

The Director of the Patent Office was appointed without competition due to negligence



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Arūnas Želvys held the position of the director of the Lithuanian Patent Office for two weeks due to a technical error, although he was not entitled, the Ministry of Justice announced on Friday last week.

By the decision of the Minister, A. Želvys was appointed to this position on March 20 of this year, as confirmed to BNS was approved by Neringa Kalinauskienė, Head of the Personnel Management Division of the Ministry of Justice.

"The Civil Service Law changed on January 1, a technical error occurred, it was appointed according to the old procedure without a competition," Audris Kutrevičius, a representative of the Ministry of Justice, told BNS.

According to the Ministry of Justice, in the Civil Service Law, which was in force until 31 December 2018, the head of the institution could be appointed for a second term without a competition.

In the new wording of the Law on the Civil Service, which entered into force on 1 January this year, such an appointment procedure no longer existed, therefore a tender had to be announced.

"When this situation became clear, A. Želvys resigned from the position of the manager and a new competition was announced for this position," the commentary sent to the BNS by the Ministry of Justice said.

According to the Ministry of Justice, A. Želvys resigned on April 4.

The new head of the Patent Office will be appointed for a five-year term. Prior to that, A. Želvys held this position.

A.Želvys told BNS that he did not know whether he would run for another term.



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