The Constitution of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara is set to be amended.

The amendment proposal, which was passed by the Parliament of Georgia on 10 December 2017 and is now being considered in the Constitutional Court of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara, aims to improve and eliminate existing flaws in the existing Constitution of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara.

**Proposed amendments**

1. **Scope of authority of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara**

   - The amendments proposed within the framework of the initiative envisage the increase in the powers of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara.
   - The provisions establishing the following:
     - Managing and administering the land, forests, and water resources of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara;
     - Special planning, creation, and development of the urban and rural areas of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara;
     - Stipulating the right to provide security services, if necessary;
     - Overseeing the implementation of normative act it passes;
     - Ensuring the implementation of policy and projects in the fields of its special authority are/were, among others:
       - Education, Culture and Sports;
       - Managing and administering the property of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara;
       - Budgetary policy, elaborating the draft budget of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara;
       - Tourism, Land, and Forestry; and
       - Health and Social Protection.

2. **Scope of authority of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara**

   - According to the amendment, the reduction of current powers of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara is no longer necessary for the nomination of the Chairperson of the Government of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara by the Georgian government. The post of the Chairperson of the Government is no longer a special authority of the national government.

3. **Implementation of oversight function by the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara**

   - According to the constitutional law, the government (in this case, the autonomous government) must present a preliminary report on the operation of the autonomous government to the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara at the beginning of its session and an annual report on its work at the end of its session.

4. **Other proposed amendments**

   - A provision on question and interpellation is added whereby any representative of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara can, at any stage of the session, request an explanation of the government’s decision.

5. **Implementing the oversight function by the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara**

   - According to the amendment, the reduction of current powers of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara is no longer necessary for the nomination of the Chairperson of the Government of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara by the Georgian government. The post of the Chairperson of the Government is no longer a special authority of the national government.

6. **Other proposed amendments**

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7. **Implementing the oversight function by the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara**

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8. **Other proposed amendments**

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Revised version of the Constitution of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara will be determined after the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara has completed all the necessary procedures and submitted its report to the Constitutional Court of Georgia.