



# **Federal Constitutional Court**

- Annual Statistics 2019 -

## The 70th anniversary of the Basic Law – and much more

Last year we celebrated the Basic Law's 70th anniversary. The year also marked the 50th anniversary of the Court's move into the building in the *Schlossbezirk* designed by architect Paul Baumgarten. Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier kicked off the festivities with a speech at the 19th *Karlsruher Verfassungsgespräch* on 22 May 2019. The celebrations continued with a two-day fair on the grounds surrounding the Court and concluded with an open day at the Court on 25 May. Five thousand visitors toured the building and learned a great deal about the Court, its people and the way it works. All the Justices were present and gave interviews in the library. Last but not least, the Basic Law was subjected to a "stress test" by the Maxim Gorki Theatre choir directed by Marta Górnicka. All in all, more than 40,000 visitors attended the different events – a highly rewarding turnout for the many volunteer helpers. Our aim of making the Federal Constitutional Court accessible and bringing it alive for the public was achieved with resounding success.

The day-to-day workings of the Court were once again characterised by a large number of proceedings decided by the Chambers and numerous important hearings and Senate decisions. By way of example, I would like to mention the proceedings on sanctions for recipients of unemployment benefits under the Second Book of the Code of Social Law, on the criminalisation of assisted suicide services (§ 217 of the Criminal Code), on the European Banking Union, on the ECB's public sector purchase programme and on the right to be forgotten. For the first time since 2006, the overall number of new constitutional complaints fell below 5,500. It is encouraging that in 2019, 63% of constitutional complaints were decided in the year they were lodged, while 87% were decided within two years. We hope that this trend will continue, as it allows the Court to strike a balance between the hugely time-consuming and complex Senate proceedings on the one hand, and the thousands of proceedings in the Chambers on the other hand, which are often just as important for giving effect to fundamental rights. While the success rate for constitutional complaints is low – 2.3% on average since the Court's establishment – this should not detract from the fact that the thorough review of each individual

constitutional complaint lays the foundation for the trust placed by the public in their Constitutional Court.

Karlsruhe, February 2020

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## Proceedings brought

from 7 September 1951 to 31 December 2019

**Proceedings brought** (total) **243,494** of these,  
235,057 (96.53%) constitutional complaints,  
3,882 (1.59%) abstract<sup>1</sup> and specific<sup>2</sup>  
judicial review proceedings,  
10 (0.01%) proceedings for the prohibition of political parties,  
4,520 (1.86%) other types of proceedings, e.g. disputes between  
the Federation and the *Länder*, disputes between  
highest federal organs and other constitutional  
disputes involving the Federation and the *Länder*,  
25 (0.01%) former types of proceedings  
conducted until 1960<sup>3</sup>

**Terminated proceedings** (total) **240,022** of these,  
231,757 (96.56%) constitutional complaints; of these  
**5,261 were successful = 2.3%**  
3,785 (1.57%) abstract and specific  
judicial review proceedings,  
9 (0.01%) proceedings for the prohibition of political parties,  
4,446 (1.85%) other types of proceedings,  
25 (0.01%) former types of proceedings  
conducted until 1960

**Pending proceedings** **3,472** of these,  
3,300 (95.05%) constitutional complaints,  
97 (2.79%) abstract and specific  
judicial review proceedings,  
1 (0.03%) proceedings for the prohibition of political parties,  
74 (2.13%) other types of proceedings

of these,

1,642 (47.29%) are dealt with by the First Senate, and  
1,830 (52.71%) are dealt with by the Second Senate

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

<sup>2</sup> Art. 100(1) GG

<sup>3</sup> File references: BvT and PBvV; see page 7

## New proceedings brought since 7 September 1951

Year	First Senate	Second Senate	Total
1951	476* (473+3 <sup>1&amp;4</sup> )	5	481
1952	1008* (1,005+3 <sup>2&amp;4</sup> )	9	1,017
1953	736* (735+1 <sup>2</sup> )	7	743
1954	571* (567+4 <sup>2</sup> )	6	577
1955	587* (585+2 <sup>2</sup> )	7	594
1956	734* (732+2 <sup>2</sup> )	74* (73+1 <sup>1</sup> )	808
1957	807	37* (34+3 <sup>1</sup> )	844
1958	1114* (1,110+4 <sup>2&amp;3</sup> )	96* (95+1 <sup>1</sup> )	1,210
1959	1,190	28	1,218
1960	635* (634+1 <sup>2</sup> )	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:

<sup>1</sup> Senate jurisdiction

<sup>2</sup> legal aid

<sup>3</sup> plenary decisions

<sup>4</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>
1974	506	1,131	1,637
1975	512	1,076	1,588
1976	1,079	1,389	2,468 <sup>2</sup>
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

<sup>1</sup> 1,735 of these were parallel proceedings (concerning the supplementary stability tax)

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>
2009	3,321	3,187	6,508
2010	3,331	3,091	6,422 <sup>2</sup>
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 <sup>3</sup>
2015	3,320	2,571	5,891
2016	2,980	2,774	5,754
2017	3,001	2,981	5,982 <sup>4</sup>
2018	3,018	2,941	5,959 <sup>5</sup>
2019	2,996	2,450	5,446

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

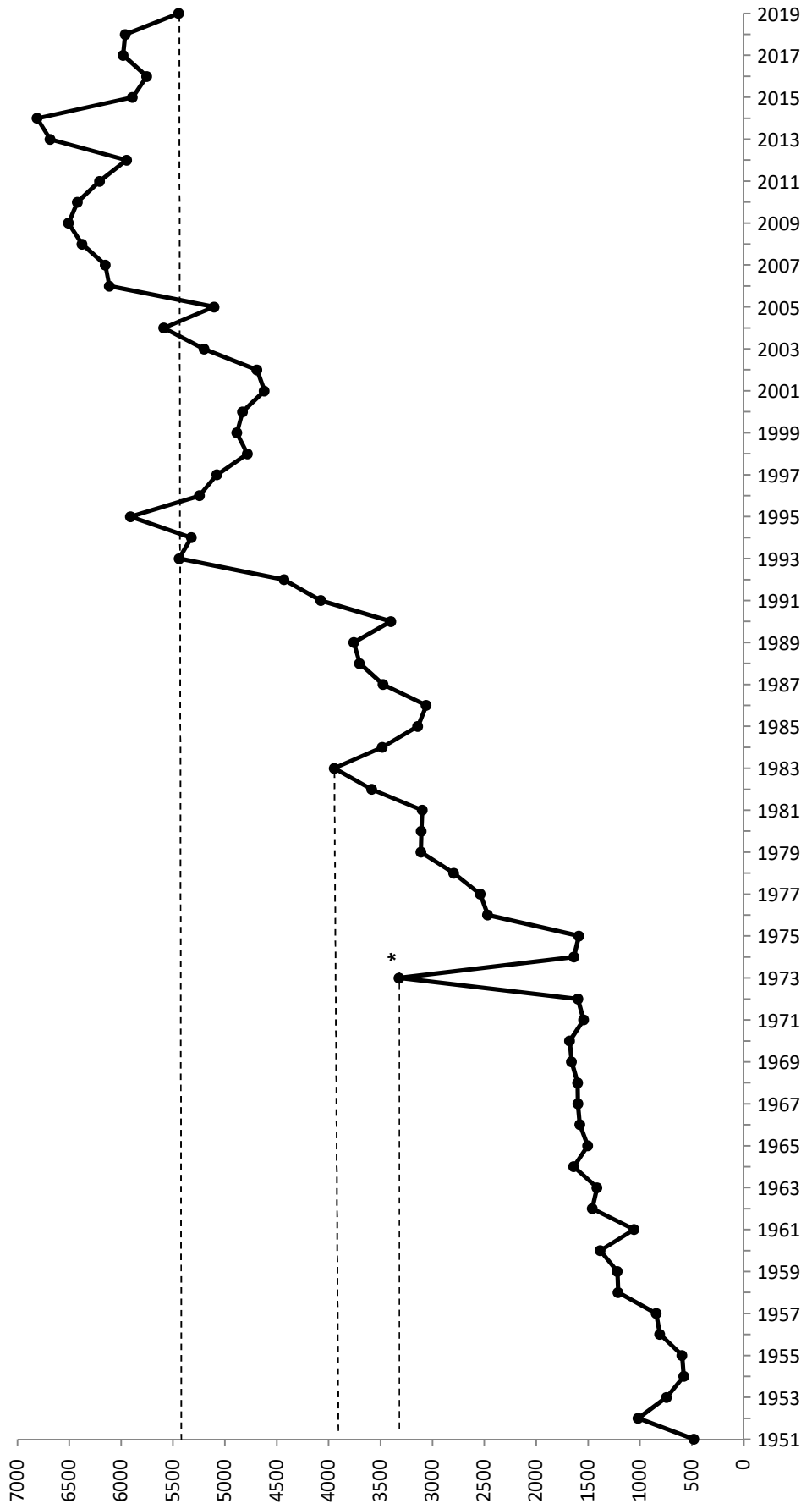
<sup>2</sup> 130 of these were parallel proceedings (concerning banking law, stock exchange law and the law on securities)

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

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

<sup>5</sup> 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 supplementary stability tax)

## New proceedings

Type of proceedings	File ref.	until 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Art. 18 GG)	BvA	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Rulings on the unconstitutionality of political parties and their exclusion from state funding (Art. 21(2) and (3) GG) - from 2017 -	BvB	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	10
Electoral complaints (Art. 41(2) GG)	BvC	185	16	17	-	12	70	20	-	7	38	66	431
Impeachment of the Federal President (Art. 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal organs (Art. 93(1) no. 1 GG)	BvE	168	3	9	14	14	4	7	6	1	5	5	236
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional organ (Art. 93(1) no. 2 GG)	BvF	165	-	7	3	3	-	2	-	-	3	1	184
Constitutional disputes between the Federation and the <i>Länder</i> (Art. 93(1) no. 3 and Art. 84(4) second sentence GG)	BvG	44	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	47
Public law disputes (Art. 93(1) no. 4 GG)	BvH	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
Impeachment of judges (Art. 98(2) and (5) GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Land</i> constitutional disputes 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	3,457	19	35	28	18	41	12	17	29	22	20	3,698
Status of a rule of international law as part of federal law (Art. 100(2) GG)	BvM	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Interpretation of the Basic Law at the request of a <i>Land</i> constitutional court (Art. 100(3) GG)	BvN	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Disagreements on continued applicability of a law as federal law (Art. 126 GG)	BvO	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151

**New proceedings (continued)**

Type of proceedings	File ref.	until 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Proceedings in other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93(3) GG) - from 1971 -	BVP	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Preliminary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	2,135	132	103	84	161	89	110	121	161	213	194	3,503
Constitutional complaints (Art. 93(1) nos. 4a and 4b GG)	BvR	175,900	6,251	6,036	5,818	6,477	6,606	5,739	5,610	5,784	5,678	5,158	235,057
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 -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Referrals by the Federal Court of Justice pursuant to § 36(2) of the Committees of Inquiry Act - from 2001 -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications pursuant to Art. 93(2) GG - from 2006 -	BvY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement of a Federal Constitutional Court Justice due to incapacity for office or for other reasons (§ 105 BVerfGG)	PBvS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plenary decisions (BvU / PBvU) (§ 16 BVerfGG)	BvU / PBvU	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Legal opinions issued by the Plenary (§ 97 BVerfGG) - until 1952 -	PBvV*	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
<b>Total of all proceedings:</b>		<b>182,388</b>	<b>6,422</b>	<b>6,208</b>	<b>5,947</b>	<b>6,686</b>	<b>6,811</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>5,754</b>	<b>5,982</b>	<b>5,959</b>	<b>5,446</b>	<b>243,494</b>

\* former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

**Decisions issued by the Plenary, the Senates and the Chambers**

Type of proceedings	File ref.	until 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Art. 18 GG)	BvA	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Rulings on the unconstitutionality of political parties and their exclusion from state funding (Art. 21(2) and (3) GG) - from 2017 -	BvB	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
Electoral complaints (Art. 41(2) GG)	BvC	154	4	13	12	13	3	18	46	17	6	35	321
Impeachment of the Federal President (Art. 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal organs (Art. 93(1) no. 1 GG)	BvE	93	2	2	5	2	12	8	5	4	2	3	138
Review of statutes upon application by a constitutional organ (Art. 93(1) no. 2 GG)	BvF	105	3	1	2	1	3	1	-	1	3	-	120
Constitutional disputes between the Federation and the Länder (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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land constitutional disputes assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court for decision by virtue of Land law (Art. 99 GG)	BvK	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Review of statutes upon judicial referral (Art. 100(1) GG)	BvL	1,031	11	1	13	4	11	3	6	6	6	3	1,095
- Senates -		201	10	7	10	5	10	3	5	5	3	7	266
- Chambers (since 11 August 1993) -		13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Status of a rule of international law as part of federal law (Art. 100(2) GG)	BvM	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Interpretation of the Basic Law at the request of a Land constitutional court (Art. 100(3) GG)	BvN	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Disagreements on continued applicability of a law as federal law (Art. 126 GG)	BvO												

**Decisions issued by the Plenary, the Senates and the Chambers (continued)**

Type of proceedings	File ref. until	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Proceedings in other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93(3) GG) - from 1971 -	BvP	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
Preliminary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	1,639	113	95	73	105	83	100	116	152	174	187	2,837
Constitutional complaints (Art. 93(1) nos. 4a and 4b GG) - Senates -	BvR	4,004	14	16	8	12	10	12	13	8	12	8	4,117
- Justices' Committees/Chambers -		151,080	5,897	5,597	5,176	5,975	6,076	5,653	5,654	5,168	5,427	4,747	206,450
1. Examination of which Senate has jurisdiction - now: administrative file ref. 1004/4 E -	BvT*	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
2. Grant of legal aid - now: BvR -													
3. Plenary decisions (§ 16 BVerfGG) - now: PBvU -													
- until 1960 -													
Disagreements on whether a law meets the requirements of Art. 72(2) and Art. 93(1) no. 2a GG - from 1998 -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Referrals by the Federal Court of Justice pursuant to § 36(2) of the Committees of Inquiry Act - from 2001 -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications pursuant to Art. 93(2) GG - from 2006 -	BvY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement of a Federal Constitutional Court Justice 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 -	PBvW*	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
<b>Total of all decisions:</b>		<b>158,458</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>5,733</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>6,117</b>	<b>6,208</b>	<b>5,798</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>5,363</b>	<b>5,633</b>	<b>4,991</b>	<b>215,500</b>

\* former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960

**Proceedings terminated in other ways, e.g. proceedings combined for joint decision, withdrawn applications etc.**

Type of proceedings	File ref.	until 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Forfeiture of fundamental rights (Art. 18 GG)	BvA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rulings on the unconstitutionality of political parties and their exclusion from state funding (Art. 21(2) and (3) GG) - from 2017 -	BvB	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Electoral complaints (Art. 41(2) GG)	BvC	27	3	2	2	-	-	5	2	-	6	9	56
Impeachment of the Federal President (Art. 61 GG)	BvD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constitutional disputes between federal organs (Art. 93(1) no. 1 GG)	BvE	68	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>Länder</i> (Art. 93(1) no. 3 and Art. 84(4) second sentence GG)	BvG	17	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Public law disputes (Art. 93(1) no. 4 GG)	BvH	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Impeachment of judges (Art. 98(2) and (5) GG)	BvJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Land</i> constitutional disputes 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	2,148	21	13	11	9	11	11	8	6	3	3	2,244
Status of a rule of 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 continued applicability of a law as federal law (Art. 126 GG)	BvO	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132

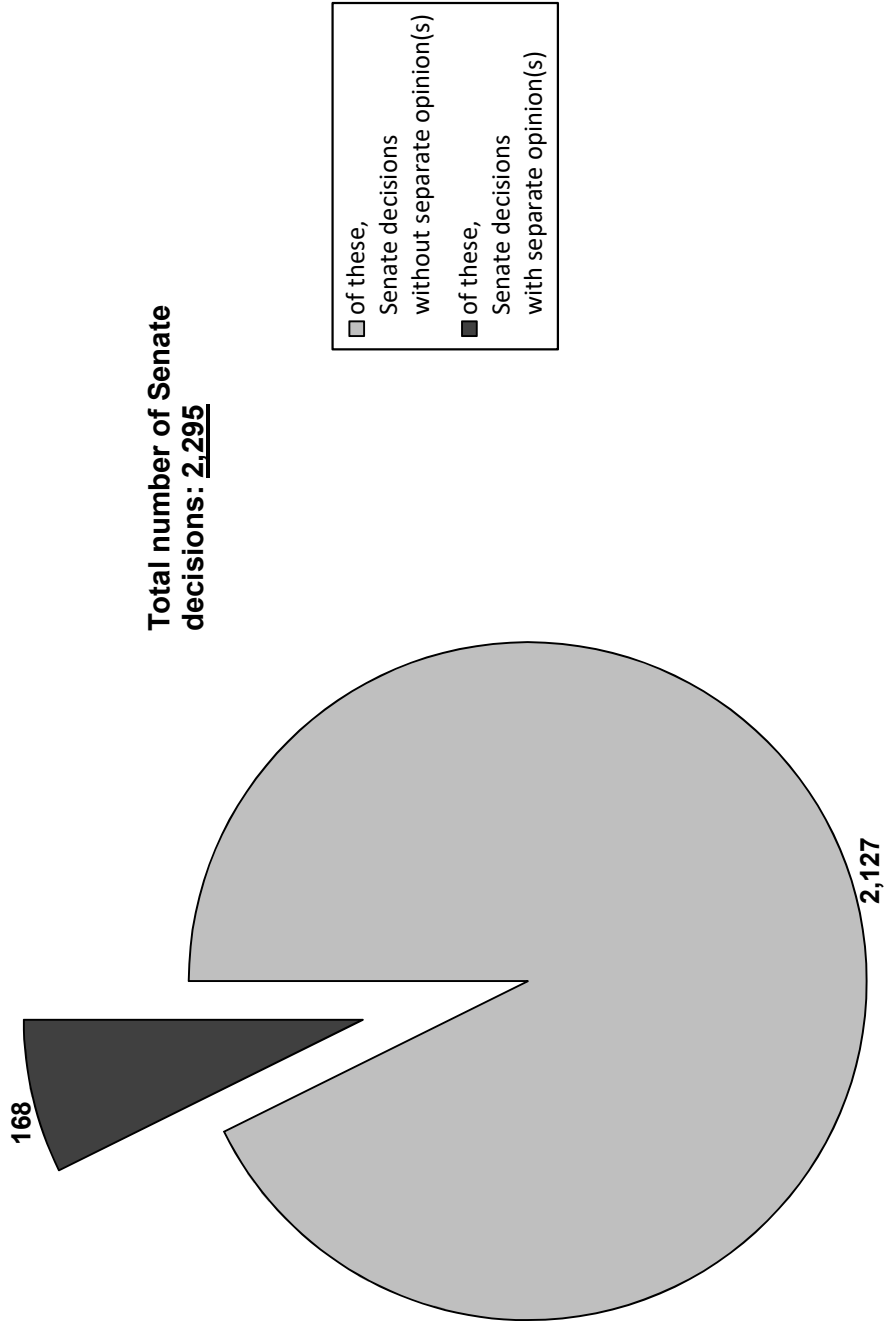
**Proceedings terminated in other ways (continued)**

Type of proceedings	File ref.	until 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Proceedings in other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93(3) GG) - from 1971 -	BVP	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Preliminary injunctions (§ 32 BVerfGG) and - until 1970 - other proceedings	BvQ	487	17	14	12	12	44	12	6	9	38	9	660
Constitutional complaints (Art. 93(1) nos. 4a and 4b GG)	BVR	18,016	247	301	278	382	314	306	319	280	549	198	21,190
1. Examination of which Senate has jurisdiction - now: administrative file ref. 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 -	BvW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Referrals by the Federal Court of Justice pursuant to § 36(2) of the Committees of Inquiry Act - from 2001 -	BvX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications pursuant to Art. 93(2) GG - from 2006 -	BvY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement of a Federal Constitutional Court Justice 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total of all terminated proceedings:</b>		<b>21,025</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>24,522</b>

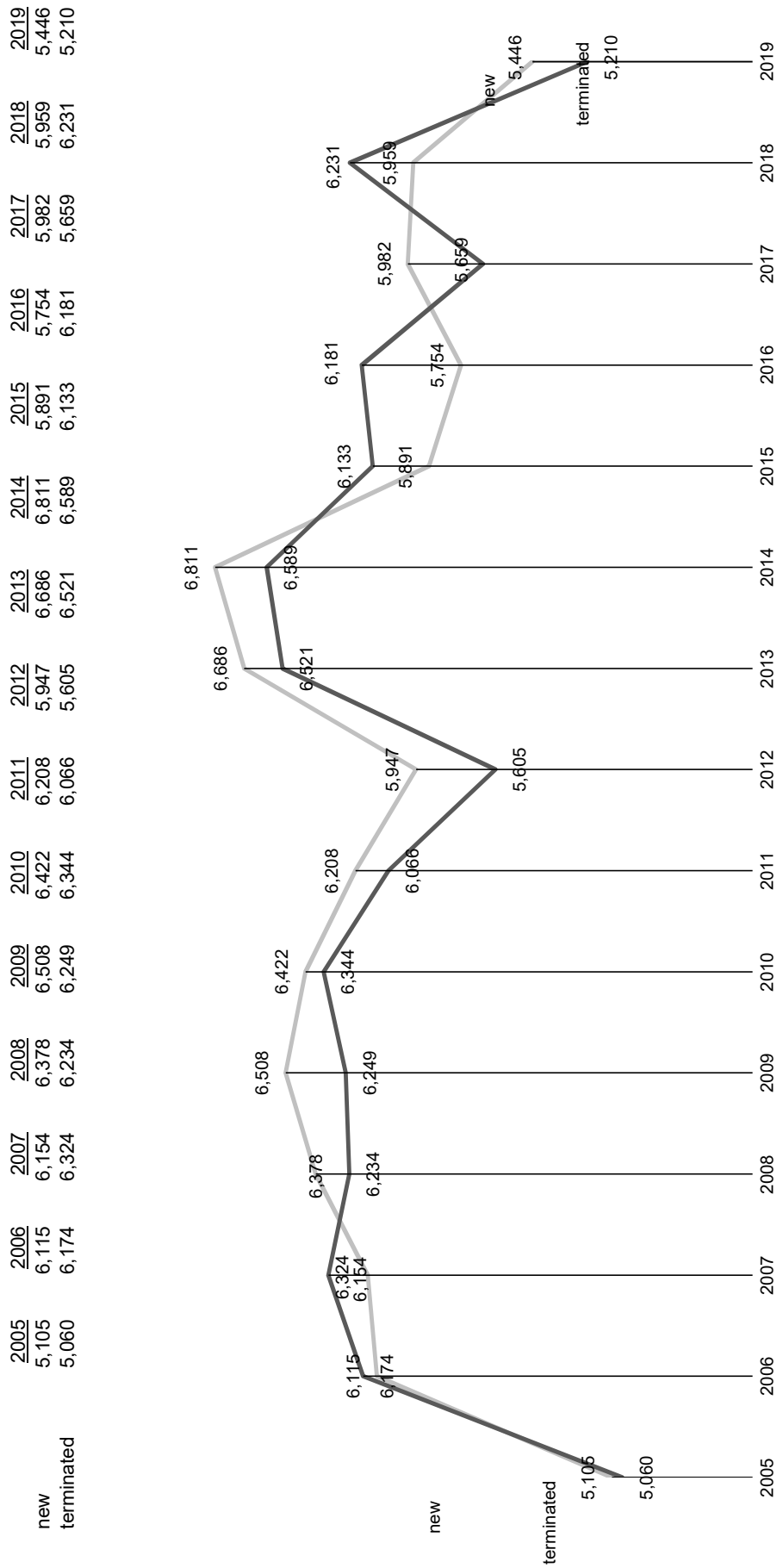
\* former types of proceedings which were conducted until 1960



**Senate Decisions with/without separate opinion(s)  
in the Official Digest (BVerfGE) - Volumes 30 to 150 (1971 to 2019)**



**New proceedings and terminated proceedings\* since 2005**



\* Terminated proceedings (decisions and proceedings terminated in other ways), proceedings brought in former years and new proceedings brought in the respective year

**Total number of new proceedings  
brought in the last five judicial years**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<u>First Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	3,253	2,922	2,920	2,917	2,897
Specific judicial reviews (BvL)	9	7	7	8	5
Abstract judicial reviews (BvF)	--	--	--	1	--
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	58	51	74	92	94
Plenary matters (PBvU)	--	--	--	--	--
	3,320	2,980	3,001	3,018	2,996
<u>Second Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	2,486	2,688	2,864	2,761	2,261
Specific judicial reviews (BvL)	3	10	22	14	15
Abstract judicial reviews (BvF)	2	--	--	2	1
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	52	70	87	121	100
Unconstitutionality/exclusion from state funding of political parties (BvB)	--	--	--	--	1
Scrutiny of elections and of the status of members of the <i>Bundestag</i> (BvC)	20	--	7	38	66
<i>Organstreit</i> proceedings (BvE)	7	6	1	5	5
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Länder</i> (BvG)	--	--	--	--	1
Public law disputes (BvH)	--	--	--	--	--
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> (BvK)	--	--	--	--	--
Review of international law (BvM)	--	--	--	--	--
Other cases assigned by federal law (BvP)	1	--	--	--	--
Plenary matters (PBvU)	--	--	--	--	--
	2,571	2,774	2,981	2,941	2,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>5,754</b>	<b>5,982</b>	<b>5,959</b>	<b>5,446</b>

**Applications served on the respondent and other parties  
pursuant to § 23(2) of the Federal Constitutional Court Act (BVerfGG)  
in the last five judicial years**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<u>First Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	135	56	50	71	55
Specific judicial reviews (BvL)	9	1	1	6	3
Abstract judicial reviews (BvF)	--	--	--	--	--
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	--	--	--	--	2
Plenary matters (PBvU)	--	--	--	--	--
	144	57	51	77	60
<u>Second Senate</u>					
Constitutional complaints (BvR)	75	89	100	58	68
Specific judicial reviews (BvL)	9	6	13	7	11
Abstract judicial reviews (BvF)	1	2	--	2	--
Preliminary injunctions (BvQ)	--	--	1	2	1
Unconstitutionality/exclusion from state funding of political parties (BvB)	--	--	--	--	1
Scrutiny of elections and of the status of members of the <i>Bundestag</i> (BvC)	--	1	--	--	--
<i>Organstreit</i> proceedings (BvE)	2	4	--	1	8
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Länder</i> (BvG)	--	--	--	--	1
Public law disputes (BvH)	--	--	--	--	--
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> (BvK)	--	--	--	--	--
Review of international law (BvM)	--	--	--	--	--
Other cases assigned by federal law (BvP)	--	--	--	--	--
Plenary matters (PBvU)	--	--	--	--	--
	87	102	114	70	90
Total	231	159	165	147	150

## 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
2016	1	4	4	3	5	7	12
2017	3	4	2	3	5	7	12
2018	2	3	3	4	5	7	12
2019	1	3	1	2	2	5	7

## Caseload and terminated proceedings

<b>Proceedings from the previous years pending on:</b>			
	<u>01.01.2018</u>	<u>01.01.2019</u>	
First Senate	1,417	1,450	
Second Senat	2,091	1,786	
	3,508	3,236	
 <b>New proceedings:</b>			
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
First Senate	3,018	2,996	of these 2,897 CC, <sup>1</sup> 5 JR, <sup>2</sup> 94 PI, <sup>3</sup>
Second Senat	2,941	2,450	of these 2,261 CC, 16 JR, 100 PI, 6 CSM, <sup>4</sup> 67 other <sup>5</sup>
	5,959	5,446	of these 5,158 CC, 21 JR, 194 PI, 6 CSM, 67 other
 <b>Terminated proceedings:</b>			
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
First Senate	2,985	2,804	of these 2,705 CC, 5 JR, 94 PI,
Second Senat	3,246	2,406	of these 2,248 CC, 8 JR, 102 PI, 3 CSM, 45 other
	6,231	5,210	of these 4,953 CC, 13 JR, 196 PI, 3 CSM, 45 other
 <b>Proceedings pending on:</b>			
	<u>31.12.2018</u>	<u>31.12.2019</u>	
First Senate	1,450	1,642	of these 1,620 CC, 17 JR, 5 PI,
Second Senat	1,786	1,830	of these 1,680 CC, 80 JR, 1 PI, 14 CSM, 55 other
	3,236	3,472	of these 3,300 CC, 97 JR, 6 PI, 14 CSM, 55 other

<sup>1</sup> Constitutional complaints

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

<sup>3</sup> Preliminary injunctions (proceedings in their own right)

<sup>4</sup> Constitutional disputes between highest federal organs, constitutional disputes between the Federation and the *Länder* ("Court for State Matters")

<sup>5</sup> Rulings on the unconstitutionality of political parties and their exclusion from state funding electoral complaints, other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law (Art. 93(3) GG)

## Terminated proceedings

	2018		2019	
<b>I. Decisions issued by the <u>Plenary</u></b>				
First Senate	--		--	
Second Senate	--		--	
<b>II. Decisions issued by a <u>Senate</u></b>				
<b>1. Decisions in principal proceedings</b>				
First Senate	11		7	of these 6 CC, 1 JR, -- PI,
Second Senate	22		47	of these 2 CC, 2 JR, 4 PI, 3 CSM, 36 other
<b>2. Interim/incidental decisions</b>				
First Senate	13		4	of these -- preliminary injunctions -- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law -- challenge of a Justice 4 other
Second Senate	28		11	of these 1 preliminary injunction -- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law -- challenge of a Justice 10 other
<b>III. Decisions issued by a <u>Chamber</u></b>				
<b>1. Decisions in principal proceedings</b>				
<b>a) Constitutional complaints and preliminary injunctions:</b>				
<b>aa) Non-admission for decision/rejection of an application for a preliminary injunction</b>				
First Senate	2,667		2,661	of these 134 with reasons 384 with reasoning in the operative part of the decision 2,143 without reasons (81%)
Second Senate	2,844		2,203	of these 92 with reasons 339 with reasoning in the operative part of the decision 1,772 without reasons (80%)
<b>bb) Complaints/injunctions granted</b>				
First Senate	48		31	
Second Senate	38		35	
<b>b) Specific judicial reviews (inadmissible referral):</b>				
First Senate	3		3	
Second Senate	--		4	
<b>2. Interim/incidental decisions</b>				
First Senate	44		35	of these 15 preliminary injunctions -- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law -- challenge of a Justice 20 other
Second Senate	102		76	of these 52 preliminary injunctions -- exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law -- challenge of a Justice 24 other
<b>IV. Proceedings terminated in other ways</b>				
<b>1. Withdrawals</b>				
First Senate	10		11	
Second Senate	37		22	
<b>2. Transfers to the other Senate</b>				
First Senate	8		9	
Second Senate	34		18	
<b>3. Proceedings combined with other proceedings, etc.</b>				
First Senate	238		82	
Second Senate	271		77	

**Constitutional complaint proceedings**  
**(including proceedings combined for joint decision)**  
**terminated in the last five judicial years**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>New proceedings</b>	5,739	5,610	5,784	5,678	5,158
<b>Terminated proceedings</b>					
1. by a <u>Chamber</u>					
not admitted for decision	5,769	5,778	5,268	5,740	4,793
granted	98	109	91	86	68
2. by a <u>Senate</u>					
not admitted for decision	1	1	--	--	--
rejected	3	10	8	15	3
granted	13	8	9	12	7
3. by withdrawal	38	42	28	44	26
4. in other ways/ transfers to other Senate	49	38	52	91	56



**Share of granted constitutional complaints  
of total decisions in constitutional complaint proceedings per year**

since 1987 \*

Year	Proceedings decided on their own or in combined proceedings	Of these, successful	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%

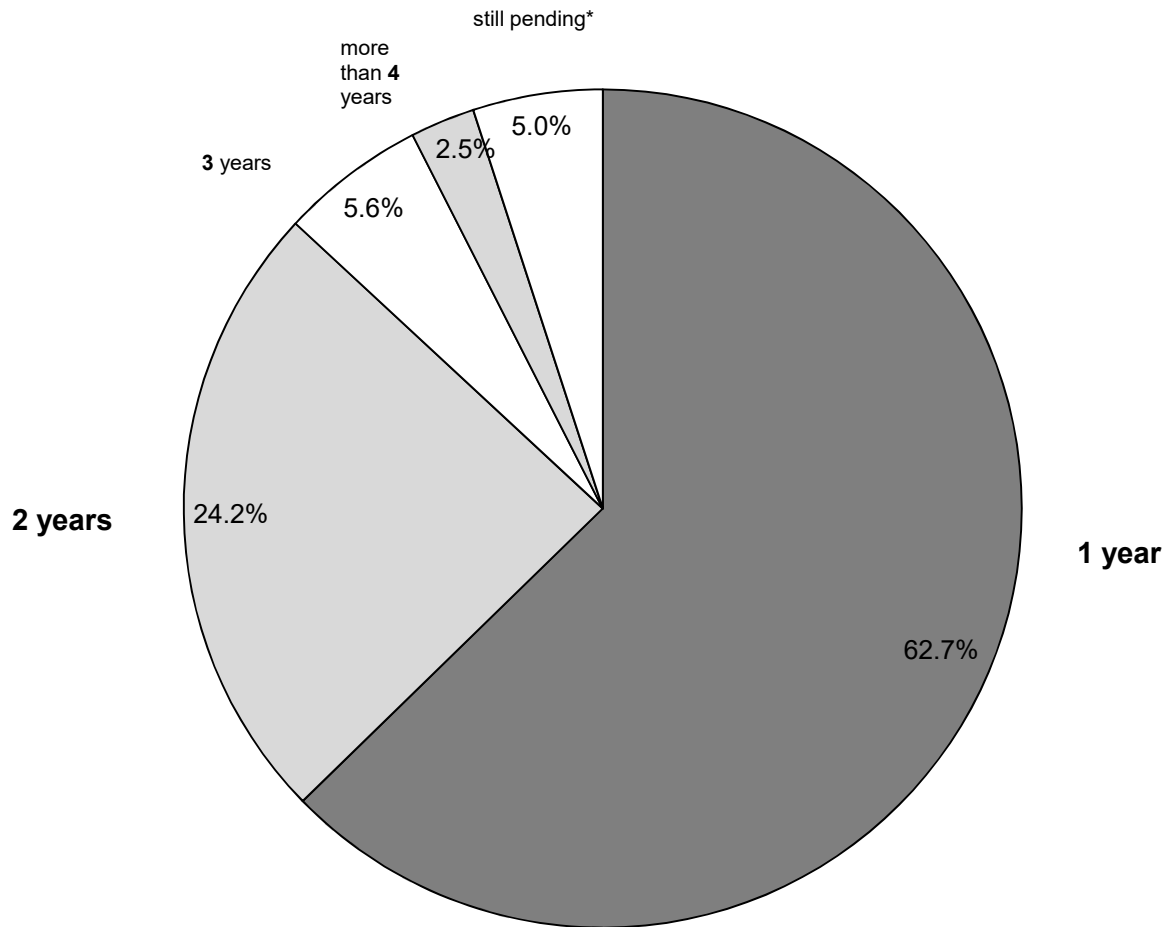
\* Valid figures cannot be provided for the period prior to 1987 because no separate analysis of decisions terminating several proceedings (combined proceedings) was carried out.

**Share of granted constitutional complaints  
of total decisions in constitutional complaint proceedings per year**

**since 1987 (continued)**

Year	Proceedings decided on their own or in combined proceedings	Of these, successful	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%
2019	4,871	75	1.54%

**Average length of proceedings for constitutional complaints  
lodged in the years 2009 to 2019**



\*from the years 2010 to 2019

**Constitutional complaints lodged against court decisions**  
**since 1991**

Type of jurisdiction	1991 to 2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		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	
<b>a) Civil courts</b>	36,548	11,314	1,587	574	1,275	797	1,273	755	1,481	906	1,420	417	58,347
(incl. non-contentious jurisdiction)													
<b>b) Criminal courts</b>	980	30,437	70	1,381	47	1,264	42	1,263	44	1,206	59	1,263	38,056
<b>Administrative courts</b>													
<b>a) General administrative proceedings</b>	10,136	5,704	431	189	451	202	444	163	362	144	371	178	18,775
<b>b) Asylum proceedings</b>	--	8,808	--	80	--	123	--	399	--	269	--	184	9,863
<b>Social courts</b>	7,266	35	553	2	535	3	527	--	498	--	432	--	9,851
<b>Labour courts</b>	2,937	67	127	1	162	3	160	3	149	--	173	1	3,783
<b>Finance courts</b>	1,533	1,956	68	61	70	62	91	60	73	41	95	42	4,152
<b>Patent courts</b>	52	3	3	--	2	--	2	--	4	--	2	--	68
<b>Disciplinary courts/</b>													
<b>Disciplinary courts for the professions</b>	554	87	10	2	3	2	4	1	11	4	10	1	689
<b>Federal Court of Justice</b>													
<b>in lawyer and notary matters</b>	586	3	19	--	8	--	13	--	9	--	18	--	656
<b>Land constitutional courts</b>													
	381	171	14	8	13	5	25	6	20	7	20	7	677
<b>Total</b>	60,973	58,585	2,882	2,298	2,566	2,461	2,581	2,650	2,651	2,577	2,600	2,093	144,917

**Reversed court decisions**<sup>1,2,3</sup>

since 1991<sup>4</sup>

1991 to 2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		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	
1,389	1,589 (508)	58	55 (--)	77	34 (1)	19	73 (11)	52	35 (14)	35	35 (6)	3,451 (540)

<sup>1</sup> Where several court 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

<sup>2</sup> Where several court 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 in each type of jurisdiction was counted

<sup>3</sup> If, after combining several proceedings, the same court decision challenged in the proceedings was reversed, it was only counted once

<sup>4</sup> Including proceedings brought in previous years

( ) = of these, asylum proceedings

## Constitutional complaints lodged against federal court decisions

since 1991<sup>1</sup>

	1991 to 2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		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	
<b>Federal Court of Justice</b>	5,405	4,382	319	222	246	259	256	248	319	209	301	186	12,352
<b>Federal Administrative Court</b>	2,187	1,302	85	36	114	27	113	44	81	36	77	38	4,140
<b>Federal Social Court</b>	4,470	20	274	--	262	1	287	--	235	--	226	--	5,775
<b>Federal Labour Court</b>	2,064	34	116	1	148	3	177	23	143	--	210	2	2,921
<b>Federal Finance Court</b>	1,401	1,671	65	66	60	71	91	49	78	53	60	28	3,693
<b>Total</b>	15,527	7,409	859	325	830	361	924	364	856	298	874	254	28,881

<sup>1</sup> Where several decisions of the respective federal court were challenged in a single set of proceedings, these were counted as separate decisions

## Reversed federal court decisions

since 1991<sup>2</sup>

	1991 to 2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		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	
<b>Federal Court of Justice</b>	107	48	11	1	2	1	1	4	--	--	3	--	178
<b>Federal Administrative Court</b>	35	88	1	3	--	--	--	2	1	--	2	1	133
<b>Federal Social Court</b>	32	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	35
<b>Federal Labour Court</b>	27	4	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	35
<b>Federal Finance Court</b>	7	26	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	35
<b>Total</b>	208	166	14	4	5	1	1	6	5	--	5	1	416

<sup>2</sup> Including proceedings brought in previous years

## Constitutional complaints

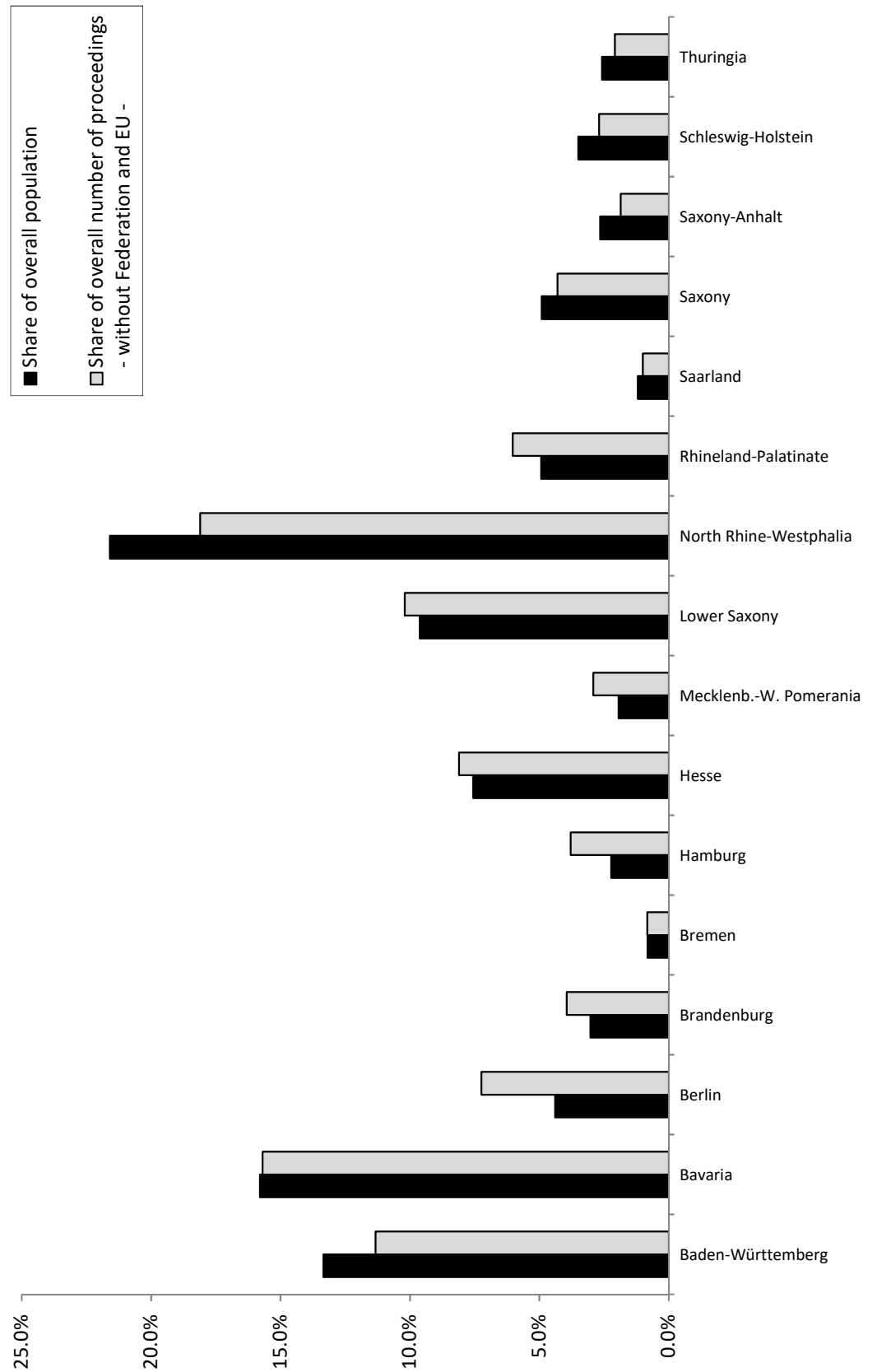
against  
court decisions/statutes (legal provisions) / sovereign acts  
of federal / Land / EU authorities in the judicial year 2019

Federation/Länder		Court decisions		Statutes/ legal provisions		Sovereign acts of federal / Land / EU 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	11.1	13.3%	209	211	2 5*	-- --*	8	21	451 11.3%
Bavaria	13.1	15.8%	288	297	3 2*	-- --*	30	5	623 15.7%
Berlin	3.6	4.4%	175	99	-- 2*	-- --*	8	6	288 7.2%
Brandenburg	2.5	3.0%	73	80	-- 5*	1 1*	1	2	157 3.9%
Bremen	0.7	0.8%	13	20	-- --*	-- --*	--	--	33 0.8%
Hamburg	1.8	2.2%	101	49	-- 1*	-- --*	--	1	151 3.8%
Hesse	6.3	7.6%	160	153	4 --*	-- 3*	3	2	322 8.1%
Mecklenb.-W. Pomerania	1.6	1.9%	53	63	-- --*	-- --*	--	--	116 2.9%
Lower Saxony	8.0	9.6%	183	213	-- 4*	-- --*	2	8	406 10.2%
North Rhine-Westphalia	17.9	21.6%	372	324	3 2*	-- 1*	13	9	721 18.1%
Rhineland-Palatinate	4.1	4.9%	95	140	-- --*	1 --*	--	4	240 6.0%
Saarland	1.0	1.2%	27	13	-- --*	-- --*	--	--	40 1.0%
Saxony	4.1	4.9%	81	83	2 --*	-- --*	1	2	169 4.3%
Saxony-Anhalt	2.2	2.7%	39	35	-- 1*	-- 1*	--	--	74 1.9%
Schleswig-Holstein	2.9	3.5%	49	56	-- 1*	-- --*	2	--	107 2.7%
Thuringia	2.1	2.6%	47	34	1 --*	-- --*	--	1	83 2.1%
<b>Sum Länder</b>			<b>1,965</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>15 23*</b>	<b>2 6*</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>3,981</b>
<b>Federation</b>	83.0 rounded	million inhabit.	635	223	43 107*	10 39*	13	10	934
<b>EU</b>			--	--	-- --*	-- 4*	--	6	6
<b>Sum Total</b>			2,600	2,093	58 130*	12 49*	81	77	4,921

\* indirectly challenged

## Constitutional complaints

against  
court decisions/statutes (legal provisions) / sovereign acts of Land authorities  
in the judicial year 2019





## 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 <sup>1</sup>	99
1992	52	85 <sup>2</sup>	137
1993	26	64 <sup>3</sup>	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:

- <sup>1</sup> a) Schöneberg Local Court: 10  
b) Saxony Judicial Service Court: 51

- <sup>2</sup> a) Schöneberg Local Court: 18  
b) Saxony Judicial Service Court: 35

- <sup>3</sup> Schöneberg Local Court: 35

**Specific judicial review proceedings**

**(Art. 100(1) GG)**

**since 1980 (continued)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>First Senate</b>	<b>Second Senate</b>	<b>Total</b>
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
2019	5	15	20

**Referring jurisdictions in specific judicial review proceedings**  
**(Art. 100(1) GG)**  
**since 1991**

Referring jurisdiction	1991 to 2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		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	
<b>Civil courts</b>	157	96	2	--	1	--	--	--	4	--	2	5	267
<b>Criminal courts</b>	17	144	--	1	--	--	--	4	--	--	1	2	169
<b>Administrative courts</b>	78	149	3	2	3	8	6	15	--	14	1	7	286
<b>Social courts</b>	175	6	3	--	3	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	189
<b>Labour courts</b>	36	2	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--	40
<b>Finance courts</b>	35	87	1	--	--	2	--	3	--	--	1	1	130
<b>Other courts</b>	3	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	97
<b>Total</b>	501	577	9	3	7	10	7	22	8	14	5	15	1,178

**S t a t e s** declared unconstitutional by the Federal Constitutional Court  
from **1951 to 31 December 2019**  
(void, incompatible with the Basic Law and void, only incompatible without declaration of voidness)

Period	Law/ordinance, entirely or in part		Provision* entirely		in part	Total	First Senate	Second Senate
	entirely	in part	entirely	in part				
1951 to 1991	Federation	23	15	89	164	291	188	103
	Länder	12	1	52	63	128	53	75
1992 to 2013**	Federation	6	4	78	97	185	108	77
	Länder	6	1	35	22	64	41	23
2014	Federation	-	-	5	3	8	6	2
	Länder	-	16	2	3	21	20	1
2015	Federation	-	-	2	-	2	2	-
	Länder	-	-	4	3	7	2	5
2016	Federation	-	1	3	2	6	5	1
	Länder	-	-	2	-	2	2	-
2017	Federation	1	-	-	4	5	3	2
	Länder	-	-	2	27	29	24	5
2018	Federation	-	-	2	3	5	3	2
	Länder	-	16	5	1	22	18	4
2019	Federation	-	-	2	2	4	2	2
	Länder	-	-	2	3	5	5	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>Federation</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>189</b>
	<b>Länder</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>113</b>

\* where a decision concerned several provisions of a law (or ordinance), it was only counted once

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**Legal provisions reviewed  
in judicial review and constitutional complaint proceedings  
(judicial year 2019)**

Provision (field of law)	Senate		Proceedings/file ref. Publication	Number <sup>1</sup> of provisions reviewed	com- patible	incom- patible	void
	I.	II.					
Bavarian Police Act (PAG) Art. 33(2) second sentence in conjunction with Art. 13(1) no. 5 in the version of the Ordinance to Adapt <i>Land</i> Law to the Current Allocation of Responsibilities of 22 July 2014 – Bay GVBl p. 286 – and its amendment in Art. 39(1) first sentence in conjunction with Art. 13(1) no. 5 PAG in the version of the Act to Reform Bavarian Police Law of 18 May 2018 – Bay GVBl p. 301 –; Art. 13(1) no. 5 in the version of 22 July 2014 and subsequent versions; Art. 33(2) second to fifth sentence in the version of 22 July 2014 and its amendment Art. 39(1) in the version of 18 May 2018; Art. 38(3) second sentence in the version of 22 July 2014 and its amendment Art. 39(3) second sentence in the version of 18 May 2018 (Automatic number plate recognition pursuant to the Bavarian Police Act)	X		1 BvR 142/15 BVerfGE 150, 244	1		X <sup>2</sup>	X
Baden-Württemberg Police Act (PolG BW) § 26(1) nos. 4 and 5; § 22a(1) first sentence, (4) fourth sentence in the version of the Act to Amend the Police Act of 18 November 2008 – GBl. BW p. 390 –; Hesse Public Security and Order Act (HSOG) § 18(2) no. 5; § 14a(1) first sentence, (4) fourth sentence in the version of the Act to Amend the Hesse Public Security and Order Act and Other Acts of 14 December 2009 – GVBl p. 635 – (Provisions of the <i>Länder</i> Baden-Württemberg and Hesse on automatic number plate recognition)	X		1 BvR 2795/09, 1 BvR 3187/10 BVerfGE 150, 309	2		X <sup>2</sup>	X
Corporation Tax Act (KStG) § 54(9) first sentence in the version of Art. 4 no. 10 of the Act to Revise Tax Provisions of 22 December 1999 – BGBl I S. 2601 – (Deficiencies in the Legislative Procedure to Amend Tax Laws)		X	2 BvL 1/09	1		X	X
Federal Elections Act (BWahlG) § 13 no. 2 in the version of the Guardianship Act of 12 September 1990 – BGBl I p. 2002 –; § 13 no. 3 in the version of the Seventh Act Amending the Federal Elections Act of 8 March 1985 – BGBl I p. 521 – (Exclusion from voting rights of persons placed under full guardianship and of offenders confined in a psychiatric hospital for lack of criminal responsibility)		X	2 BvC 62/14	1		X	X
Civil Code (BGB) § 1754(1) and (2); § 1755(1) first sentence and (2) in the version of the Act on the Reform of the Law Relating to Parents and Children of 16 December 1997 – BGBl I p. 2949 – (Complete exclusion of non-marital families from stepchild adoption)	X		1 BvR 673/17	1		X <sup>2</sup>	
Markt Oberstdorf Municipal Bylaws Regulating the Tax on Second Homes (ZwStS) § 4(2) second to fourth sentence, § 5(1) first sentence of 29 October 2004, amended by the Bylaws Amending the Markt Oberstdorf ZwStS of 19 December 2008; Sonthofen Municipal Bylaws Regulating the Tax on Second Homes (ZwStS) § 4(2) second to fourth sentence of 30 November 2004, amended by the First Bylaws Amending the Sonthofen ZwStS of 27 February 2007 (Levying of taxes on second homes in Oberstdorf and Sonthofen)	X		1 BvR 807/12, 1 BvR 2917/13	2		X	X
Second Book of the Code of Social Law (SGB II) § 31a(1) first to third sentence in the version of the Act Determining the Basic Rates and Amending the Second and Twelfth Book of the Code of Social Law of 24 March 2011 – BGBl I p. 453 – and the amendment of SGB II published on 13 May 2011 – BGBl I p. 850 –, amended by the Act to Improve Integration into the Labour Market of 20 December 2011 – BGBl p. 2854 –, amended by the Ninth Act Amending SGB II – Legislative Simplification – and Temporarily Suspending the Obligation to File for Insolvency of 26 July 2016 – BGBl I p. 1824 – (Sanctions imposed on recipients of unemployment benefits to enforce their cooperation obligations)	X		1 BvL 7/16	1		X <sup>2</sup>	
Income Tax Act (EStG) § 9(6) in the version of the Act Implementing the Recovery Directive of 7 December 2011 – BGBl I p. 2592 –		X	2 BvL 22/14 2 BvL 23/14 2 BvL 24/14 2 BvL 25/14 2 BvL 26/14 2 BvL 27/14	1	X		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b> <b>4<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Where a decision concerned several provisions of a law or ordinance, it was only counted once

<sup>2</sup> 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
<b>1962 to 2001 in German marks (DM)</b>						
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
<b>Total DM</b>	<b>347,415</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>539,440</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>886,855</b>	<b>2,647</b>
<b>= €</b>	<b>177,630</b>		<b>275,811</b>		<b>453,441</b>	

**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
<b>from 2002 in EUR</b>						
<b>Carry-over</b>	<b>177,630</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>275,811</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>453,441</b>	<b>2,647</b>
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
2019	1,700	3	500	1	2,200	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>281,130</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>402,586</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>683,716</b>	<b>3,093</b>

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### Abuse fees imposed pursuant to § 34(2) BVerfGG

New proceedings

a) constitutional complaints:

	2018	2019
First Senate	2,917	2,897
Second Senate	2,761	2,261
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,158</b>

b) preliminary injunctions:

	2018	2019
First Senate	92	94
Second Senate	121	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>194</b>

		Number (share) of the total of constitutional complaints/ preliminary injunctions		Total amount in EUR		Lowest fee in EUR		Highest fee in EUR	
		2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
First Senate	Constitutional complaints	3 (0.10%)	3 (0.10%)	1,000	1,700	200	200	500	1,000
	Preliminary injunctions	1 (1.09%)	-- (--)	200	--	200	--	200	--
Second Senate	Constitutional complaints	5 (0.18%)	1 (0.04%)	3,750	500	250	500	1,500	500
	Preliminary injunctions	-- (--)	-- (--)	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>		<b>9 (0.15%)</b>	<b>4 (0.07%)</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>2,200</b>				

### Fees broken down by Senate

2018				2019			
First Senate		Second Senate		First Senate		Second Senate	
2	x	200	EUR	1	x	250	EUR
1	x	500	EUR	2	x	500	EUR
1	x	300	EUR	1	x	1,000	EUR
				1	x	1,500	EUR
				1	x	200	EUR
				1	x	500	EUR
				1	x	1,000	EUR
						1	x
						500	EUR



**Formal complaints against judicial delay (Verzögerungsbeschwerden) pursuant to § 97a et seq. BVerfGG**

	Complaints pending from previous years	New complaints 2019	Terminated										Complaints pending on 31 December 2019				
			Complaints dismissed as inadmissible	thereby decided as well	Complaints rejected as unfounded	thereby decided as well	Complaints granted without compensation	thereby decided as well	Complaints granted with compensation	thereby decided as well	Amount of compensation	Withdrawal		Other	Total		
First Senate	1	2	1													1	2
Second Senate	--	6	5													5	1
Total	1	8	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	3

**B. Overview**

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

**for the judicial year 2019**

## General overview

	Proceedings from previous years pending on 31 December 2018		New proceedings 2019		Total		Terminated		Still pending	
Abstract judicial review proceedings - BvF -	1	(1)	--	(1)	1	(2)	--	(1)	1	
Specific judicial review proceedings - BvL -	16	(16)	5	(8)	21	(24)	5	(8)	16	
Preliminary injunctions - BvQ -	5	(3)	94*	(92*)	99	(95)	94	(90)	5	
Constitutional complaints - BvR -	1,428	(1,397)	2,897*	(2,917*)	4,325	(4,314)	2,705	(2,886)	1,620	
	<b>1,450</b>	<b>(1,417)</b>	<b>2,996</b>	<b>(3,018)</b>	<b>4,446</b>	<b>(4,435)</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>(2,985)</b>	<b>1,642</b>	

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

BvQ        32        (45)  
BvR        1,699     (1,631)

( ) = figures from the previous year

## New proceedings

### 1. Specific judicial review proceedings:

a) referred by the ordinary courts

Local Courts:	1 (--)	Regional Courts:	2 (2)	Higher Regional Courts:	-- (1)	Federal Court of Justice:	-- (1)	=	3 (4)
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b) referred by the administrative courts

Admin. Courts:	-- (--)	Higher Admin. Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Admin. Court:	1 (--)			=	1 (--)
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c) referred by the social courts

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

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

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

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= 5 (8)

( ) = figures from the previous year

## 2. Constitutional complaints lodged against:

		2018	2019
2.1. decisions of the			
a) ordinary courts		1,525	1,479
of these	<b>2018</b>   <b>2019</b>		
1. decisions in civil matters (including matters of non-contentious jurisdiction)	1,481   1,420		
2. decisions in criminal matters	44   59		
b) administrative courts		362	371
c) social courts		498	432
d) labour courts		149	173
e) finance courts		73	95
f) patent courts		4	2
g) disciplinary courts, disciplinary courts for the professions		11	10
h) Federal Court of Justice in lawyer and notary matters		9	18
i) <i>Land</i> constitutional courts		20	20
2.2. a) laws and ordinances (directly)		75	58
b) omission on the part of the legislature		2	6
2.3. other sovereign acts by:			
a) European authorities		--	--
b) highest federal authorities		13	13
c) <i>Land</i> authorities		60	68
d) municipal authorities		9	11
2.4. other general objects of legal challenges		107	141
		<u>2,917</u>	<u>2,897</u>
of these,			
with authorised representatives		1,115	1,137
without authorised representatives		1,802	1,760

## Terminated proceedings

### 1. Final decisions

#### a) Senate:

aa) judgment .....	1	(3)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	--	(7)	
bb) order .....	6	(8)	
of these pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG .....	--	(--)	
pursuant to § 93b second sent. BVerfGG .....	--	(--)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	1	(6)	
			7 (11)

#### b) Chambers:

aa) order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG .....	3	(3)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	1	(--)	
bb) non-admission(complaint)/rejection (prelim. injunction) .....	2,661	(2,667)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	67	(210)	
cc) granted .....	31	(48)	
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	3	(1)	
			2,695 (2,718)

### 2. Proceedings terminated in other ways:

* a) decided jointly in combined proceedings (see above) .....	72	(224)	
b) withdrawal of constitutional complaints .....	11	(9)	
c) transfer to the Second Senate .....	9	(8)	
d) reversal of the order of referral by the referring court .....	--	(--)	
e) withdrawal of application .....	--	(1)	
f) proceedings rendered moot .....	10	(11)	
(e.g. by complainant's death, legal amendment, 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)			
			102 (256)
			Total <u>2,804 (2,985)</u>

( ) = figures from the previous year

**3.1. Interim / incidental decisions of the Senate and the Chambers  
within principal proceedings**

	2018	2019
<b>concerning</b>		
a) preliminary injunctions	13	15
issuance	3 (1)	
repetition	2 (2)	
rejection	9 (7)	
reversal	1 (--)	
objection	-- (3)	
b) referral to the Plenary	--	--
c) appointment of Justices to the Senate	--	--
d) exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law	1	--
e) challenge of a Justice (including self-recusal)	--	--
f) granting of legal aid and assignment of a lawyer	1	1
g) admission of an adviser ( <i>Beistand</i> )	--	--
h) separation of proceedings	--	--
i) combination of proceedings	--	--
j) setting of a date for the oral hearing	5	2
k) service by public notice	1	--
l) partial non-admission of a constitutional complaint for decision (§ 25(3) BVerfGG)	--	1
m) discontinuation of proceedings	--	--
n) reimbursement of expenses	15	7
o) determination of the amount in dispute	19	8
p) remonstrance	--	--
q) reinstatement into the former procedural position	--	--
r) correction, amendment, supplementation etc. of decisions--	1	4
s) imposition, change or cancellation of abuse fees	--	--
t) legal remedies against orders of judicial officers fixing lawyers' fees/other costs	1	1
u) order regarding the execution of a decision (§ 35 BVerfGG)	--	--
v) other	--	--
	<b>57</b>	<b>39</b>

**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, 5 (8) orders	34	44
b) pursuant to § 19 BRAGO, § 11 RVG of these, 1 (5) orders	3	15
c) in the context of legal aid of these, -- (--) orders	--	--
d) correction, amendment, supplementation etc. of decisions-- of these, -- (1) orders	1	--
e) legal remedies against orders fixing lawyers' fees/other costs of these, 2 (1) orders	1	2
f) remuneration of witnesses and experts of these, -- (--) orders	1	1
g) service by public notice	--	--
h) other of these, 1 (2) orders	5	5
	<b>45</b>	<b>67</b>

( ) = figures from the previous year

### Total number of terminated constitutional complaint proceedings

Complaints lodged in 2019 and in previous years	Decisions issued by the Senate				Decisions issued by the Chambers <sup>1</sup>				Transfers to the Second Senate <sup>1</sup>	Terminated in other ways <sup>1</sup>	Pending from the previous years			
	successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	§ 93b second sentence, § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided as well	Non-admission		thereby decided as well				Granted	thereby decided as well	
						with reasons	with reasoning in the operative part							without reasons
2009	2	1										--		
2010	1				1 (1)							--		
2012	2											--		
2013	11	1										3		
2014	13											6		
2015	44	1										26		
2016	107											57		
2017	199	2	1									102		
2018	1,049											293		
2019	2,897											1,133		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,325</b>	<b>6 (5<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>7 (2<sup>2</sup>)</b>		<b>1 (1<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>28<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>3 (3<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>11<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,620</b>	
Figures from previous year	4,314	7 (2 <sup>2</sup> )	11 (7 <sup>2</sup> )			2,581	209	47 <sup>3</sup>	1 (1 <sup>3</sup> )	9 <sup>4</sup>	8	13	1,428	
														Figures from previous year

<sup>1</sup> lodged in all years

<sup>2</sup> of these, with authorised representatives: 5 [previous year: 9], without authorised representatives: 1 [previous year: --]

<sup>3</sup> of these, with authorised representatives: 26 [previous year: 45], without authorised representatives: 5 [previous year: 3]

<sup>4</sup> of these, following instruction of the complainant: -- [previous year: --]

( ) = successful constitutional complaints: complaints granted by the Senate and by the Chambers (including proceedings decided jointly), combined: 37 [previous year: 57]



**Total number of terminated proceedings (excluding constitutional complaints)**

Proceedings pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	Lodged in 2019 and in previous years	Decisions issued by the Senate					Decisions issued by the Chambers						Withdrawals	Transfers to the Second Senate	Terminated in other ways (reversal of the order of referral, proceedings rendered moot etc.)	Pending from the years		
		successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided as well	rejected	thereby decided as well	granted	thereby decided as well	order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG	thereby decided as well						
No. 6 (BvF)	2018															1	2018	
	2019															--	2019	
	Total:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	Total	
No. 11 (BvL)	2016	1															2	2016
	2017																6	2017
	2018												1				5	2018
	2019												2				3	2019
	Total:	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	1	--	--	16	Total
§ 32 (BvQ)	2018					5											--	2018
	2019	94				82				2	3					1	5	2019
	Total:	99	--	--	--	87			2	3					1	5	Total	

## **C. Overview**

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

**for the judicial year 2019**

## General overview

	Proceedings from previous years pending on 31 December 2018 proceedings	New proceedings 2019	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 of members of the <i>Bundestag</i> - BvC -	32 (6)	66* (38*)	98 (44)	44 (12)	54
<i>Organstreit</i> proceedings - BvE -	11 (8)	5 (5)	16 (13)	3 (2)	13
Abstract judicial reviews - BvF -	2 (4)	1* (2*)	3 (6)	-- (4)	3
Disputes between the Federation and the <i>Länder</i> - BvG -	-- (--)	1 (--)	1 (--)	-- (--)	1
Other public law disputes - BvH -	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	--
Constitutional disputes within a <i>Land</i> - BvK -	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	--
Specific judicial reviews - BvL -	70 (60)	15* (14*)	85 (74)	8 (4)	77
Review of international law - BvM -	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	--
Other cases assigned to the Federal Constitutional Court by federal law - BvP -	1 (1)	-- (--)	1 (1)	1 (--)	--
Preliminary injunctions - BvQ -	3 (4)	100* (121*) <small>-of these, 9 asylum cases</small>	103 (125)	102 (122)	1
Constitutional complaints - BvR -	1,667 (2,008)	2,261* (2,761*)	3,928 (4,769)	2,248 (3,102)	1,680
Plenary matters - PBvU -	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	--
	<b>1,786 (2,091)</b>	<b>2,450 (2,941)</b>	<b>4,236 (5,032)</b>	<b>2,406 (3,246)</b>	<b>1,830</b>

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

BvC	15	(16)
BvF	1	(1)
BvL	1	(1)
BvQ	30	(33)
BvR	1,131	(1,358)

( ) = figures from the previous year

## New proceedings

### 1. Specific judicial review proceedings:

a) referred by the ordinary courts

Local Courts:	6 (--)	Regional Courts:	-- (--)	Higher Regional Courts:	-- (--)	Federal Court of Justice	1 (--) = 7 (--)
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b) referred by the administrative courts

Admin. Courts:	5 (6)	Higher Admin. Courts:	1 (2)	Federal Admin. Court:	1 (6)	= 7 (14)
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c) referred by the social courts

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

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

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

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= 15 (14)

( ) = figures from the previous year

## 2. Constitutional complaints lodged against:

		2018	2019
2.1. decisions of the			
a) ordinary courts		2,112	1,680
of these	<b>2018</b>   <b>2019</b>		
1. decisions in civil matters (including matters of non-contentious jurisdiction)	906   417		
2. decisions in criminal matters	1,206   1,263		
b) administrative courts - of these, asylum proceedings: 184 (269) -		413	362
c) social courts		--	--
d) labour courts		--	1
e) finance courts		41	42
f) patent courts		--	--
g) disciplinary courts, disciplinary courts for the professions		4	1
h) Federal Court of Justice in lawyer and notary matters		--	--
i) <i>Land</i> constitutional courts		7	7
2.2. a) laws and ordinances (directly)		21	12
b) omission on the part of the legislature		--	--
2.3. other sovereign acts by:			
a) European authorities		5	6
b) highest federal authorities		5	10
c) <i>Land</i> authorities		43	61
d) municipal authorities		2	1
2.4. other general objects of legal challenges		108	78
- of these, matters concerning the right to asylum: 2 (3) -			
		<u>2,761</u>	<u>2,261</u>
of these,			
with authorised representatives		1,167	957
without authorised representatives		1,594	1,304

## Terminated proceedings

### 1. Final decisions

a) <u>Plenary</u> .....	--	(--)	--	(--)
b) <u>Senate:</u>				
aa) judgment .....	2	(4)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	1	(5)		
bb) order .....	45	(18)		
<u>of these</u> pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG .....	37	(6)		
pursuant to § 93b second sent. BVerfGG .....	--	(--)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	4	(19)	47	(22)
c) <u>Chambers:</u>				
aa) order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG .....	4	(--)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	--	(--)		
bb) non-admission (complaint)/rejection (prelim. injunction) .....	2,203	(2,844)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	46	(203)		
cc) granted .....	35	(38)		
decided jointly in combined proceedings* .....	3	(2)		
			2,242	(2,882)

### 2. Proceedings terminated in other ways:

* a) decided jointly in combined proceedings (see above) .....	54	(229)		
b) withdrawal of constitutional complaints .....	15	(35)		
c) transfer to the First Senate .....	18	(34)		
d) reversal of the order of referral				
by the referring court .....	--	(1)		
e) withdrawal of application .....	7	(2)		
f) proceedings rendered moot .....	23	(41)		
(e.g. by complainant's death, legal amendment, the complainant's being deprived of a cause of action etc.)				
g) § 7(3) of the Records Ordinance .....	--	(--)		
(AktO; non-pursuance of the proceedings)				
			117	(342)
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			<b>Total</b>	<b>2,406 (3,246)</b>

( ) = figures from the previous year

**3.1. Interim / incidental decisions of the Senate and the Chambers  
within principal proceedings**

	2018	2019
<b>concerning</b>		
a) preliminary injunctions	55	53
issuance	15 (15)	
repetition	7 (6)	
rejection	31 (33)	
reversal	-- (--)	
objection	-- (1)	
b) referral to the Plenary	--	--
c) appointment of Justices to the Senate	--	--
d) exclusion of a Justice by virtue of law	--	--
e) challenge of a Justice (including self-recusal)	13	--
f) granting of legal aid and assignment of a lawyer	2	1
g) admission of an adviser ( <i>Beistand</i> )	--	--
h) separation of proceedings	--	--
i) combination of proceedings	1	--
j) setting of a date for the oral hearing	7	5
k) service by public notice	--	--
l) partial non-admission of a constitutional complaint for decision (§ 25(3) BVerfGG)	--	--
m) discontinuation of proceedings	--	--
n) reimbursement of expenses	29	13
o) determination of the amount in dispute	20	8
p) remonstrance	--	2
q) reinstatement into the former procedural position	--	--
r) correction, amendment, supplementation etc. of decisions--	1	2
s) imposition, change or cancellation of abuse fees	--	--
t) legal remedies against orders of judicial officers fixing lawyers' fees/other costs	1	2
u) order regarding the execution of a decision (§ 35 BVerfGG)	1	--
v) other	--	1
	<b>130</b>	<b>87</b>

**3.2. Fixing of costs/remuneration by judicial officers**

a) pursuant to § 34a(2) and (3) BVerfGG, § 104 ZPO of these, 2 (2) orders	52	33
b) pursuant to § 19 BRAGO, § 11 RVG of these, 3 (2) orders	4	3
c) in the context of legal aid of these, 6 (104) orders	104	13
d) correction, amendment, supplementation etc. of decisions-- of these, -- (-- ) orders	--	--
e) legal remedies against orders fixing lawyers' fees/other costs of these, -- (-- ) orders	--	--
f) remuneration of witnesses and experts of these, -- (-- ) orders	--	--
g) service by public notice	--	--
h) other of these, 1 (-- ) orders	--	1
	<b>160</b>	<b>50</b>

( ) = figures from the previous year

### Total number of terminated constitutional complaint proceedings

Complaints lodged in 2019 and in previous years	Decisions issued by the Senate				Decisions issued by the Chambers <sup>1</sup>				Transfers to the First Senate <sup>1</sup>	Terminated in other ways <sup>1</sup>	Pending from the previous years					
	successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	§ 93b second sentence, § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided as well	Non-admission						theyby decided as well	Granted	thereby decided as well		
						with reasons	with reasoning in the operative part	without reasons								
2010	1											1	2010			
2011	2											2	2011			
2012	5											5	2012			
2013	9											8	2013			
2014	23	1			1 (--)	74	271	1,766	43	34	3 (3)	15	18	2014		
2015	72												21	2015		
2016	164												43	2016		
2017	374												96	2017		
2018	1,017												217	2018		
2019	2,261												361	2019		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,928</b>	<b>2 (1<sup>2</sup>)</b>			<b>1 (--)</b>		<b>2,111</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>34<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>3 (3<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>15<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>Total</b>
Figures from previous year	4,769	5 (2 <sup>2</sup> )			4 (1 <sup>2</sup> )		2,763		187	36 <sup>3</sup>	2 (2 <sup>2</sup> )	35 <sup>4</sup>	34	36	1,667	Figures from previous year

<sup>1</sup> lodged in all years

<sup>2</sup> of these, with authorised representatives: 1 [previous year: 2], without authorised representatives : -- [previous year: 1]

<sup>3</sup> of these, with authorised representatives: 26 [previous year: 34], without authorised representatives: 11 [previous year: 4]

<sup>4</sup> of these, instruction of the complainant: 1 [previous year: --]

( ) = successful constitutional complaints: complaints granted by the Senate and by the Chambers (including proceedings decided jointly), combined: 38 [previous year: 41]



**Total number of terminated proceedings (excluding constitutional complaints)**

Proceedings pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	Lodged in 2019 and in previous years	Decisions issued by the Senate				Decisions issued by the Chambers						Withdrawals	Transfers to the First Senate	Terminated in other ways (reversal of the order of referral, proceedings rendered moot etc.)	Pending from the years		
		successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided as well	rejected	thereby decided as well	granted	thereby decided as well	order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG					thereby decided as well	
No. 2 (BvB)	2019															1	2019
	Total:	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	Total
No. 3 (BvC)	2014	1														--	2014
	2018	31		1	15										1	13	2018
	2019	66			18	1									6	41	2019
	Total:	98	1	--	33	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	54	Total
No. 5 (BvE)	2015	3														3	2015
	2016	3			1											2	2016
	2017	1														1	2017
	2018	4			1											3	2018
	2019	5	1													4	2019
Total:	16	--	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	Total	
No. 6 (BvF)	2018	2														2	2018
	2019	1														1	2019
	Total:	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	Total
No. 7 (BvG)	2019	1														1	2019
	Total:	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	Total

**Total number of terminated proceedings (excluding constitutional complaints - continued)**

Proceedings pursuant to § 13 BVerfGG	Lodged in 2019 and in previous years	Decisions issued by the Senate				Decisions issued by the Chambers						Withdrawals	Transfers to the First Senate	Terminated in other ways (reversal of the order of referral, proceedings rendered moot etc.)	Proceedings pending from the years			
		successful	unsuccessful	inadmissible	pursuant to § 24 BVerfGG	thereby decided as well	rejected	thereby decided as well	granted	thereby decided as well	order pursuant to § 81a BVerfGG					thereby decided as well		
No. 11 (BvL)	2009	1														--	2009	
	2011	1			1												2	2011
	2013				1												3	2013
	2014	20															20	2014
	2015	1															1	2015
	2016	8															8	2016
	2017	18															18	2017
	2018	14															14	2018
	2019	15											4				11	2019
	Total	85	2	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	--	--	77	Total
No. 15 (BvP)	2015	1			1												--	2015
	2019	--															--	2019
	Total	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Total
§ 32 (BvQ)	2018	3	1				2										--	2018
	2019	100	1	2		1	90	3	1							1	1	2019
	Total	103	1	3	--	1	92	3	1							1	1	Total

## **D. Overview**

**of the matters dealt with in the General Register**

**for the judicial years 2009 to 2019**

**Matters dealt with in the General Register  
since 2009**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Total number of proceedings</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>9,240</b>	<b>9,128</b>	<b>10,138</b>	<b>9,052</b>	<b>10,116</b>	<b>8,826</b>	<b>8,804</b>	<b>8,744</b>	<b>9,339</b>	<b>8,755</b>
1. a) inquiries (§ 63(1a) GOBVerfG)	1,198	1,208	899	843	788	720	844	755	742	725	644
b) general letters/expressions of opinion (§ 63(1b) GOBVerfG)	2,452	2,746	2,246	3,238	2,591	3,284	2,254	2,638	2,707	3,376	3,076
<b>2. submissions and constitutional complaints</b> (§ 63(2a) and (2b) GOBVerfG)	<b>5,537</b>	<b>5,286</b>	<b>5,983</b>	<b>6,057</b>	<b>5,673</b>	<b>6,112</b>	<b>5,728</b>	<b>5,411</b>	<b>5,295</b>	<b>5,238</b>	<b>5,035</b>
<b>transferred to the registers of proceedings</b> (§ 64(2) GOBVerfG)											
- including proceedings from previous years -											
a) after previous instruction of the complainant	900	760	861	755	1,041	1,362	1,287	1,161	1,154	1,156	1,191
	685	653	688	799	796	970	872	981	1,042	1,012	740
Sum	1,585	1,413	1,549	1,554	1,837	2,332	2,159	2,142	2,196	2,168	1,931
Percentage:	29%	27%	26%	26%	32%	38%	38%	40%	41%	41%	38%
b) without previous instruction	487	555	836	689	848	538	632	484	508	520	540
Second Senate	373	362	592	687	623	489	482	497	481	406	438
Sum	860	917	1,428	1,376	1,471	1,027	1,114	981	989	926	978
Percentage:	16%	17%	24%	23%	26%	17%	19%	18%	19%	18%	19%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,445</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>3,308</b>	<b>3,359</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>3,123</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>3,094</b>	<b>2,909</b>
Percentage:	44%	44%	50%	48%	58%	55%	57%	58%	60%	59%	58%
c) thus remaining in the General Register	<b>3,092</b>	<b>2,956</b>	<b>3,006</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>2,753</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>2,288</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>2,126</b>
Percentage:	56%	56%	50%	52%	42%	45%	43%	42%	40%	41%	42%

Please note that the proceedings remaining in the General Register are not terminated; they can in principle be reopened at any time within the period laid down in § 35b(7) BVerfGG.