Legal status of the political opposition in a democracy

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Research methodology. Among the scientific and special methods of research, the author relied on the method of system analysis. Taking into consideration chosen topic of the scientific article the necessity of system analysis for system approach is obvious. With this legal framework the issue of legal status of the political opposition in a democracy was investigated.

Research findings. It was also researched, if any activity initiated by not ruling elite is oppositional and why the existence of political opposition is an essential feature of democratic political systems. It was proved that any concrete legislative steps that would determine the status and rights of the political opposition have to be taken with a clear understanding of what is political opposition.

Novelty. Taking into account the state and law-making process in Ukraine the complex concept of legal status of the political opposition in a democracy also was presented.

Practical relevance. The results may provide a scientific basis for making prognosis and strategies for further development of democratization of the political system of Ukraine. Available in the article material can be used in more wider research to the scientific analysis of the specific legal support democratic development of transition systems.