**PASSAGE OF DRAFT LAWS**

**DRAFT LAW**

**SAEIMA PRESIDUIM** → **SAEIMA**
- Announces the receipt of a draft law
- Decides about forwarding the draft law to relevant committees and designates the responsible committee

**RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE**
- Prepares its opinion and comments

**SAEIMA PRESIDUIM** → **SAEIMA 1st READING**
- Places the draft law on the agenda of a Saeima sitting
- 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 PRESIDUIM** → **SAEIMA 2nd READING**
- Places the draft law on the agenda of a Saeima sitting
- 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 PRESIDUIM** → **SAEIMA 3rd READING**
- Places the draft law on the agenda of a Saeima sitting
- 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 PRESIDUIM** → **THE PRESIDENT**
- Forwards the law to the President for promulgation
- Promulgates the law in Latvijas Vēstnesis, the official government gazette