



## TRIBUNAL CONSTITUCIONAL

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#### **THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DECIDES TO HEAR THE GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL AGAINST THE ACT OF NAVARRA WHICH ESTABLISHES A SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR CIVIL SERVANTS**

The Plenary Meeting of the Constitutional Court has decided to hear the appeal on the grounds of unconstitutionality filed by the Government against the Act of Navarra (Autonomous Act of Navarra 25/2013, of 2 July 2013) which establishes the payment of a salary supplement to the civil servants of this Autonomous Region. The purpose of this regulation is to offset the loss of purchasing power caused by the elimination of their Christmas bonus in 2012.

The decision by the Constitutional Court entails the automatic suspension of the appealed act, due to the applicability, upon having been requested by the Government, of Article 161.2 of the Constitution (*"The Government may challenge before the Constitutional Court those provisions and resolutions adopted by the bodies of the Autonomous Regions. The challenge shall produce the suspension of the appealed provision or resolution, but the Court, where appropriate, must ratify it or lift it within a term of no more than five months."*).

In its appeal, the State Attorney's Office upholds that the autonomous regional act is unconstitutional, because it violates regulations issued by the State regarding the topic of compensation, and because the new salary supplement constitutes an increase in the compensation of the personnel of the Public Administration of Navarra greater than that allowed by the General State Budget Act for 2013.

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