PASSAGE OF DRAFT LAWS

DRAFT LAW

SAEIMA PRESIDIUM

Announces the receipt of a draft law

SAEIMA

Decides about forwarding the draft law to relevant committees and designates the responsible committee

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

Prepares its opinion and comments

SAEIMA PRESIDIUM

Places the draft law on the agenda of a Saeima sitting

SAEIMA 1ST READING

- Debates the main principles of the draft law
- If necessary, declares that the draft law is urgent
- Passes it on the 1st reading
- Sets the deadline for submitting proposals

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

- Aggregates proposals and prepares its opinion about them
- Prepares the draft law for the 2nd reading

SAEIMA PRESIDIUM

Places the draft law on the agenda of a Saeima sitting

SAEIMA 2ND READING

- Considers the draft law article by article
- Votes on the submitted proposals
- Passes the draft law on the 2nd reading (draft laws recognised as urgent are deemed passed)
- Sets the deadline for submitting proposals

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

- Aggregates proposals and prepares its opinion about them
- Prepares the draft law for the 3rd reading

SAEIMA PRESIDIUM

Places the draft law on the agenda of a Saeima sitting

SAEIMA 3RD READING

- Considers only those articles of the draft law for which proposals have been submitted
- Passes the draft law on the 3rd reading

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

Prepares the final text of the law for promulgation

SAEIMA PRESIDIUM

Forwards the law to the President for promulgation

THE PRESIDENT

Promulgates the law in *Latvijas Vēstnesis*, the official government gazette