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THE PUBLIC SECURITY ACT OF 1905

Summary: The Public Security Act of 1905 represents one of the key legal instruments in the history of Serbian legislation at the beginning of the 20th century, adopted in the context of political upheavals, social change, and the evolution of modern state institutions. This paper examines the legal, political, and historical significance of the Act, highlighting its role in regulating public order, suppressing political protests, and strengthening executive power. Particular emphasis is placed on the relationship between the security measures prescribed by the Act and fundamental civil liberties, as well as on the reactions of the public and political actors of the time. Through a comparative analysis with similar legislative solutions in other European countries, the paper offers insight into the influences and trends that shaped the adoption of the Act. The research is based on the analysis of archival material, legal texts, and relevant literature, with the aim of clarifying the role of the Public Security Act within the broader context of the development of the legal system of the Kingdom of Serbia.

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