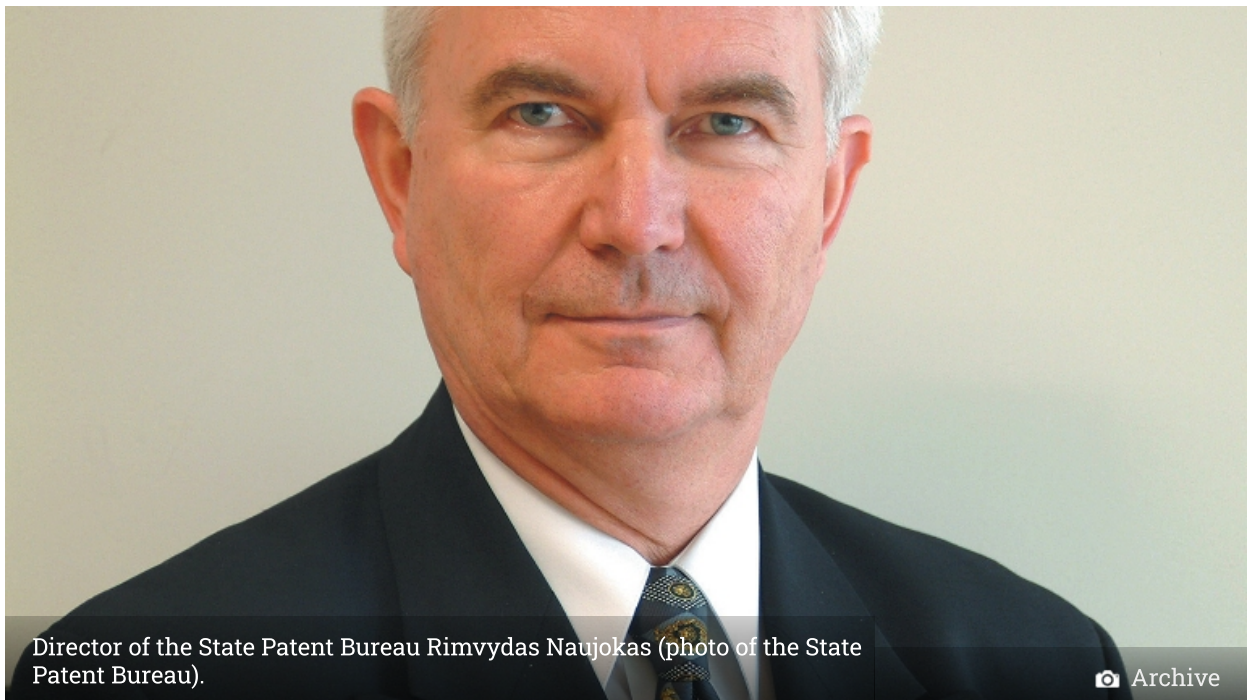


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The Minister of Justice has not extended the terms of office of the heads of the three subordinate bodies

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From July 1. At the end of their terms of office, the heads of three institutions subordinate to the Ministry of Justice - the Central Mortgage Institution, the Lithuanian Forensic Science Center and the State Patent Bureau - will cease to hold office. The directors of five state-guaranteed legal aid services will also resign, but it is planned to reorganize these services into one joint service with territorial divisions, saving state funds.

Rimvydas Naujokas, Head of the State Patent Bureau, has been managing the Office since 1991, Antanas Baronas, Director of the Central Mortgage Office, since 2001, and Gabrielė Juodkaitė-Granskienė, Director of the Lithuanian Forensic Science Center, since 2004.

HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS WILL REMAIN

Competitions will be organized for management positions in the near future.

At the end of their terms of office, the heads of all five state-guaranteed legal aid services - Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda, Šiauliai and

Panevėžys - are also resigning. In order to organize the provision of legal aid to the population more efficiently and save state funds, it is proposed to merge these five independent state-guaranteed legal aid services by establishing one central institution. The establishment of a single central authority will not only lead to more efficient management of public funds for legal aid, but will also ensure common service quality standards.

The central institution will continue to have territorial subdivisions in Kaunas, Panevėžys, Šiauliai, Klaipėda, therefore such reorganization of activities will not cause inconvenience to people who need legal assistance.

The number of people working in the service will not change - 42 (of which 10 will work in the central institution), but centralized management of all general functions, such as operational planning, financial management, procurement, personnel administration, would result in a more rational distribution of workload. more people seeking legal aid. In addition, the number of people in management positions, which is currently relatively high, will decrease.