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**THE MISSION OF A LAW TEXT AND ITS NATIONAL
INTERPRETATIONS: ON THE ORIGINE AND SIGNIFICATION OF
THE ARTICLE 1 OF THE LAW FOR JUDGING THE PEOPLE**

(Summary)

In the article the author proposes a study on one of the most controversial texts of the first Slavic law code – Law for Judging the People – its article 1. The interpretations of this text are strongly charged emotionally and with national feeling. The article generalizes the results and comments three main topics, suggested by the text: Which is the so-called “divine law”? Who is the cited St Constantine? Where is adopted the norm about the punishment of the pagans from? The author proposes his answers to three of them and tries to situate the results of his study in the framework of the juridical legacy of St Methodius.