



LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS
SAEIMA

Procedure for adopting laws

- Adoption of laws is one of the main tasks of the Saeima—the legislature of Latvia.
- The procedure for considering and adopting draft laws is set forth in the Constitution of the Republic of Latvia and the Rules of Procedure of the Saeima.
- The right to legislate belongs to the Saeima and the people of Latvia, in accordance with the procedure and to the extent set forth by the Constitution.
- Draft laws may be submitted to the Saeima by the President of Latvia, the Cabinet of Ministers, committees of the Saeima, at least five MPs or at least one-tenth of the electorate.

Fundamental principles in considering draft laws

- Draft laws are considered in three readings; on certain occasions—in two readings.
- The responsible committee considers the relevant draft law before each reading and prepares the draft law for consideration at the plenary sitting.
- The responsible committee considers the submitted proposals when preparing the draft law for consideration in the 2nd and 3rd readings.
- The Presidium decides on including the relevant draft law in the agenda of the plenary sitting.
- For a law adopted by the Saeima to come into force, it must be proclaimed by the President. A law comes into force fourteen days after its proclamation unless a different term has been specified in the law. ■

