

## SUMMARIES

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### **REFERENDUM – THE BASIC INSTITUTIONS OF A DEMOCRACY: TODAY AND HISTORY**

The article is devoted to the basic institutions of a democracy – referendum. The term referendum in the constitutions of the countries use different – plebetsji, a survey. Most of the major changes in foreign countries have been resolved through a referendum. To date, there are countries that actively use the institution of the referendum, the country where the referendum exists only at the level of the federation and the countries where there is no referendum at all.

A separate paragraph is devoted to the history of the institute of referendum. Ukraine has a long history of use of the referendum. The most important referendum for the future of our state was held in 1991. The current constitution enshrines Ukraine questions that may be put to a referendum.

At the present stage should be actively involved in the organization and conduct of the referendum sociologists. Statement of the problem, the number of questions – important elements of a successful referendum.