceedings - BvL -	20 (33)	9 (12)	29 (45)	5 (25)	24
Applications for a preliminary injunction - BvQ -	2 (3)	58* (33*)	60 (36)	54 (34)	6
Constitutional complaints - BvR -	1.796 (1.810)	3,253* (3.516*)	1.796 (5.326)	3.371 (3.530)	
	1.821 (1.852)	67 (3.561)	1.888 (5.413)	3.431 (3.592)	

* of these, transfers from the General Register
(§ 64 sec. 2 and sec. 3 of the Federal Constitutional Court's Rules of Procedure - GOBVerfO)

BvQ 23 (12)
BvR 1.896 (1.888)

() = figures from the previous year

New Proceedings

1. Specific judicial review proceedings:

a) from the courts of ordinary jurisdiction

Local Courts:	1 (1)	Regional Courts:	-- (1)	Higher Regional Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Court of Justice:	1 (--)	=	2 (2)
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b) from the administrative courts

Admin. Courts:	-- (4)	Higher Admin. Courts	-- (1)	Federal Admin. Court	3 (1)		=	3 (6)
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c) from the social courts

Social Courts:	3 (--)	Higher Social Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Social Court:	-- (--)		=	3 (--)
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d) from the labour courts

Labour Courts:	-- (1)	Higher Labour Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Labour Court	-- (1)		=	-- (2)
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e) from the finance courts

Finance Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Finance Court:	1 (2)				=	1 (2)
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f) from the disciplinary courts and the disciplinary courts for the professions

= -- (--)

= 9 (12)

() = figures from the previous year

2. Constitutional complaints lodged against

		2014	2015
2.1. decisions by the			
a) courts of ordinary jurisdiction		1.820	1.657
of these,	2014 2015		
1. decisions in civil matters (including matters of non-contentious jurisdiction)	1.777 1.587		
2. decisions in criminal matters	43 70		
b) administrative courts		454	431
c) social courts		651	553
d) labour courts		132	127
e) finance courts		58	68
f) patent courts		1	3
g) disciplinary courts, disciplinary courts for the professions		15	10
h) Federal Court of Justice in lawyer and notary matters		25	19
i) <i>Land</i> constitutional courts		19	14
2.2. a) laws and regulations (directly)		86	106
b) legislative omission		2	2
2.3. other sovereign acts by:			
a) European authorities		--	--
b) highest federal authorities		13	34
c) <i>Land</i> authorities		76	60
d) local government authorities		10	11
2.4. other general matters of challenge		154	158
		<u>3.516</u>	<u>3.253</u>
of these:			
with authorised representative/s		1.463	1.395
without authorised representative/s		2.053	1.858

Proceedings Concluded

1. Final Decisions

a) Senate:

aa) judgment	1	(3)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	--	(1)	
bb) order	9	(12)	
<u>of these</u> pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	--	(--)	
pursuant to § 93b sent. 2 BVerfGG	--	(--)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	3	(6)	
			10 (15)

b) Chambers:

aa) order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	3	(9)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	--	(1)	
bb) non-admission/denial of preliminary injunction	3.212	(3.306)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	122	(150)	
cc) grant of relief sought	45	(39)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	2	(6)	
			3.260 (3.354)

2. Proceedings Concluded in Other Ways:

* a) decided jointly in combined proceedings (see above)	127	(164)	
b) withdrawal of constitutional complaints	20	(32)	
c) transfer to the Second Senate	6	(11)	
d) reversal of orders of referral by the submitting court	--	(1)	
e) withdrawal of an application	--	(2)	
f) proceedings having lost their subject matter (e.g. by the complainant's death, an amendment of the law, the complainant's being deprived of a cause of action, etc.)	8	(13)	
g) § 7 sec. 3 of the Records Ordinance (AktO; non-pursuance of the proceedings)	--	(--)	
			161 (223)
			Total 3.431 (3.592)

() = figures from the previous year

**3.1. Interim / Incidental Decisions of the Senate and the Chambers
Within Principal Proceedings**

	2014	2015
concerning		
a) a preliminary injunction	18	15
issuance	2 (3)	
repetition	2 (3)	
denial	9 (8)	
reversal	-- (--)	
protest	2 (4)	
b) invocation of the jurisdiction of the Plenary	--	--
c) exclusion of a Justice	--	--
d) disqualification of a Justice (also self-disqualification)	1	--
e) grant of legal aid and assignment of an attorney to the assisted party	2	2
f) separation of proceedings	--	--
g) setting of a date for the oral hearing	5	5
h) service by public notice	--	--
i) partial non-admission of a constitutional complaint for decision (§ 25 sec. 3 of the Federal Constitutional Court Act - BVerfGG)	--	1
j) reimbursement of expenses	6	6
k) determination of the amount involved	5	9
l) remonstrance	1	--
m) reinstatement into the former procedural position	2	--
n) correction, amendment, completion, etc. of decisions	--	4
o) amendment and cancellation of abuse fees	1	1
p) legal remedies against orders of the judicial officers fixing lawyers fees/other costs	--	--
q) order regarding the execution of a decision (§ 35 BVerfGG)	--	--
r) other	--	--
	41	43

3.2. Fixing of costs/remuneration by judicial officers

a) pursuant to § 34a secs. 2 and 3 BVerfGG, § 104 of the Code of Civil Procedure (ZPO) of these, 5 (2) orders	22	29
b) pursuant to § 19 of the Federal Fee Schedule for Lawyers (BRAGO) § 11 of the Lawyers' Remuneration Act (RVG) of these, 1 (4) orders	10	5
c) in the context of legal aid of these, 3 (--) orders	2	4
d) correction, amendment, completion, etc. of decisions of these, 1 (--) orders	--	1
e) legal remedies against orders fixing lawyers' fees/other costs of these, 1 (--) orders	--	1
f) compensation of witnesses and experts of these, -- (--) orders	--	5
g) service by public notice	--	--
h) other of these 1 (--) orders	--	1
	34	46

() = figures from the previous year

Total Numbers of Constitutional Complaint Proceedings Concluded

Proceedings pending from the previous years and new proceedings 2015	Decisions issued by the Senate					Decisions issued by the Chambers						Withdrawals ¹	Transfer to the Second Senate ¹	Proceedings concluded in other ways ¹	Proceedings pending from the years	
	successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	§ 93b sent. 2, § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	Non-admission			thereby decided jointly	Grant	thereby decided jointly					
						reasoned	reasoning in the operative provisions	not reasoned								
2008 2																1 2008
2009 11	1															9 2009
2010 13	1				1 (1)											6 2010
2011 39	1	1														19 2011
2012 153		1	1			153	463	2.547	120	43	2 (2)	20	6	7		65 2012
2013 437	1				1 (1)											192 2013
2014 1.141	1															371 2014
2015 3.253																1.015 2015
Total: 5.049	8 (5²)				2 (2²)	3.163			120	43³	2 (2³)	20⁴	6	7	1.678	Total
Figures from the previous year 5.326	5 (4 ²)				4 (2 ²)	3.274			150	39 ³	6 (6 ³)	32 ⁴	7	13	1.796	Figures from the previous year

¹ from all years of entry

² of these, with authorised representative/s: 5 [previous year: 6], without authorised representative/s: 2 [previous year: --]

³ of these, with authorised representative/s: 37 [previous year: 40], without authorised representative/s: 8 [previous year: 5]

⁴ of these, after a letter from the reporting Justice recommending the complainant withdraw the constitutional complaint: -- [2]

() = successful constitutional complaints: Senate decisions and grants by the Chambers (including proceedings decided jointly), combined: 52 [previous year: 51]

Total Numbers of Proceedings Concluded (Without Constitutional Complaints)

Proceedings pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	Proceedings pending from previous years and new proceedings 2015	Decisions issued by the Senate					Decisions issued by the Chambers						Withdrawals	Transfer to the Second Senate	Proceedings concluded in other ways (reversal of the submission order, proceedings having lost their subject-matter etc.)	Proceedings pending from years	
		successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	Rejection	thereby decided jointly	Grant	thereby decided jointly	Order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly					
No. 6 (BvF)	2011 1																1 2011
	2013 2	1															1 2013
	2015 --																-- 2015
	Total: 3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2 Total
No. 11 (BvL)	2010 1																1 2010
	2011 3	1				1											1 2011
	2012 4										1						3 2012
	2013 1																1 2013
	2014 11										1						10 2014
	2015 9										1						8 2015
	Total: 29	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	24 Total
§ 32 (BvQ)	2014 2						2										-- 2014
	2015 58						47	2	2							1	6 2015
	Total: 60	--	--	--	--	--	49	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	6 Total

C. Overview

of the Matters Dealt with by the Second Senate

in the Judicial Year 2015

General Overview

	Proceedings from previous years pending on 31 December 2014		New proceedings 2015		Total		Concluded		Still pending	
Proceedings concerning the prohibition of political parties - BvB -	1	(1)	--	(--)	1	(1)	--	(--)	1	
Scrutiny of elections and of the status as a member of the <i>Bundestag</i> - BvC -	67	(--)	20*	(70*)	87	(70)	23	(3)	64	
<i>Organstreit</i> proceedings - BvE -	13	(31)	7	(4)	20	(35)	9	(22)	11	
Abstract judicial review - BvF -	3	(5)	2	(--)	5	(5)	--	(2)	5	
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> - BvG -	1	(--)	--	(1)	1	(1)	--	(--)	1	
Other disputes involving public law - BvH -	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> - BvK -	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	
Specific judicial review - BvL -	51	(29)	3	(29)	54	(58)	12	(7)	42	
Review of public international law - BvM -	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	
Other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law - BvP -	--	(--)	1	(--)	1	(--)	--	(--)	1	
Preliminary injunctions - BvQ -	8	(45)	52*	(56*)	60	(101)	58	(93)	2	
Constitutional complaints - BvR -	1.889	(1.669)	2.486*	(3.090*)	4.375	(4.759)	2.600	(2.870)	1.775	
Plenary matters - PBvU -	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	(--)	--	
	2.033	(1.780)	2.571	(3.250)	4.604	(5.030)	2.702	(2.997)	1.902	

* of these, transfers from the General Register (§ 64 secs. 2 and 3 GOBVerfG):

BvC 5 (23)
 BvQ 21 (16)
 BvR 1.328 (1.420)

() = figures from the previous year

New Proceedings

1. Specific judicial review proceedings:

a) from the courts of ordinary jurisdiction

Local Courts:	-- (--)	Regional Courts:	1 (--)	Higher Regional Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Court of Justice:	-- (--)	=	1 (--)
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b) from the administrative courts

Admin. Courts:	1 (3)	Higher Admin. Courts:	-- (6)	Federal Admin. Court:	1 (--)			=	2 (9)
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c) from the social courts

Social Courts:	-- (--)	Higher Social Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Social Court:	-- (--)			=	-- (--)
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d) from the labour courts

Labour Courts:	-- (--)	Higher Labour Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Labour Court:	-- (--)			=	-- (--)
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e) from the finance courts

Finance Courts:	-- (8)	Federal Finance Court:	-- (12)					=	-- (20)
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f) from the disciplinary courts and the disciplinary courts for the professions

= -- (--)

= 3 (29)

() = figures from previous years

2. Constitutional complaints against:

2.1. decisions of the		2014	2015
a) courts of ordinary jurisdiction		2.283	1.955
of these,	2014 2015		
1. decisions in civil matters (including matters of non-contentious jurisdiction)	736 574		
2. decisions in criminal matters	1.547 1.381		
b) administrative courts - of these, asylum proceedings: 80 (119) -		295	269
c) social courts		2	2
d) labour courts		3	1
e) finance courts		63	61
f) patent courts		--	--
g) disciplinary courts, disciplinary courts for the professions		--	2
h) Federal Court of Justice in lawyer and notary matters		--	--
i) <i>Land</i> constitutional courts		2	8
2.2. a) laws and regulations (directly)		33	16
b) legislative omission		--	--
2.3. other sovereign acts by:			
a) European authorities		5	4
b) highest federal authorities		13	13
c) <i>Land</i> authorities		21	14
d) local government authorities		1	6
2.4. other general matters of challenge - of these, matters concerning the right of political asylum: 26 (--) -		369	135
		<u>3.090</u>	<u>2.486</u>
of these:			
with authorised representative/s		1.228	1.029
without authorised representative/s		1.862	1.457

Proceedings Concluded

1. Final Decisions

a) <u>Plenary</u>	--	(--)		
			--	(--)
b) <u>Senate:</u>				
aa) judgment	3	(8)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	6	(20)		
bb) order	30	(16)		
<u>of these</u> pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	21	(7)		
pursuant to § 93b sent. 2 BVerfGG ---	1	(--)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	7	(4)		
			<u>33</u>	<u>(24)</u>
c) <u>Chambers:</u>				
aa) order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	--	(1)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	--	(--)		
bb) non-admission/denial of preliminary injunction	2.448	(2.756)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	87	(59)		
cc) grant of relief sought	47	(58)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	6	(7)		
			<u>2.495</u>	<u>(2.815)</u>

2. Proceedings Concluded in Other Ways:

* a) decided jointly in combined proceedings (see above)	106	(90)		
b) withdrawal of constitutional complaints	18	(14)		
c) transfer to the First Senate	25	(18)		
d) reversal of submission orders				
by the submitting court	1	(2)		
e) withdrawal of an application	8	(1)		
f) proceedings having lost their subject matter	16	(33)		
(e.g. by complainant's death, an amendment of the law, the complainant's being deprived of a cause of action etc.)				
g) § 7 sec. 3 of the Records Ordinance	--	(--)		
(AktO; non-pursuance of the proceedings)				
			<u>174</u>	<u>(158)</u>
			<u><u>2.702</u></u>	<u><u>(2.997)</u></u>

() = figures from the previous year

**3.1. Interim/Incidental Decisions of the Senate and the Chambers
Within Principal Proceedings**

		2014	2015
concerning			
a) a temporary injunction		33	44
issuance	6 (12)		
repetition	9 (7)		
denial	28 (14)		
reversal	1 (--)		
protest	-- (--)		
b) invocation of the jurisdiction of the Plenary		--	--
c) exclusion of a Justice		--	--
d) disqualification of a Justice (also self-disqualification)		--	--
e) grant of legal aid and assignment of an attorney to the assisted party		--	--
f) separation of proceedings		1	--
g) setting the date for the oral hearing		13	7
h) service by public notice		--	--
i) partial non-admission of a constitutional complaint for decision (§ 25 sec. 3 BVerfGG)		1	--
j) reimbursement of expenses		5	1
k) determination of the amount involved		22	22
l) remonstrance		--	--
m) reinstatement into the former procedural position		1	1
n) correction, amendment, completion, etc. of decisions		3	2
o) amendment or cancellation of abuse fees		--	1
p) legal remedies against orders of the judicial officers fixing lawyer's fees/other costs		1	--
q) order regarding the execution of a decision (§ 35 BVerfGG)		--	--
r) other		1	7
		81	85

3.2. Fixing of costs/remuneration by the judicial officers

a) pursuant to § 34a secs. 2 and 3 BVerfGG, § 104 of the Code of Civil Procedure (ZPO) of these, 3 (4) orders		53	48
b) pursuant to § 19 of the Federal Fee Schedule for Lawyers (BRAGO), § 11 of the Lawyers' Remuneration Act (RVG) of these, 4 (7) orders		8	5
c) in the context of legal aid of these, -- (--) orders		--	--
d) correction, amendment, completion, etc. of decisions of these, -- (--) orders		--	--
e) legal remedies against orders fixing lawyers' fees/other costs of these, 1 (1) orders		1	1
f) compensation of witnesses and experts of these, 1 (1) orders		6	1
g) service by public notice		--	--
h) other of these, -- (--) orders		--	--
		68	55

() = figures from the previous year

Total Numbers of Constitutional Complaint Proceedings Concluded

Proceedings pending from previous years and new proceedings 2015	Decisions issued by the Senate					Decisions issued by the Chambers ¹						Withdrawals ¹	Transfer to the First Senate ¹	Proceedings Concluded in other ways ¹	Proceedings pending from the years	
	successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	§ 93b sentence 2, § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	Non-admission			thereby decided jointly	Grant	thereby decided jointly					
						reasoned	reasoning in the operative provisions	not reasoned								
2008 2																2 2008
2009 11																3 2009
2010 11	1															6 2010
2011 37	1				2 (2)											13 2011
2012 147	1				1 (1)	67	125	2.208	86	47	6 (6)	18	24	12		32 2012
2013 321				1												83 2013
2014 1.360																447 2014
2015 2.486																1.189 2015
Total: 4.375	4 (3²)				3 (3²)	2.400			86	47³	6 (6³)	18⁴	24	12	1.775 Total	
Figures from the previous year 4.759	5 (2 ²)				13 (3 ²)	2.705			26	58 ³	7 (7 ³)	14 ⁴	18	24	1.889	Figures from the previous year

¹ from all years of entry

² of these, with authorised representative/s: 6 [previous year: 5], without authorised representative/s -- [previous year]: --

³ of these, with authorised representative/s: 32 [previous year: 50], without authorised representative/s: 15 [previous year: 15]

⁴ of these, after a letter from the reporting Justice recommending the complainant withdraw the constitutional complaint: -- [previous year: --]

() = successful constitutional complaints: Senate decisions and grants by the Chambers (including proceedings decided jointly), combined: 59 [previous year: 70]

Total Numbers of Proceedings Concluded (Without Constitutional Complaints)

Proceedings pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	Proceedings pending from previous years and new proceedings 2015	Decisions issued by the S e n a t e					Decisions issued by the C h a m b e r s						With-drawals	Transfer to the First Senate	Proceedings concluded in other ways (reversal of the submission order, proceedings having lost their subject-matter etc.)	Proceedings pending from the years		
		success-ful	unsuc-cessful	inad-missible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	Rejection	thereby decided jointly	Grant	thereby decided jointly	Order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly						
No. 2 (BvB)	2013	1															1	2013
	2015	--															--	2015
	Total:	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
No. 3 (BvC)	2014	67				18								5			44	2014
	2015	20															20	2015
	Total:	87	--	--	--	18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	64	Total
No. 5 (BvE)	2011	4	1	2													1	2011
	2012	4		1	1	1											1	2012
	2013	4				2	1										1	2013
	2014	1															1	2014
	2015	7															7	2015
	Total:	20	1	3	1	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11
No. 6 (BvF)	2011	2															2	2011
	2013	1															1	2013
	2015	2															2	2015
	Total:	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
No. 7 (BvG)	2014	1															1	2014
	2015	--															--	2015
	Total:	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1

Total Numbers of Proceedings Concluded (Without Constitutional Complaints - Continued)

Proceedings pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	Proceedings pending from previous years and new proceedings 2015	Decisions issued by the Senate					Decisions issued by the Chambers						Withdrawals	Transfer to the First Senate	Proceedings concluded in other ways (reversal of the submission order, proceedings having lost their subject-matter etc.)	Proceedings pending from the years		
		successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	Rejection	thereby decided jointly	Grant	thereby decided jointly	Order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly						
No. 11 (BvL)	2009	5		2			2										1	2009
	2010	1															1	2010
	2011	7														1	6	2011
	2012	5					4										1	2012
	2013	6					1										5	2013
	2014	27					2										25	2014
	2015	3															3	2015
Total:	54	--	2	--	--	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	42	Total
No. 15 (BvP)	2015	1															1	2015
	Total:	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	Total
§ 32 (BvQ)	2012	1						1									--	2012
	2013	1						1									--	2013
	2014	6						5								1	--	2014
	2015	52	1					42						3	1	3	2	2015
	Total:	60	1	--	--	--	--	48	1	--	--	--	--	3	1	4	2	Total

D. Overview

of the Matters Dealt With in the General Register (GR)

for the Judicial Years 2005 to 2015

**Matters Dealt With in the General Register (GR)
Since 2005**

		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total number of entries		9.014	8.536	8.450	8.547	9.187	9.240	9.128	10.138	9.052	10.116	8.826
1. a) enquiries (§ 63 sec. 1a GOBVerfG)		1.334	1.296	1.139	1.208	1.198	1.208	899	843	788	720	844
b) general letters/expressions of opinion (§ 63 sec. 1b GOBVerfG)		2.188	1.906	1.678	2.098	2.452	2.746	2.246	3.238	2.591	3.284	2.254
2. submissions and constitutional complaints (§ 63 sec. 2a and sec. 2b GOBVerfG)		5.492	5.334	5.633	5.241	5.537	5.286	5.983	6.057	5.673	6.112	5.728
transferred to the registers of proceedings (§ 64 sec. 2 GOBVerfG)												
- also proceedings from previous years -												
a) after previous instruction of the complainant	First Senate	879	1.086	1.065	955	900	760	861	755	1.041	1.362	1.287
	Second Senate	503	575	591	574	685	653	688	799	796	970	872
	Sum	1.382	1.661	1.656	1.529	1.585	1.413	1.549	1.554	1.837	2.332	2.159
	<i>Percentage:</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>38%</i>
b) without previous instruction	First Senate	410	521	659	544	487	555	836	689	848	538	632
	Second Senate	190	277	305	262	373	362	592	687	623	489	482
	Sum	600	798	964	806	860	917	1.428	1.376	1.471	1.027	1.114
	<i>Percentage:</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>19%</i>
	Total:	1.982	2.459	2.620	2.335	2.445	2.330	2.977	2.930	3.308	3.359	3.273
	<i>Percentage:</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>57%</i>
c) thus, remaining in the General Register (GR)		3.510	2.875	3.013	2.906	3.092	2.956	3.006	3.127	2.365	2.753	2.455
<i>Percentage:</i>		<i>64%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>43%</i>

Please note that the proceedings remaining in the General Register are not concluded but can principally be called up again at any time within the time frame stipulated in § 35b sec. 7 BVerfGG.