



Federal Constitutional Court

- Annual Statistics 2018 -

Workload remains at high level

Once again nearly 6,000 new proceedings were entered in the Register of Proceedings in 2018, meaning that the number of recorded entries was slightly below that of the year prior. In contrast, 9,339 entries in the General Register mark a significant increase compared to last year.

The stabilisation of the caseload is partially linked to there being less constitutional complaints than expected concerning court decisions in asylum proceedings. With 272 asylum-related constitutional complaints and 13 decisions dealing exclusively with preliminary injunctions, the numbers are actually slightly lower than the year before. Nonetheless, the workload remains high. If one includes the 65 constitutional complaints and 14 exclusively injunctive decisions relating to the right of residence that were registered, there was one such case for every single day of the year for the competent Chamber to decide. Overall, the number of decisions on applications for preliminary injunctions (§ 32 of the Federal Constitutional Court Act), which had already reached a record high the year before, significantly surpassed that mark by a record number of 174 decisions.

As always, the Court garners the most attention for major Senate proceedings, which are a constant focus. In this respect, the judgments by the First Senate on standard rateable values for assessing property tax and on the public broadcasting fee as well as the judgments by the Second Senate on the ban on strike action for civil servants and on the constitutional requirements regarding the use of physical restraints on patients confined under public law in psychiatric hospitals, for instance, deserve mention.

Overall, the Court has a workload that can only just be managed with the available resources thanks to the strong commitment of its members and staff. In order to cope with the caseload, the procedure for admitting constitutional complaints remains indispensable, in particular the possibility – provided for by law – of refraining from providing reasons where a constitutional complaint is not admitted. This allows the Court to handle the high number of proceedings

and, at the same time, to use its resources to find answers to significant questions of constitutional law.

Karlsruhe, February 2019

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for the Judicial Year 2018

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Proceedings Brought

From 7 September 1951 to 31 December 2018

<u>Proceedings</u> brought (total)	238,048	of these,	
	229,899	(96.57%)	constitutional complaints,
	3,861	(1.62%)	abstract ¹ and specific ²
	9	(0.01%)	judicial review proceedings,
	4,254	(1.79%)	proceedings concerning the
			prohibition of political parties
			other types of proceedings, e.g.
			disputes between the Federation and
			the <i>Laender</i> (states), disputes between
			highest federal organs and other
			constitutional disputes at the federal
			and <i>Laender</i> level
	25	(0.01%)	former types of proceedings
			conducted until 1960 ³
<u>Proceedings</u> terminated (total)	234,812	of these,	
	226,804	(96.59%)	constitutional complaints; of these
	3,772	(1.60%)	5,186 were successful = 2.3%
	9	(0.01%)	abstract and specific
	4,202	(1.79%)	judicial review proceedings,
	25	(0.01%)	proceedings concerning the
			prohibition of political parties,
			other types of proceedings,
			former types of proceedings
			conducted until 1960
<u>Proceedings still pending</u>	3,236	of these,	
	3,095	(95.64%)	constitutional complaints,
	89	(2.75%)	abstract and specific
	52	(1.61%)	judicial review proceedings,
			other types of proceedings
of these,	1,450	(44.81%)	are dealt with by the First Senate, and
	1,786	(55.19%)	are dealt with by the Second Senate

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

² Art. 100(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 ^{1u.4})	5	481
1952	1008* (1.005+3 ^{2u.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 ^{2u.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 - StGB)

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
2016	2,980	2,774	5,754
2017	3,001	2,981	5,982 ⁴
2018	3,018	2,941	5,959 ⁵

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

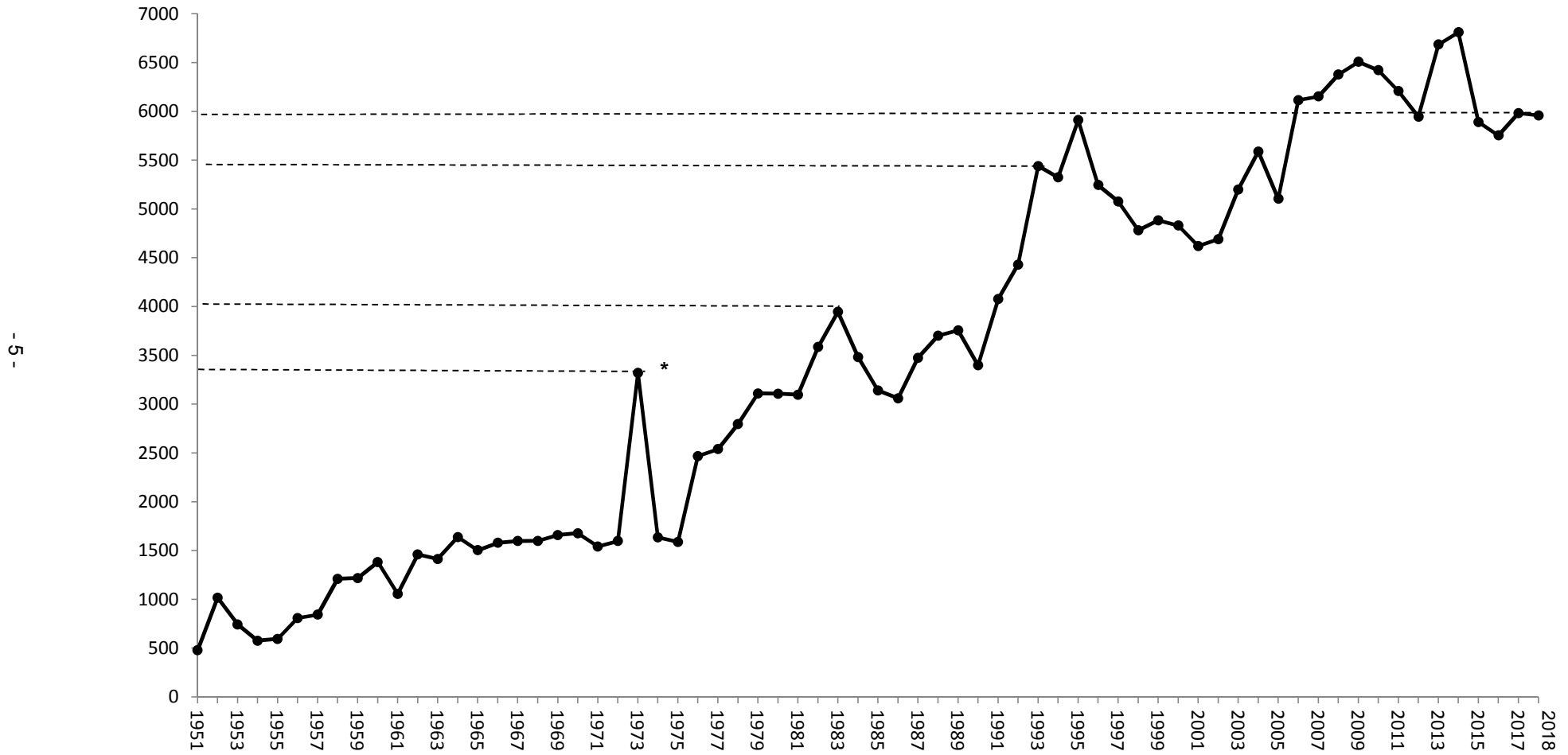
² 130 of these were parallel proceedings (concerning banking law, stock exchange law and the law on securities)

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

⁴ 170 of these were parallel proceedings (concerning the law on non-tax levies)

⁵ 344 of these were parallel proceedings (concerning general civil 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.	until 2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Art. 18 GG)	BvA	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Rulings on the unconstitutionality/exclusion from state funding of political parties (Art. 21(2)(3) GG) - from 2017 -	BvB	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	9
Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections (Art. 41(2) GG)	BvC	184	1	16	17	-	12	70	20	-	7	38	365
Impeachment of the Federal President (Art. 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal organs (Art. 93(1) no. 1 GG)	BvE	166	2	3	9	14	14	4	7	6	1	5	231
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional organ (Art. 93(1) no. 2 GG)	BvF	163	2	-	7	3	3	-	2	-	-	3	183
Constitutional disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (Art. 93(1) no. 3 and Art. 84(4) second sentence GG)	BvG	44	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	46
Public-law disputes (Art. 93(1) no. 4 GG)	BvH	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
Impeachment of judges (Art. 98(2) and (5) GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> (state) assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court for decision by virtue of <i>Land</i> law (Art. 99 GG)	BvK	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Art. 100(1) GG)	BvL	3,410	47	19	35	28	18	41	12	17	29	22	3,678
Status of a provision of public international law as part of federal law (Art. 100(2) GG)	BvM	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Interpretation of the Basic Law upon application of a <i>Land</i> constitutional court (Art. 100(3) GG)	BvN	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Disagreements on whether law continues to be valid as federal law (Art. 126 GG)	BvO	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151

New Proceedings (Continued)

Type of Proceedings	File no.	until 2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Proceedings in other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93(3) GG) - from 1971 onwards -	BvP	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7
Preliminary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	1,987	148	132	103	84	161	89	110	121	161	213	3,309
Constitutional complaints (Art. 93(1) nos. 4a and 4b GG)	BvR	169,592	6,308	6,251	6,036	5,818	6,477	6,606	5,739	5,610	5,784	5,678	229,899
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(2) and Art. 93(1) no. 2a GG - from 1998 onwards -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Referrals by the Federal Court of Justice (<i>Bundesgerichtshof</i>) pursuant to § 36(2) of the Committees of Inquiry Act - from 2001 onwards -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications pursuant to Art. 93(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:		175,880	6,508	6,422	6,208	5,947	6,686	6,811	5,891	5,754	5,982	5,959	238,048

* former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

Decisions Issued by the Plenary, the Senates and the Chambers

Type of Proceedings	File no.	until 2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Art. 18 GG)	BvA	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Rulings on the unconstitutionality/exclusion from state funding of political parties (Art. 21(2)(3) GG) - from 2017 -	BvB	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6
Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections (Art. 41(2) GG)	BvC	144	10	4	13	12	13	3	18	46	17	6	286
Impeachment of the Federal President (Art. 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal organs (Art. 93(1) no. 1 GG)	BvE	89	4	2	2	5	2	12	8	5	4	2	135
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional organ (Art. 93(1) no. 2 GG)	BvF	104	1	3	1	2	1	3	1	-	1	3	120
Constitutional disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (Art. 93(1) no. 3 and Art. 84(4) second sentence GG)	BvG	26	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	28
Public-law disputes (Art. 93(1) no. 4 GG)	BvH	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Impeachment of judges (Art. 98(2) and (5) GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court for decision by virtue of <i>Land</i> law (Art. 99 GG)	BvK	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Art. 100(1) GG) - Senates - - Chambers (since 11 August 1993) -	BvL	1,026 185	5 16	11 10	1 7	13 10	4 5	11 10	3 3	6 5	6 5	6 3	1,092 259
Status of a provision of public international law as part of federal law (Art. 100(2) GG)	BvM	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Interpretation of the Basic Law at the request of a <i>Land</i> constitutional court (Art. 100(3) GG)	BvN	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Disagreements on 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.	until 2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Proceedings in other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93(3) GG) - from 1971 onwards -	BvP	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Preliminary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	1,511	128	113	95	73	105	83	100	116	152	174	2,650
Constitutional Complaints (Art. 93(1) nos. 4a and 4b GG) - Senates - - Judges' Committees or Chambers -	BvR	3,990 145,297	14 5,783	14 5,897	16 5,597	8 5,176	12 5,975	10 6,076	12 5,653	13 5,654	8 5,168	12 5,427	4,109 201,703
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(2) and Art. 93(1) no. 2a GG - from 1998 onwards -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Referrals by the Federal Court of Justice pursuant to § 36(2) of the Committees of Inquiry Act - from 2001 onwards -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications pursuant to Art. 93(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:		152,497	5,961	6,054	5,733	5,300	6,117	6,208	5,798	5,845	5,363	5,633	210,509

* former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

Proceedings Terminated in Other Ways than by Decision, e.g. Proceedings Consolidated with Others for Joint Adjudication, Applications Withdrawn etc.

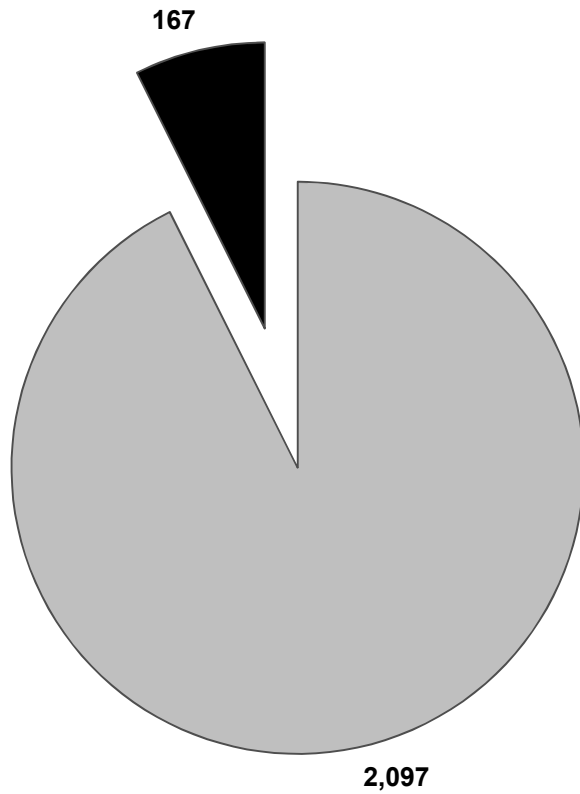
Type of Proceedings	File no.	until 2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Art. 18 GG)	BvA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rulings on the unconstitutionality/exclusion from state funding of political parties (Art. 21(2)(3) GG) - from 2017 -	BvB	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Complaints in proceedings involving the scrutiny of elections (Art. 41(2) GG)	BvC	26	1	3	2	2	-	-	5	2	-	6	47
Impeachment of the Federal President (Art. 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal organs (Art. 93(1) no. 1 GG)	BvE	67	1	2	1	1	1	10	1	1	-	-	85
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional organ (Art. 93(1) no. 2 GG)	BvF	53	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	2	60
Constitutional disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (Art. 93(1) no. 3 and Art. 84(4) second sentence GG)	BvG	16	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Public-law disputes (Art. 93(1) no. 4 GG)	BvH	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Impeachment of judges (Art. 98(2) and (5) GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court for decision by virtue of <i>Land</i> law (Art. 99 GG)	BvK	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Art. 100(1) GG)	BvL	2,133	15	21	13	11	9	11	11	8	6	3	2,241
Status of a provision of public international law as part of federal law (Art. 100(2) GG)	BvM	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Interpretation of the Basic Law at the request of a <i>Land</i> constitutional court (Art. 100(3) GG)	BvN	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Disagreements on whether law continues to be valid as federal law (Art. 126 GG)	BvO	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132

Proceedings Terminated in Other Ways (Continued)

Type of Proceedings	File no.	until 2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Proceedings in other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93(3) GG) - from 1971 onwards -	BvP	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Preliminary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	471	16	17	14	12	12	44	12	6	9	38	651
Constitutional complaints (Art. 93(1) nos. 4a and 4b GG)	BvR	17,762	254	247	301	278	382	314	306	319	280	549	20,992
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(2) and Art. 93(1) no. 2a GG - from 1998 onwards -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Referrals by the Federal Court of Justice pursuant to § 36(2) of the Committees of Inquiry Act - from 2001 onwards -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications pursuant to Art. 93(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 Terminated:		20,737	288	290	333	305	404	381	335	336	296	598	24,303

* former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

**Senate Decisions With/Without Separate Opinion(s)
in the Official Collection of Decisions (BVerfGE) - Volumes 30 to 147 (1971 to 2017)**



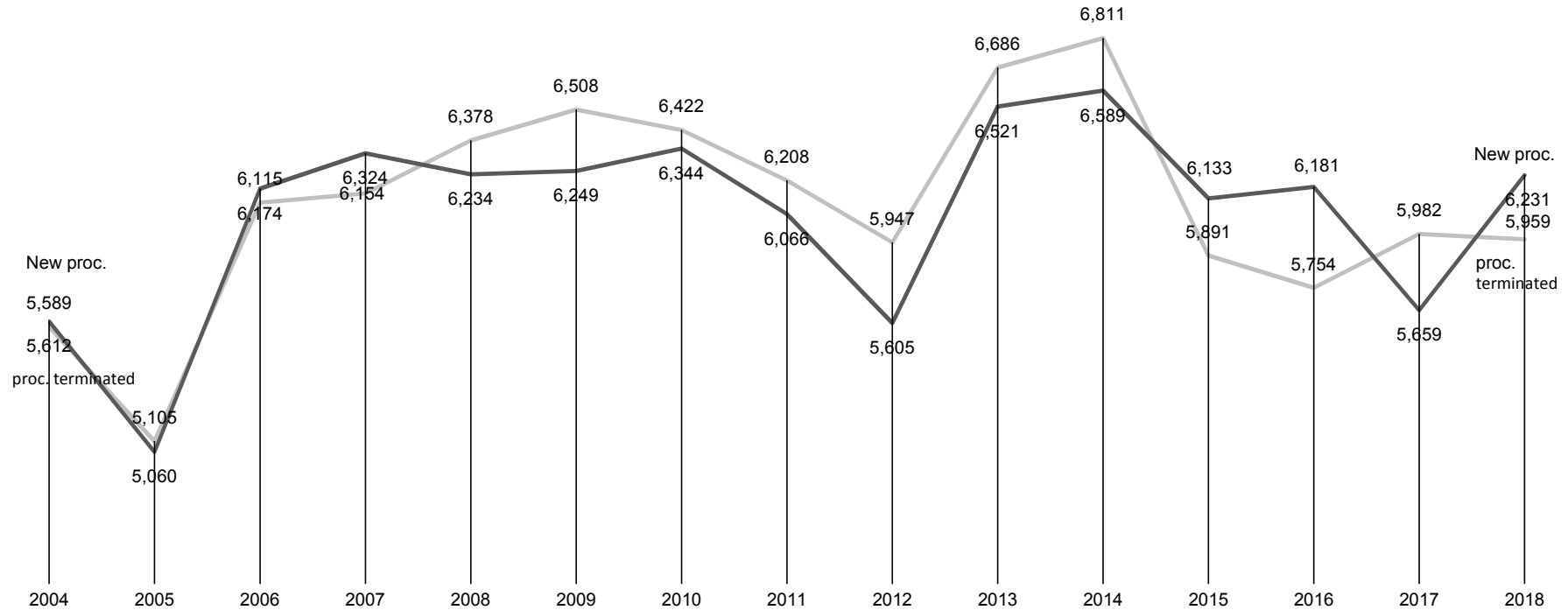
Total number: 2,264

- of these, number of Senate decisions without separate opinion(s)
- of these, number of Senate decisions with separate opinion

New Proceedings and Proceedings Terminated* since 2004

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
New proc.	5,589	5,105	6,115	6,154	6,378	6,508	6,422	6,208	5,947	6,686	6,811	5,891	5,754	5,982	5,959
Proc. Terminated	5,612	5,060	6,174	6,324	6,234	6,249	6,344	6,066	5,947	6,521	6,589	6,133	6,181	5,659	6,231

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* Proceedings terminated (decisions and proceedings terminated 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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<u>First Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	3,516	3,253	2,922	2,920	2,917
Specific judicial review (BvL)	12	9	7	7	8
Abstract judicial review (BvF)	--	--	--	--	1
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	33	58	51	74	92
Plenary matters (PBvU)	--	--	--	--	--
	3,561	3,320	2,980	3,001	3,018
<u>Second Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	3,090	2,486	2,688	2,864	2,761
Specific judicial review (BvL)	29	3	10	22	14
Abstract judicial review (BvF)	--	2	--	--	2
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	56	52	70	87	121
Unconstitutionality/exclusion from state funding of political parties (BvB)	--	--	--	--	--
Scrutiny of elections and of the status of a member of the <i>Bundestag</i> (BvC)	70	20	--	7	38
<i>Organstreit</i> proceedings (BvE)	4	7	6	1	5
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (BvG)	1	--	--	--	--
Public-law disputes (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 (PBuV)	--	--	--	--	--
	3,250	2,571	2,774	2,981	2,941
Total	6,811	5,891	5,754	5,982	5,959

**Applications Served on the Respondent and the Other Parties
Pursuant to § 23(2) BVerfGG
in the Last Five Judicial Years**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<u>First Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	85	135	56	50	71
Specific judicial review (BvL)	7	9	1	1	6
Abstract judicial review (BvF)	1	--	--	--	--
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	--	--	--	--	--
Plenary matters (PBvU)	--	--	--	--	--
	93	144	57	51	77
<u>Second Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	76	75	89	100	58
Specific judicial review (BvL)	6	9	6	13	7
Abstract judicial review (BvF)	--	1	2	--	2
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	--	--	--	1	2
Unconstitutionality/exclusion from state funding of political parties (BvB)	--	--	--	--	--
Scrutiny of elections and of the status of a member of the <i>Bundestag</i> (BvC)	--	--	1	--	--
<i>Organstreit</i> proceedings (BvE)	3	2	4	--	1
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> (BvG)	--	--	--	--	--
Public-law disputes (BvH)	--	--	--	--	--
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> (BvK)	--	--	--	--	--
Review of public international law (BvM)	--	--	--	--	--
Other cases assigned by federal law (BvP)	--	--	--	--	--
Plenary matters (PBuV)	--	--	--	--	--
	85	87	102	114	70
Total	178	231	159	165	147

Oral Hearings and Pronouncement 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
2016	1	4	4	3	5	7	12
2017	3	4	2	3	5	7	12
2018	2	3	3	4	5	7	12

Caseload and Proceedings Terminated

Proceedings from the previous years pending on:			
	1/1/2017	1/1/2018	
First Senate	1,342	1,417	
Second Senate	1,843	2,091	
	3,185	3,508	
New Proceedings:			
	2017	2018	
First Senate	3,001	3,018	of these 2,917 CC, ¹ 9 JR, ² 92 PI, ³
Second Senate	2,981	2,941	of these 2,761 CC, 16 JR, 121 PI, 5 CSM, ⁴ 38 other ⁵
	5,982	5,959	of these 5,678 CC, 25 JR, 213 PI, 5 CSM, 38 other
Proceedings terminated:			
	2017	2018	
First Senate	2,926	2,985	of these 2,886 CC, 9 JR, 90 PI,
Second Senate	2,733	3,246	of these 3,102 CC, 8 JR, 122 PI, 2 CSM, 12 other
	5,659	6,231	of these 5,988 CC, 17 JR, 212 PI, 2 CSM, 12 other
Proceedings pending on:			
	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	
First Senate	1,417	1,450	of these 1,428 CC, 17 JR, 5 PI,
Second Senate	2,091	1,786	of these 1,667 CC, 72 JR, 3 PI, 11 CSM, 33 other
	3,508	3,236	of these 3,095 CC, 89 JR, 8 PI, 11 CSM, 33 other

¹ Constitutional complaints

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

³ Preliminary injunctions (proceedings in their own right)

⁴ Constitutional disputes between highest federal organs, here the Federal Constitutional Court acts in its function as a Court for state matters

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

Proceedings Terminated

	2017	2018					
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	6	11	of these,	7 CC,	4 JR,	-- PI,	
Second Senate	33	22	of these,	5 CC,	5 JR,	4 PI,	2 CSM, 6 other
2. Interim/incidental decisions							
First Senate	10	13	of these,	-- preliminary injunctions			
				1 exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law			
				-- challenge of a Justice			
				12 other			
Second Senate	18	28	of these,	1 preliminary injunction			
				-- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law			
				13 challenge of a Justice			
				14 other			
III. Decisions issued by a <u>Chamber</u>							
1. Decisions in principal proceedings							
a) Constitutional complaints and preliminary injunctions:							
aa) Non-admission for decision/rejection of an application for a preliminary injunction							
First Senate	2,731	2,667	of these	142 with reasons			
				399 with reasoning in the operative part of the decision			
				2,126 without reasons (80%)			
Second Senate	2,519	2,844	of these	57 with reasons			
				553 with reasoning in the operative part of the decision			
				2,234 without reasons (79%)			
bb) Grant of the relief sought							
First Senate	19	48					
Second Senate	50	38					
b) Proceedings involving specific judicial review (inadmissible referral):							
First Senate	2	3					
Second Senate	3	--					
2. Interim/incidental decisions							
First Senate	40	44	of these:	13 preliminary injunctions			
				-- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law			
				-- challenge of a Justice			
				31 other			
Second Senate	73	102	of these	53 preliminary injunctions			
				-- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law			
				-- challenge of a Justice			
				49 other			
IV. Proceedings terminated in other ways							
1. Withdrawals							
First Senate	11	10					
Second Senate	21	37					
2. Transfers to the other Senate							
First Senate	5	8					
Second Senate	9	34					
3. Proceedings combined with other proceedings, etc.							
First Senate	152	238					
Second Senate	98	271					

Constitutional Complaint Proceedings

(Including Proceedings Combined with Others for Joint Decision)

Terminated in the Last Five Judicial Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
New Proceedings	6,606	5,739	5,610	5,784	5,678
Proceedings Terminated					
1. by a <u>Chamber</u>					
Non-admission	6,155	5,769	5,778	5,268	5,740
Granting of relief sought	110	98	109	91	86
2. by a <u>Senate</u>					
Non-admission	--	1	1	--	--
Rejection	16	3	10	8	15
Granting of relief sought	11	13	8	9	12
3. by withdrawal	46	38	42	28	44
4. in other ways/ transfers to the other Senate	62	49	38	52	91

**Share of the Constitutional Complaints Granted
of the Constitutional Complaints Decided per Year**

since 1987 *

Year	Proceedings decided on their own or combined with others	Among these, succesful 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%

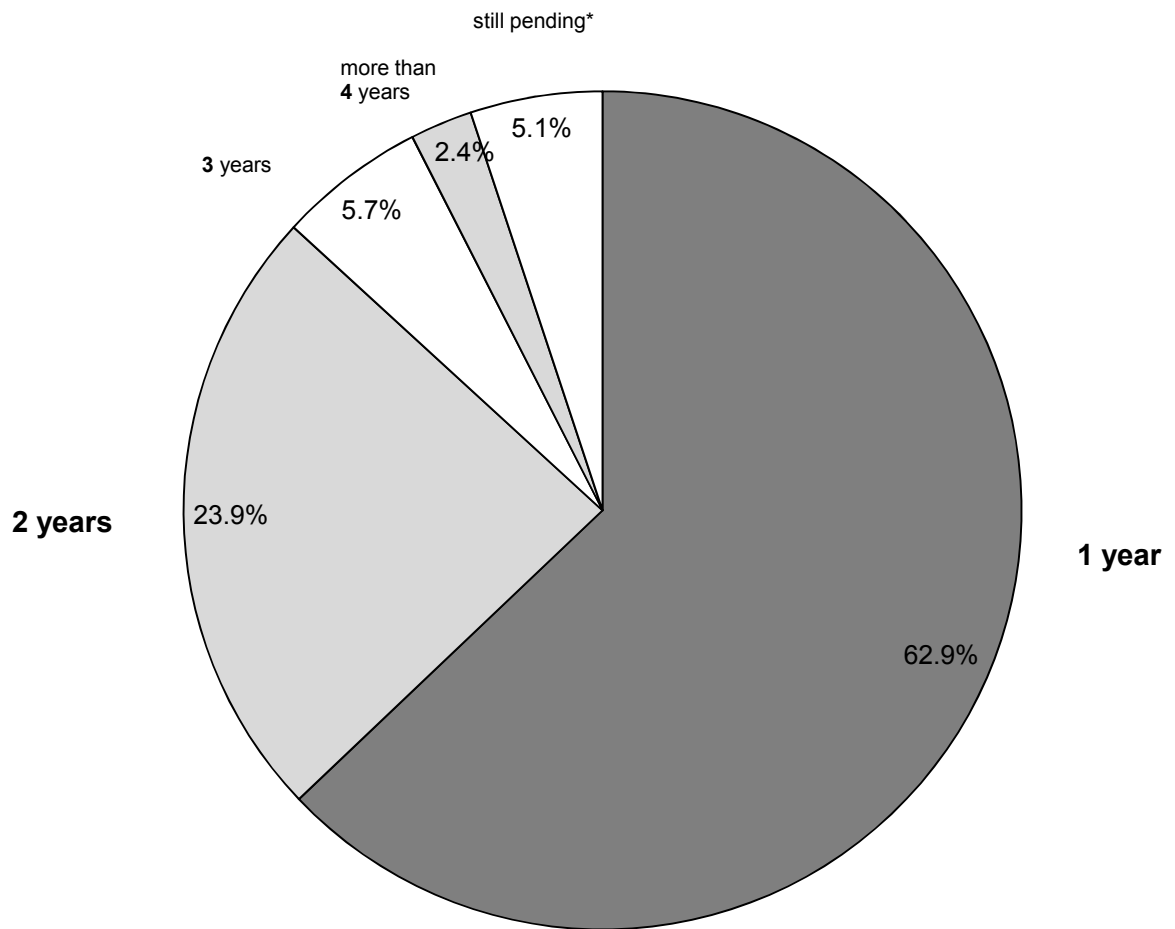
* It is not possible to provide valid figures for the period prior to 1987 because no separate survey of decisions which terminated several proceedings (combined proceedings) was carried out.

**Share of the Constitutional Complaints Granted
of the Constitutional Complaints Decided per Year**

since 1987 (Continued)

Year	Proceedings decided on their own or combined with others	Among these, successful proceedings	Share in %
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%
2016	5,906	117	1.98%
2017	5,376	100	1.86%
2018	5,853	98	1.67%

**Average Length of Proceedings of Constitutional Complaints
Lodged in the Years 2009 to 2018**



*from the years 2009 to 2018

Constitutional Complaints Lodged Against Judicial Decisions since 1991

Type of Jurisdiction	1991 to 2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		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)	34,771	10,578	1,777	736	1,587	574	1,275	797	1,273	755	1,481	906	56,510
b) Criminal courts	937	28,890	43	1,547	70	1,381	47	1,264	42	1,263	44	1,206	36,734
Administrative courts													
a) General administrative courts	9,682	5,528	454	176	431	189	451	202	444	163	362	144	18,226
b) Asylum proceedings	--	8,689	--	119	--	80	--	123	--	399	--	269	9,679
Social courts	6,615	33	651	2	553	2	535	3	527	--	498	--	9,419
Labour courts	2,805	64	132	3	127	1	162	3	160	3	149	--	3,609
Finance courts	1,475	1,893	58	63	68	61	70	62	91	60	73	41	4,015
Patent courts	51	3	1	--	3	--	2	--	2	--	4	--	66
Disciplinary courts/ Disciplinary courts for the professions	539	87	15	--	10	2	3	2	4	1	11	4	678
Federal Court of Justice in lawyer and notary matters	561	3	25	--	19	--	8	--	13	--	9	--	638
Land constitutional courts	362	169	19	2	14	8	13	5	25	6	20	7	650
Total	57,798	55,937	3,175	2,648	2,882	2,298	2,566	2,461	2,581	2,650	2,651	2,577	140,224

Judicial Decisions Reversed^{1,2,3}

since 1991⁴

1991 to 2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		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	
1,339	1,522 (508)	50	67 (--)	58	55 (--)	77	34 (1)	19	73 (11)	52	35 (14)	3,381 (534)

¹ Where 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 the appeal was counted

² Where 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 to 2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		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	5,044	4,166	361	216	319	222	246	259	256	248	319	209	11,865
Federal Administrative Court	2,100	1,274	87	28	85	36	114	27	113	44	81	36	4,025
Federal Social Court	4,117	17	353	3	274	--	262	1	287	--	235	--	5,549
Federal Labour Court	1,938	32	126	2	116	1	148	3	177	23	143	--	2,709
Federal Finance Court	1,337	1,598	64	73	65	66	60	71	91	49	78	53	3,605
Total	14,536	7,087	991	322	859	325	830	361	924	364	856	298	27,753

¹ Where several decisions of the respective federal court were challenged in a single set of proceedings, they were counted as separate decisions

Decisions by Federal Courts Reversed

since 1991²

	1991 to 2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		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	104	45	3	3	11	1	2	1	1	4	--	--	175
Federal Administrative Court	35	88	--	--	1	3	--	--	--	2	1	--	130
Federal Social Court	32	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	2	--	35
Federal Labour Court	27	1	--	3	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	35
Federal Finance Court	7	26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	35
Total	205	160	3	6	14	4	5	1	1	6	5	--	410

² Also in proceedings brought in previous years

Constitutional Complaints

Lodged Against

Judicial Decisions/Statutes (Legal Provisions) / Sovereign Acts of Federal / Land (state) and European Union Authorities in the Judicial Year 2018

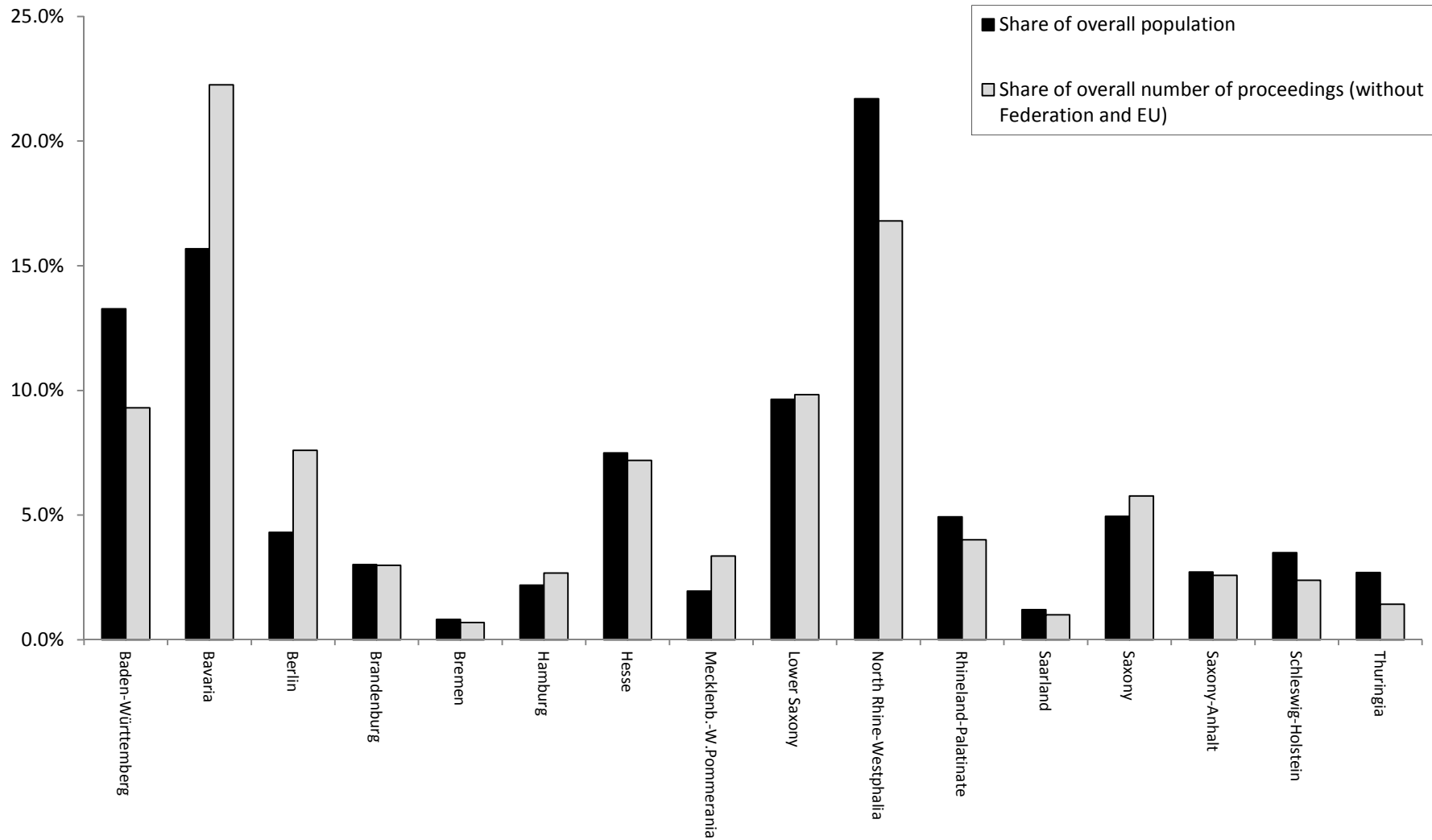
Federation/Laender		Judicial decisions		Statutes/ legal provisions		Sovereign acts of federal / Land and European Union authorities		Total (Share of overall number of proceedings; without Federation and EU)	
		Inhabitants (million)	Share of overall population	First Senate	Second Senate	First Senate	Second Senate		First Senate
Baden-Württemberg	10.9	13.3%	227	175	2	--	10	6	420
					17*	4*			9.3%
Bavaria	12.9	15.7%	294	680	6	--	15	4	999
					13*	5*			22.3%
Berlin	3.6	4.3%	194	131	--	--	10	6	341
					2*	--*			7.6%
Brandenburg	2.5	3.0%	55	71	--	--	4	4	134
					--*	--*			3.0%
Bremen	0.7	0.8%	14	16	--	--	--	1	31
					1*	--*			0.7%
Hamburg	1.8	2.2%	77	42	--	--	1	--	120
					2*	--*			2.7%
Hesse	6.2	7.5%	160	156	--	--	6	4	326
					3*	--*			7.2%
Mecklenb.-V.Pommern	1.6	2.0%	74	77	--	--	--	--	151
					--*	1*			3.4%
Lower Saxony	8.0	9.6%	207	227	--	--	5	2	441
					7*	1*			9.8%
North Rhine-Westphalia	17.9	21.7%	387	352	1	1	7	6	754
					17*	3*			16.8%
Rhineland-Palatinate	4.1	4.9%	78	96	1	--	2	3	180
					4*	--*			4.0%
Saarland	1.0	1.2%	24	21	--	--	--	--	45
					--*	--*			1.0%
Saxony	4.1	4.9%	99	156	1	--	--	3	259
					5*	1*			5.8%
Saxony-Anhalt	2.2	2.7%	61	51	1	--	--	3	116
					1*	--*			2.6%
Schleswig-Holstein	2.9	3.5%	54	53	--	--	--	--	107
					--*	--*			2.4%
Thuringia	2.2	2.7%	33	30	--	--	--	1	64
					1*	--*			1.4%
Sum Laender			2,038	2,334	12	1	60	43	4,488
					73*	15*			
Federation	82.4	million inhabit. rounded	613	243	61	20	13	5	955
					100*	33*			
EU			--	--	2	--	--	5	7
					--*	--*			
Sum Total			2,651	2,577	75	21	73	53	5,450
					173*	48*			

* indirect subject-matter of the challenge

Constitutional Complaints

Lodged Against

Judicial Decisions / Statutes (Legal Provisions) / Sovereign Acts of *Land* (State) Authorities
in the Judicial Year 2018



Specific Judicial Review Proceedings

(Art. 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
2009	20	27	47
2010	14	5	19

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

Specific Judicial Review Proceedings

(Art. 100(1) GG)

since 1980 (continued)

Yeara	First Senate	Second Senate	Total
2011	23	12	35
2012	22	6	28
2013	10	8	18
2014	12	29	41
2015	9	3	12
2016	7	10	17
2017	7	22	29
2018	8	14	22

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

Referring Jurisdiction	1991 to 2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		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	156	96	1	--	2	--	1	--	--	--	4	--	260
Criminal courts	16	144	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	4	--	--	166
Administrative courts	72	140	6	9	3	2	3	8	6	15	--	14	278
Social courts	175	6	--	--	3	--	3	--	--	--	2	--	189
Labour courts	34	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	40
Finance courts	33	67	2	20	1	--	--	2	--	3	--	--	128
Other courts	3	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	97
Total	489	548	12	29	9	3	7	10	7	22	8	14	1,158

Statutes Declared by the Federal Constitutional Court to be Unconstitutional
in the Period Between **1951 and 31 December 2018**
(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
	<i>Laender</i>	12	1	52	63	128	53	75
1992 to 2012**	Federation	6	4	77	94	181	106	75
	<i>Laender</i>	6	1	31	21	59	37	22
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
2016	Federation	-	1	3	2	6	5	1
	<i>Laender</i>	-	-	2	-	2	2	-
2017	Federation	1	-	-	4	5	3	2
	<i>Laender</i>	-	-	2	27	29	24	5
2018	Federation	-	-	2	3	5	3	2
	<i>Laender</i>	-	16	5	1	22	18	4
Total	Federation	30	20	179	273	502	315	187
	<i>Laender</i>	18	34	102	119	273	160	113

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

** Corrected

**Legal Provisions Reviewed
in Judicial Review Proceedings and Constitutional Complaint Proceedings
(Judicial Year 2018)**

Provision (Field of Law)	Senate		Proceedings/File no. Publication	Number ¹ of provisions reviewed	Com- patible	Incom- patible	Void
	I.	II.					
Code of Food and Feed Law (LFGB) § 40(1a), enacted by Art. 2 no. 2 of the Act Amending the Law on Consumer Information of 15 March 2012 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 476 - (Mandatory publication of official information on food and feed law violations)	X		1 BvF 1/13	1		X ²	
Valuation Act (BewG) §§ 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 76; § 79(5); § 93(1) second sentence in conjunction with Art. 2(1) first and third sentence of the Valuation Amendment Act (BewÄndG) in the version of Art. 2 of the Act of 22 July 1970 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 1118 - (Provisions on standard rateable values for assessing property tax)	X		1 BvL 11/14 1 BvL 12/14 1 BvL 1/15 1 BvR 639/11 1 BvR 889/12	2		X ²	
Brandenburg Higher Education Act (BbgHG) § 67(2) third sentence first half-sentence in the version of 28 April 2014 - Law an Regulations Gazette (GVBl) I no. 18 - and § 67(2) third sentence first half-sentence; § 93(2) in conjunction with § 68(4) in the version of the publication of 06 July 2004 - GVBl I p. 394 - (Provisions concerning the temporary appointment as university chancellor)		X	2 BvL 10/16	1		X	X
Old Age Insurance Scheme for Farmers Act (ALG) § 11(1) no. 23 in the version of Art. 17 no. 6 of the Law Adapting the Retirement Age and Amending the Statutory Pension Framework (RV- Altersgrenzenanpassungsgesetz) of 20 April 2007 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 554 <569> - in conjunction with § 21(9) fourth sentence in the version of Art. 7 no. 1a 3. of the Act Amending the Fourth Book of the Code of Social Law (SGB IV - ÄndG) and other acts of 5 August 2010 - BGBl I p. 1127 <1132> - and in the version of Art. 4 no. 5 of the Law Revising the Framework on Agricultural Social Insurance (LSV-NOG) of 12 April 2012 - BGBl I p. 579 <589 and 590> - (Provisions governing the mandatory farm transfer as an eligibility requirement for pension benefits)	X		1 BvR 97/14 1 BvR 2392/14	1		X	
Ordinance on Fees Fixed Under the Authority of the Rhineland Palatinate Ministry for the Environment, Forestry and Consumer Protection (UmwMinGebV RP) no. 4.1.1.1. of the annex to § 2(1) of 20 April 2006 - Law and Regulations Gazette (GVBl) p. 165 - in the version of 1 December 2010 - GVBl p. 524 - (Fixing of administrative fees for a permit procedure under immission control law)	X		1 BvR 45/15	1		X	
Law on Part-Time Work and Fixed-Term Contracts (TzBfG) § 14(2) second sentence of 21 December.2000 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 1966 -, in the version of 20 December 2011 - BGBl I p. 2854 - (Prohibition of repeated fixed-term employment contracts)	X		1 BvL 7/14 1 BvR 1375/14	1	X		
Acts and resolutions of the <i>Laender</i> approving Art. 1 of the 15th Amendment to the Inter-state Broadcasting Treaty of 15 December 2010 - Baden-Württemberg Law Gazette (GBl.BW) p. 477, 478 - (Provisions on public broadcasting fees for primary residences and in the commercial and non-private sector)	X		1 BvR 1675/16 1 BvR 745/17 1 BvR 836/17 1 BvR 981/17	16		X ²	
Baden-Württemberg Act regarding Assistance and Protective Measures for Persons with Mental Illnesses (PsychKHG BW) § 25 of 25 November 2014 - Baden-Württemberg Law Gazette (GBl.BW) p. 534 - (Physical restraints on patients confined under public law in psychiatric hospitals)		X	2 BvR 309/15 2 BvR 502/16	1		X ²	
Census Act 2011 (ZensG 2011) § 7(1) to (3); § 8(3); § 15(2) and (3); § 19 of 8 July 2009 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 1781 - and § 15 of the Census Preparation Act 2011 (ZensVorbG 2011) of 8 December 2007 - BGBl I p. 2808 -; Sample Ordinance (StichprobenV) § 2(2) and (3); § 3(2) of 25 June 2010 - BGBl I p. 830 - (Provisions regarding the 2011 Census)		X	2 BvF 1/15 2 BvF 2/15	3	X		

**Legal Provisions Reviewed
in Judicial Review Proceedings and Constitutional Complaint Proceedings
(Judicial Year 2018 - Continued)**

Provision (Field of Law)	Senate		Proceedings/File no. Publication	Number ¹ of provisions reviewed	Com- patible	Incom- patible	Void
	I.	II.					
Remuneration Act of the <i>Land</i> Baden-Württemberg (LBesG BW) § 23 of 9 November 2010 - Baden-Württemberg Law Gazette (GBl.BW) p. 793 - in the version of Art. 5 no. 1 of the Baden-Württemberg Budget Accompanying Act (HBegleitG BW) 2013/14 of 18 December 2012 - Baden-Württemberg Law Gazette (GBl.BW) p. 677 - (Austerity cuts to entry-level remuneration in the civil and judicial service of the <i>Land</i> Baden-Württemberg)		X	2 BvL 2/17	1		X	X
Lower Saxony Remuneration Act (NBesG) § 24(1) in the version of the Lower Saxony Budget Accompanying Act (HBegleitG ND) 2014 of 16 December 2013 - Lower Saxony Law and Regulations Gazette (Nds. GVBl.) p. 310 - and in the version of HBegleitG ND 2015 of 18 December 2014 - Nds. GVBl. p. 477 - and § 12(1) to (3) in the version of the Lower Saxony Act to Amend Remuneration Law (BesNeuRG ND) of 20 December 2016 - Lower Saxony Law and Regulations Gazette (Nds. GVBl.) p. 308 - (Provisions on remuneration in the civil service in case of limited fitness for work.		X	2 BvL 3/15	1		X	
Beer Tax Act (BierStG) 1993 § 2(2) first and fourth sentence in the version of Art. 15 of the Budget Accompanying Act (HBegIG) 2004 of 29 December .2003 - Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) I p. 3076 -; § 4(5) sentence 1 no. 2 first sentence of the Income Tax Act (EStG) in the version of Art. 9 no. 5 letter b of the HBegIG 2004 - of 29 December 2003 - BGBl I p. 3076 - (Increase of beer tax)		X	2 BvL 4/11 2 BvL 5/11 2 BvL 4/13	2		X	
Total	6	6		31	2	6 4²	2

¹ Where a decision concerned several provisions of a law or regulation, 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
2016*	5,350	9	3,000	2	8,350	11
2017	4,100	5	9,150	10	13,250	15
2018	1,200	4	3,750	5	4,950	9
Total	279,430	1,123	402,086	1,966	681,516	3,089

* corrected

Abuse Fees Imposed Pursuant to § 34(2) BVerfGG

New proceedings

a) Constitutional complaints:

	2017	2018
First Senate	2,920	2,917
Second Senate	2,864	2,761
Total	5,784	5,678

b) Preliminary injunctions:

	2017	2018
First Senate	74	92
Second Senate	87	121
Total	161	213

		Number and share of the total of constitutional complaints/ preliminary injunctions		Total amount in EUR		Smallest amount in EUR		Highest amount in EUR	
		2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
First Senate	Constitutional complaints	5 (0.17%)	3 (0.10%)	4,100	1,000	300	200	2,300	500
	Preliminary injunctions	-- (--)	1 (1.09%)	--	200	--	200	--	200
Second Senate	Constitutional complaints	9 (0.31%)	5 (0.18%)	6,550	3,750	250	250	2,600	1,500
	Preliminary injunctions	1 (1.15%)	-- (--)	2,600	--	2,600	--	2,600	--
Total		15 (0.25%)	9 (0.15%)	13,250	4,950				

Amounts Broken Down

2017				2018				
First Senate		Second Senate		First Senate		Second Senate		
1	x	300 €	1	x	250 €	2	x	200 €
3	x	500 €	5	x	500 €	1	x	500 €
1	x	2.300 €	2	x	600 €	1	x	300 €
			2	x	2,600 €	1	x	1,000 €
						1	x	1,500 €

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

	Complaints pending from the previous years	New complaints 2018	Complaints terminated											Complaints still pending on 31 December 2018	
			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	--	3	2											2	1
Second Senate	1	4	4		1									5	--
Total	1	7	6	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	1

B. Overview

of the Matters Dealt With by the First Senate

in the Judicial Year 2018

General Overview

	Proceedings from previous years pending on 31 December 2017		New proceedings 2018		Total		Terminated		Still pending	
Abstract judicial review proceedings - BvF -	1	(2)	1	(--)	2	(2)	1	(1)	1	
Specific judicial review proceedings - BvL -	16	(14)	8	(7)	24	(21)	8	(5)	16	
Applications for a preliminary injunction - BvQ -	3	(2)	92*	(74*)	95	(76)	90	(73)	5	
Constitutional complaints - BvR -	1,397	(1,324)	2,917*	(2,920*)	4,314	(4,244)	2,886	(2,847)	1,428	
	1,417	(1,342)	3,018	(3,001)	4,435	(4,343)	2,985	(2,926)	1,450	

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

BvQ 45 (42)
BvR 1,631 (1,620)

() = figures from the previous year

New Proceedings

1. Specific judicial review proceedings:

a) from the courts of ordinary jurisdiction

Local Courts:	-- (--)	Regional Courts:	2 (--)	Higher Regional Courts:	1 (--)	Federal Court of Justice:	1 (--)	=	4 (--)
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b) from the administrative courts

Admin. Courts:	-- (1)	Higher Admin. Courts:	-- (5)	Federal Admin. Court	-- (--)		=	-- (6)
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c) from the social courts

Social Courts:	2 (--)	Higher Social Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Social Court	-- (--)		=	2 (--)
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d) from the labour courts

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

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

= 1 (--)

= 8 (7)

() = figures from the previous year

2. Constitutional complaints lodged against:

		2017	2018
2.1. decisions by the			
a) courts of ordinary jurisdiction		1,315	1,525
of these,	2017 2018		
1. decisions in civil matters (including matters of non-contentious jurisdiction)	1,273 1,481		
2. decisions in criminal matters	42 44		
b) administrative courts		444	362
c) social courts		527	498
d) labour courts		160	149
e) finance courts		91	73
f) patent courts		2	4
g) disciplinary courts, disciplinary courts for the professions		4	11
h) Federal Court of Justice in lawyer and notary matters		13	9
i) <i>Land</i> constitutional courts		25	20
2.2. a) laws and regulations (directly)		123	75
b) legislative omission		2	2
2.3. other sovereign acts by:			
a) European authorities		--	--
b) highest federal authorities		21	13
c) <i>Land</i> authorities		73	60
d) local government authorities		3	9
2.4. other general objects of legal challenges		117	107
		<u>2,920</u>	<u>2,917</u>
of these:			
with authorised representatives		1,186	1,115
without authorised representatives		1,734	1,802

Proceedings Terminated

1. Final Decisions

a) Senate:

aa) judgment	3	(2)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	7	(5)	
bb) order	8	(4)	
of <u>thes</u> pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	--	(--)	
pursuant to § 93b second sent. BVerfGG	--	(--)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	6	(4)	
			11 (6)

b) Chambers:

aa) order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	3	(2)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	--	(1)	
bb) non-admission/denial of preliminary injunction	2,667	(2,731)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	210	(130)	
cc) grant of relief sought	48	(19)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings*	1	(--)	
			2,718 (2,752)

2. Proceedings Terminated in Other Ways:

* a) decided jointly in combined proceedings (see above)	224	(140)	
b) withdrawal of constitutional complaints	9	(11)	
c) transfer to the Second Senate	8	(5)	
d) reversal of the order of referral by the submitting court	--	(--)	
e) withdrawal of an application	1	(--)	
f) proceedings having become moot	11	(12)	
(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	3	(--)	
(AktO; non-pursuance of the proceedings)			256 (168)
			Total
			<u>2,985 (2,926)</u>

() = figures from the previous year

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

		2017	2018
concerning			
a) a preliminary injunction		22	13
issuance	1 (5)		
repetition	2 (--)		
denial	7 (16)		
reversal	-- (--)		
protest	3 (1)		
b) invocation of the jurisdiction of the Plenary		--	--
c) appointment of Justices to the Senate		--	--
d) exclusion of a Justice		--	1
e) challenge of a Justice (also self-recusal)		1	--
f) grant of legal aid and assignment of an attorney to the assisted party		--	1
g) admission of an adviser (<i>Beistand</i>)		1	--
h) separation of proceedings		--	--
i) combination of proceedings		--	--
j) setting of a date for the oral hearing		5	5
k) service by public notice		--	1
l) partial non-admission of a constitutional complaint for decision (§ 25(3) of the Federal Constitutional Court Act - BVerfGG)		--	--
m) discontinuation of proceedings		--	--
n) reimbursement of expenses		6	15
o) determination of the amount involved		10	19
p) remonstrance		--	--
q) reinstatement into the former procedural position		--	--
r) correction, amendment, completion etc. of decisions		3	1
s) imposition, amendment and cancellation of abuse fees		--	--
t) legal remedies against orders of the judicial officers fixing lawyers fees/other costs		1	1
u) order regarding the execution of a decision (§ 35 BVerfGG)		--	--
v) other		1	--
		50	57

3.2. Fixing of costs/remuneration by judicial officers

a) pursuant to § 34a(2) and (3) BVerfGG, § 104 of the Code of Civil Procedure (ZPO) of these, 8 (9) orders		30	34
b) pursuant to § 19 of the Federal Fee Schedule for Lawyers (BRAGO) § 11 of the Lawyers' Remuneration Act (RVG) of these, 5 (1) orders		3	3
c) in the context of legal aid of these, -- (1) orders		1	--
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 (2) orders		3	1
f) compensation of witnesses and experts of these, -- (--) orders		1	1
g) service by public notice		--	--
h) other of these, 2 (1) orders		2	5
		40	45

() = figures from the previous year

Total Numbers of Constitutional Complaint Proceedings Terminated

Proceedings pending from the previous years and new proceedings 2018	Decisions issued by the S e n a t e					Decisions issued by the C h a m b e r s ¹					Withdrawals ¹	Transfer to the Second Senate ¹	Proceedings in other ways ¹	Proceedings pending from the years	
	successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	§ 93b second sentence § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	<u>Non-admission</u>			thereby decided jointly	<u>Granted</u>					thereby decided jointly
						with reasons	with reasoning in the operative parts of the decision	without reasons							
2009 3		1													2 2009
2010 2															1 2010
2011 2		1			1 (1)										-- 2011
2012 11		2			2 (1)										2 2012
2013 40			1		1 (--)										11 2013
2014 43	1				4 (2)	115	340	2,126	209	47	1 (1)	9	8	13	13 2014
2015 112															44 2015
2016 230	1														107 2016
2017 954					3 (3)										199 2017
2018 2,917															1,049 2018
Total: 4,314	7 (2²)				11 (7²)	2,581			209	47³	1 (1³)	9⁴	8	13	1,428 Total
Figures from the previous year 4,244	5 (2 ²)				8 (4 ²)	2,660			128	19 ³	-- (-- ³)	11 ⁴	5	11	1,397 Figures from the previous year

¹ From all years of entry

² Of these, with authorised representatives: 9 [previous year: 6], without authorised representatives : -- [previous year: --]

³ Of these, with authorised representatives: 45 [previous year: 18], without authorised representatives: 3 [previous year: 1]

⁴ Of these, following a recommendation from the reporting Justice for the complainant to withdraw the constitutional complaint: -- [previous year: --]

() = Successful constitutional complaints: Senate decisions and grants by the Chambers (including proceedings decided jointly), combined: 57 [previous year: 25]

Total Numbers of Proceedings Terminated (Without Constitutional Complaints)

Proceedings pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	Proceedings pending from previous years and new proceedings 2018	Decisions issued by the Senate					Decisions issued by the Chambers						Withdrawals	Transfer to the Second Senate	Proceedings terminated in other ways (reversal of the order of referral, proceedings having become moot (etc.) order of	Proceedings pending from the years			
		successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	Rejection	thereby decided jointly	Granted	thereby decided jointly	Order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly							
No. 6 (BvF)	2013	1															--	2013	
	2018	1															1	2018	
	Total	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	Total	
No. 11 (BvL)	2014	4	1	1	1		1											--	2014
	2015	1					1											--	2015
	2016	4									1						3	2016	
	2017	7									1						6	2017	
	2018	8									1						7	2018	
	Total	24	1	1	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	16	Total	
§ 32 (BvQ)	2017	3						3										--	2017
	2018	92						83	1	1				1		1	5	2018	
	Total	95	--	--	--	--	--	86	1	1	--	--	--	1	--	1	5	Total	

C. Overview

of the Matters Dealt with by the Second Senate

in the Judicial Year 2018

General Overview

	Proceedings from previous years pending on 31 December 2017	New proceedings 2018	Total	Terminated	Still pending
Proceedings concerning the prohibition/exclusion from state funding of political parties - BvB -	-- (1)	-- (--)	-- (1)	-- (1)	--
Scrutiny of elections and of the status as a member of the <i>Bundestag</i> - BvC -	6 (16)	38* (7)	44 (23)	12 (17)	32
<i>Organstreit</i> proceedings - BvE -	8 (11)	5 (1)	13 (12)	2 (4)	11
Abstract judicial review - BvF -	4 (5)	2* (--)	6 (5)	4 (1)	2
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Laender</i> - BvG -	-- (1)	-- (--)	-- (1)	-- (1)	--
Other public law disputes - BvH -	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	--
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> - BvK -	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	--
Specific judicial review - BvL -	60 (50)	14* (22)	74 (72)	4 (12)	70
Review of public international law - BvM -	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	--
Other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law - BvP -	1 (1)	-- (--)	1 (1)	-- (--)	1
Preliminary injunctions - BvQ -	4 (5)	121* (87*) -of these, 13 matters concerning political asylum	125 (92)	122 (88)	3
Constitutional complaints - BvR -	2,008 (1,753)	2,761* (2,864*)	4,769 (4,617)	3,102 (2,609)	1,667
Plenary matters - PBvU -	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	--
	2,091 (1,843)	2,941 (2,981)	5,032 (4,824)	3,246 (2,733)	1,786

* Of these, transfers from the General Register (§ 64(2) and (3) of the Federal Constitutional Court's Rules of Procedure GOBVerfG):

BvC	16	(--)
BvF	1	(--)
BvL	1	(--)
BvQ	33	(38)
BvR	1,358	(1,466)

() = figures from the previous year

New Proceedings

1. Specific Judicial Review Proceedings:

a) from the courts of ordinary jurisdiction

Local Courts:	-- (1)	Regional Courts:	-- (2)	Higher Regional Courts:	-- (1)	Federal Court of Justice:	-- (--)	=	-- (4)
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b) from the administrative courts

Admin. Courts:	6 (10)	Higher Admin. Courts:	2 (5)	Federal Admin. Court:	6 (--)		=	14 (15)
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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:	-- (3)	Federal Finance Court:	-- (--)				=	-- (3)
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f) from the disciplinary courts and the disciplinary courts for the professions

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= 14 (22)

() = figures from the previous years

2. Constitutional complaints lodged against:

		2017	2018
2.1. decisions of the			
a) courts of ordinary jurisdiction		2,018	2,112
of these,	2017 2018		
1. decisions in civil matters (including matters of non-contentious jurisdiction)	755 906		
2. decisions in criminal matters	1,263 1,206		
b) administrative courts		562	413
- of these asylum proceedings: 269 (399) -			
c) social courts		--	--
d) labour courts		3	--
e) finance courts		60	41
f) patent courts		--	--
g) disciplinary courts, disciplinary courts for the professions		1	4
h) Federal Court of Justice in lawyer and notary matters		--	--
i) <i>Land</i> constitutional courts		6	7
2.2. a) laws and regulations (directly)		23	21
b) legislative omission		--	--
2.3. other sovereign acts by:			
a) European authorities		2	5
b) highest federal authorities		9	5
c) <i>Land</i> authorities		41	43
d) local government authorities		--	2
2.4. other general matters of challenge		139	108
- of these, matters concerning the right of political asylum: 3 (3) -			
		<u>2,864</u>	<u>2,761</u>
of these:			
with authorised representatives		1,290	1,167
without authorised representatives		1,574	1,594

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

	2017	2018
concerning		
a) a temporary injunction	31	55
issuance	15 (11)	
repetition	6 (6)	
denial	33 (14)	
reversal	-- (--)	
protest	1 (--)	
b) invocation of the jurisdiction of the Plenary	--	--
c) appointment of Justices to the Senate	--	--
d) exclusion of a Justice	--	--
e) challenge of a Justice (also recusal)	--	13
f) grant of legal aid and assignment of an attorney to the assisted party	6	2
g) admission of an adviser (<i>Beistand</i>)	--	--
h) separation of proceedings	--	--
i) combination of proceedings	--	1
j) setting the date for the oral hearing	11	7
k) service by public notice	--	--
l) partial non-admission of a constitutional complaint for decision (§ 25(3) BVerfG) (§ 25(3) Federal Constitutional Court Act - BVerfGG)	--	--
m) discontinuation of proceedings	--	--
n) reimbursement of expenses	16	29
o) determination of the amount involved	18	20
p) remonstrance	1	--
q) reinstatement into the former procedural position	1	--
r) correction, amendment, completion, etc. of decisions	--	1
s) imposition, amendment or cancellation of abuse fees	1	--
t) legal remedies against orders of the judicial officers fixing lawyer's fees/other costs	1	1
u) order regarding the execution of a decision (§ 35 BVerfGG)	--	1
v) other	5	--
	91	130

3.2. Fixing of costs/remuneration by the judicial officers

a) pursuant to § 34a(2) and (3) BVerfGG, § 104 of the Code of Civil Procedure (ZPO) of these, 2 (9) orders	46	52
b) pursuant to § 19 of the Federal Fee Schedule for Lawyers (BRAGO), § 11 of the Lawyers' Remuneration Act (RVG) of these, 2 (2) orders	3	4
c) in the context of legal aid of these, 104 (--) orders	--	104
d) correction, amendment, completion etc. of decisions of these, -- (--) orders	--	--
e) legal remedies against orders fixing lawyers' fees/other costs of these, -- (--) orders	--	--
f) compensation of witnesses and experts of these, -- (--) orders	--	--
g) service by public notice	--	--
h) other, of these, -- (--) orders	--	--
	49	160

() = figures from the previous year

Total Numbers of Constitutional Complaint Proceedings Terminated

Proceedings pending from previous years and new proceedings 2018	Decisions issued by the Senate					Decisions issued by the Chambers ¹						Withdrawals ¹	Transfer to the First Senate ¹	Proceedings terminated in other ways ¹	Proceedings pending from the years		
	successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	§ 93b second sentence § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	Non-admission			thereby decided jointly	Granted	thereby decided jointly						
						with reasons	with reasoning in the operative parts of the decision	without reasons									
2009	1		1													--	2009
2010	1															1	2010
2011	2															2	2011
2012	7		1													5	2012
2013	14				1 (--)	51	483	2,229	187	36	2 (2)	35	34	36	9	2013	
2014	45				1 (--)										23	2014	
2015	131	1			1 (--)										72	2015	
2016	381		1		1 (1)										164	2016	
2017	1,426	1													374	2017	
2018	2,761														1,017	2018	
Total:	4,769		5 (2²)		4 (1²)		2,763		187	36³	2 (2³)	35⁴	34	36	1,667	Total	
Figures from the previous year	4,617		3 (2 ²)		1 (1 ²)		2,441		39	48 ³	24 (23 ³)	17 ⁴	9	27	2,008	Figures from the previous year	

¹ From all years of entry

² Of these, with authorised representatives: 2 [previous year: 2], without authorised representatives: 1 [previous year: 1]

³ Of these, with authorised representatives: 34 [previous year: 49], without authorised representatives: 4 [previous year: 22]

⁴ Of these, following a recommendation from the reporting Justice for the complainant to withdraw the constitutional complaint: -- [previous year: --]

() = Successful constitutional complaints: Senate decisions and grants by the Chambers (including proceedings decided jointly), combined: 41 [previous year: 74]

Total Numbers of Proceeding Terminated (Without Constitutional Complaints)

Proceedings pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	Proceedings pending from previous years and new proceedings 2018		Decisions issued by the Senate					Decisions issued by the Chambers					Withdrawals	Transfer to the First Senate	Proceedings terminated in other ways (reversal of the order of referral, proceedings having become moot etc.)	Proceedings pending from the years		
			successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	Rejection	thereby decided jointly	Granted	thereby decided jointly	Order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG						thereby decided jointly
No. 3 (BvC)	2014	1															1	2014
	2015	5				4							1				--	2015
	2018	38				2	3						1		1		31	2018
	Total	44	--	--	--	6	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	1	32	Total
No. 5 (BvE)	2015	3															3	2015
	2016	4	1														3	2016
	2017	1															1	2017
	2018	5			1												4	2018
	Total	13	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	Total
No. 6 (BvF)	2011	2		1			1										--	2011
	2015	2		1			1										--	2015
	2018	2															2	2018
	Total	6	--	2	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	Total

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

Proceedings pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	Proceedings pending from previous years and new proceedings 2018	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 terminated in other ways (reversal of the order of referral, proceedings having become moot etc.)	Proceedings pending from the years		
		success- ful	unsuc- cessful	inad- missible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly	Rejection	thereby decided jointly	Granted	thereby decided jointly	Order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	thereby decided jointly						
No. 11 (BvL)	2009	1															1	2009
	2011	4															4	2011
	2013	4															4	2013
	2014	20															20	2014
	2015	2	1														1	2015
	2016	10	1												1		8	2016
	2017	19	1														18	2017
	2018	14															14	2018
	Total	74	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	70	Total
No. 15 (BvP)	2015	1															1	2015
	2018	--															--	2018
	Total	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	Total
§ 32 (BvQ)	2017	4					4										--	2017
	2018	121		4			15	77	16	2					4		3	2018
	Total	125	--	4	--	--	15	81	16	2	--	--	--	--	4		3	Total

D. Overview

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

for the Judicial Years 2008 to 2018

**Matters Dealt With in the General Register (GR)
Since 2008**

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total number of entries		8,547	9,187	9,240	9,128	10,138	9,052	10,116	8,826	8,804	8,744	9,339
1. a) enquiries (§ 63(1a) GOBVerfG)		1,208	1,198	1,208	899	843	788	720	844	755	742	725
b) general letters/expressions of opinion (§ 63(1b) GOBVerfG)		2,098	2,452	2,746	2,246	3,238	2,591	3,284	2,254	2,638	2,707	3,376
2. submissions and constitutional complaints (§ 63(2a) and (2b) GOBVerfG)		5,241	5,537	5,286	5,983	6,057	5,673	6,112	5,728	5,411	5,295	5,238
transferred to the registers of proceedings (§ 64(2) GOBVerfG)												
- also proceedings from previous years -												
a) after previous instruction of the complainant	First Senate	955	900	760	861	755	1,041	1,362	1,287	1,161	1,154	1,156
	Second Senate	574	685	653	688	799	796	970	872	981	1,042	1,012
	Sum	1,529	1,585	1,413	1,549	1,554	1,837	2,332	2,159	2,142	2,196	2,168
	<i>Percentage:</i>	29%	29%	27%	26%	26%	32%	38%	38%	40%	41%	41%
b) without previous instruction	First Senate	544	487	555	836	689	848	538	632	484	508	520
	Second Senate	262	373	362	592	687	623	489	482	497	481	406
	Sum	806	860	917	1,428	1,376	1,471	1,027	1,114	981	989	926
	<i>Percentage:</i>	15%	16%	17%	24%	23%	26%	17%	19%	18%	19%	18%
Total:		2,335	2,445	2,330	2,977	2,930	3,308	3,359	3,273	3,123	3,185	3,094
	<i>Percentage:</i>	45%	44%	44%	50%	48%	58%	55%	57%	58%	60%	59%
c) thus, remaining in the General Register (GR)		2,906	3,092	2,956	3,006	3,127	2,365	2,753	2,455	2,288	2,110	2,144
	<i>Percentage:</i>	55%	56%	56%	50%	52%	42%	45%	43%	42%	40%	41%

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