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National Defense and Social Security

Article 305

The Republic of Panama will not have an army. All the Panamanians are obliged to take weapons in order to defend the national independence and the territorial integrity of the State.

In order to preserve the public order, protection of life, honor and property of those who are under the jurisdiction of the State and in order to prevent crimes, the necessary police services will be organized by law with separate jurisdictions and hierarchy.

When facing an external threat and aggression, special police protection of the frontiers and the territory of the Republic will be formed temporally by law. The President of the Republic is the head of all the services established in the present Title; and all police agents will be subordinated to the civil power, so they will comply with the orders issued by the national, provincial or local authorities within their legal functions.

Article 306

The services of police are not deliberative and the members will not be able to do political manifestations or declaration neither individually nor collectively. Also, they are not allowed to take part in politics except for casting their vote. Not compliance with these rules will cause an immediate suspension or dismissal of their job, apart from the suspension established by the Law 2.

Article 307

Only the government will be allowed to possess weapons and elements of war. For its production, importation and exportation, previous permission of the Executive Branch is required. The law will define which weapons are not considered as weapons of war as well as its import, export, and use.