

# Church and state in the reign of Paul I

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*The article analyzes the legislation of the government of Paul I to the Church and clergy. The novelty of the research is to attempt assessment of the place and role of this Board in the history of the Russian Empire in XVIII–XIX centuries on the basis of official acts of absolutism, to trace the continuity in the various confessions of Catherine II, Paul I, Alexander I, the correlation of socio-economic environment with government laws.*

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