

**DESPRE DESCENTRALIZARE ÎN 1878:
„ADMINISTRAȚIUNEA ȚĂREI PRIN ȚARĂ”**

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**ON DECENTRALIZATION IN 1878:
“THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY BY THE COUNTRY”**

Abstract

One of the main purposes of the liberal cabinet installed in 1876 was to decentralize state administration. The first step was to partially replace the conservative bill of 1874 with the old one of 1864. Meanwhile, the government prepared a new draft, which was presented to the Chamber in May 1878. Despite the difficult domestic and international context, the deputies paid attention to the administrative issue and they discussed it for more than a month. The discussions finally ceased because of the emergence of new urgent problems on the parliamentary agenda. The new reform was made four years later.

Our aim here is to briefly present the less known legislative project of 1878 and the debates that it generated. They are relevant to how Romanian political elite conceived state organization in the modern period.

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