

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
(excerpts)**

With changes made by the Law no. 344-XV of 25 July 2003

**CHAPTER VIII
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Article 110. Administrative-territorial organization

(1) The territory of the Republic of Moldova shall be divided, as regarding the administrative organisations, into villages, towns, districts and the autonomous territorial-unit of Gagauzia. Certain towns may be declared municipalities under the law.

(2) Places on the left bank of the Dniester river may be assigned special forms and conditions of autonomy according to the special statutory provisions adopted by organic law.

(3) The status of the capital of the Republic of Moldova - the city of Chisinau shall be regulated by organic law.

(Article 111 amended by the Law no. 344-XV of 25 July 2003)

Article 111. Autonomous territorial - unit of Gagauzia

(1) Gagauzia is an autonomous territorial-unit having a special statute and representing a form of self-determination of the Gagauzian people, shall constitute an integrant and inalienable part of the Republic of Moldova and shall independently solve, within the limits of its competence, pursuant to the provisions of the Republic of Moldova Constitution, in the interest of the whole of society, the political, economic and cultural issues.

(2) On the territory of the autonomous territorial-unit of Gagauzia all the rights and liberties foreseen by the Constitution and the legislation of the Republic of Moldova shall be guaranteed.

(3) Within the autonomous territorial-unit of Gagauzia shall operate representative and executive bodies according to the law.

(4) The soil, subsoil, waters, flora and fauna, as well as other natural resources on the territory of the autonomous territorial-unit of Gagauzia shall belong to the people of the Republic of Moldova and shall simultaneously constitute the economic basis of Gagauzia.

(5) The budget of the autonomous territorial-unit of Gagauzia shall be formed in conformity with the terms established by the law, which governs the special statute of Gagauzia.

(6) The control over the observance of the Republic of Moldova legislation within the autonomous territorial-unit of Gagauzia shall be performed by the Government under the terms of the law.

(7) Organic laws that govern the special statute of the autonomous territorial-unit of Gagauzia may be amended based on the vote of three fifths of the elected Parliament members.