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## **Local Self-Government in the Stara Zagora Municipality from the Liberation to the Union (1878–1885)**

(Summary)

Local self-government was a problem of public importance aimed at the successful development of the Bulgarian municipalities. It was an indicator of democracy in the government of society and a principle in the organization of the modern state. The foundations of the democratic state system in Bulgaria were laid after the Liberation in the two formations with different statutes; the Principality of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia. This article considers the question of the development of local self-government, its organization and activity both generally in Eastern Roumelia and its concrete manifestation in the Stara Zagora Municipality during the time prior to and after the passing of the Organic Statute on April 26, 1879.