

**Regulatory Support of the Institute of Representatives  
of the Central Government in the Regions of Russia  
in the Second Half of the XV – Early XVII Centuries**

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**Abstract:** The article deals with the legal regulation of namestnik and voyevoda's activity in Russia in the end of XV – the beginning of XVII centuries. Their appointment procedure, interactions with local government and population are defined. Causes and factors of reforms and replacing the system of namestniks by voyevoda's administration are shown. Much attention is paid to the characteristics of legal status of representatives in different regions.

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