

**Constitutional Court Ruling No. 1/2558 (2016)**

Election Commission

Applicant

Dumrongthai Party

Respondent

Organic Act on Political Parties, B.E. 2550 (2007), section 82, section 93, section 97 and section 98.

Section 93 in conjunction with section 82 of the Organic Act on Political Parties, B.E. 2550 (2007) provided that a political party that had been allocated sponsorship funds from the Political Party Development Fund had to prepare an actual and accurate report of political party expenditures for the calendar year and submit such report to the Election Commission by March in the following year. Failure to report without reasonable excuse could constitute a cause for political party dissolution. Upon finding that the respondent party reported expenditure of sponsorship funds but did not submit supporting documents and evidence or state reasons for failing to submit such documents and evidence, constituting a failure to prepare an actual and accurate report of political party expenditure of the sponsorship funds for the annual period B.E. 2556 (2013), and to submit such a report to the Election Commission within the period prescribed by law without reasonable excuse, an order was therefore issued to dissolve the respondent party pursuant to section 93 in conjunction with section 82. Furthermore, the former members of the respondent party executive committee were prohibited from registering the establishment of a new political party or becoming a political party executive or participating in the registration of the establishment of a new political party within a period of five years as from the day of order to dissolve the respondent party pursuant to section 97, and the right to vote of the party leader and respondent party executive committee members were revoked for a period of five years as from the day of order to dissolve the respondent party pursuant to section 98.