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In June 1968, the Supreme Soviet of the USSR adopted the Fundamentals of Legislation of the USSR and the Union Republics defining the general principles and rules on marriage and the family in the period of full-scale communist construction in the Soviet Union.

All Soviet family legislation underwent renovation in accordance with the Fundamentals. In 1969-1970, in line with this all-Union law the Union Republics adopted new codes of marriage and the family to regulate matrimonial and family relations with an eye to national, social and other local conditions.

The book explains the new Soviet family legislation, highlights the role it plays in implementing the Leninist principles of family relations. It shows the democratic methods of drafting bills, the contribution of deputies, mass organisations and workers' collectives, scientists and individual citizens to legislative acts on marriage and the family.

The author draws on his experience gained in working groups set up by the standing committees of the USSR Supreme Soviet and the Union Republican Supreme Soviets in drafting the Fundamentals of Legislation on Marriage and the Family and the relevant republican codes.