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### THE VIRGINIA DECLARATION OF RIGHTS (1776) AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE-LEGAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE USA

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*Reflects the process of adoption of the Virginia Declaration of rights 1776, conducted historical and legal analysis and to clarify the implications for the future of the state-legal development of the United States.*

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Today, when the legal system of Ukraine is forced to respond to global challenges, the attention of lawyers and politicians focused on issues such as the optimal branches of power, the desirability of the reform of the judicial system, the administrative-territorial structure, should the protection and preservation of fundamental human rights, etc. Therefore, the War for the independence of the United States, 1775-1783 is not only of academic interest, but also has practical value.

The war for independence, caused by tax and tariff policy of the metropolis, has become a struggle of the colonists for the right to decide their own fate. The idea to declare civil liberties of natural and inalienable rights, which received legal clearance in special declarations and blah of rights. The most famous of these documents is the Virginia Declaration of rights (1776).

During 20-26 may 1776 was written the first draft of the future Declaration, which consisted of 14 items. The author of the first ten items was George Mason. Relative to the last four, their authorship remains unknown.

May 27, 1776, the Committee made changes in the structure and content of the Declaration. Its provisions became kind of articles that were edited by James Madison and added a few sentences. All ten points from George Mason with certain changes are embodied respectively in articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 17, 18, 13 the Committee amended. In respect of other provisions, only two of them were laid down in articles 9 and 14, all the others were rejected by the Committee. The Committee draft of the Declaration of may 27, 1776, was published June 01 in the local press and only June 12, 1776 the Convention approved the final version.

The Virginia Declaration of rights (1776) was the first document that proclaimed the new political principles and emphasized the gap in political Union with the mother country. It embodies the heritage of English common law, the provisions of natural law and exclusively American civil liberties, became the ideological basis for Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, had a direct impact on state and legal development of France, became a model for the Declaration of the rights of man and citizen of 1789. The importance of the Declaration of rights of Virginia is also in the fact that it was the first constitutional document, which took upon itself the protection of human rights, abolished class privileges in government and outlined the moral principles on which it is based.