

Pskov Court Bars Yabloko From Regional Assembly Race

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A judge in the western Pskov region has disqualified the liberal Yabloko party's list of candidates from the upcoming regional assembly elections, the party [said](#) on Tuesday evening.

The regional ban follows Russia's Supreme Court [ruling](#) last week to reject Yabloko's final appeal against a nationwide ban barring its candidate list from the State Duma elections next month.

Like the lawsuit that led to Yabloko's federal ban, the Pskov region lawsuit was filed by the small nationalist party Rodina, which claimed Yabloko committed technical violations during its campaign registration.

The Pskov Regional Court ruled in favor of Rodina, effectively stripping Russia's only registered party campaigning on a pro-peace platform from its final remaining stronghold.

Pskov was the last of three regions where Yabloko held seats in regional assemblies and had secured ballot access for next month's elections, [according](#) to the outlet 7x7.

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Regional election commissions previously rejected Yabloko's registration in St. Petersburg and similarly removed its list of candidates in the republic of Karelia following another lawsuit filed by Rodina there.

Yabloko, Russia's oldest liberal party, said it will appeal the Pskov region ruling.

"The Pskov Yabloko team considers it illegal, unfounded and meant to unfairly eliminate political competitors," the party chapter [said](#) in a post on Telegram.

Yabloko's counter-lawsuit to pull Rodina's list of candidates from the regional assembly race is scheduled to be heard on Thursday.

The Pskov chapter of Yabloko has long been the political base of Lev Shlosberg, a prominent anti-war politician who was [sentenced](#) to more than 11 years in prison last week under wartime censorship laws.

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