

ELECTIONS IN ROMANIA DURING COVID-19. AN ANALYSIS THROUGH THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE EXTRALEGAL SOURCES OF LAW

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ABSTRACT: *Present times have forced entire mankind to go through what is probably the biggest transformation of society in the last decades. The changes brought about by the COVID19-outbreak include every and all aspects of life: social, economic, professional, human and legal. These changes appear at local, regional, national but especially global level, in all fields of concern for a human community, at both collective and individual level.*

The concept of material source of law references to all of the causal influences that explain the existence of a particular legal provision, at a certain time and place. Explaining law and understanding not only its letter but also its spirit necessarily entails the identification and explanation of what conditions the particular differences in its conceptual unity.

We try to highlight, in our paper, how exactly has the current COVID19-outbreak influenced law, by analyzing the latest changes in the Romanian electoral laws and the way in which the Romanian state has managed to put into balance two fundamental rights: right to protection of health and right to vote.

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