Procedure for adopting laws

DRAFT LAW

PRESIDIUM
Reports to the Saeima

→ **SAEIMA**
Forwards to Committees and appoints the responsible Committee

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE
Prepares it's opinion and explanatory notes

PRESIDIUM
Includes in agenda of Plenary Meeting

→ **SAEIMA**
First reading

- Debates general principles of the draft law
- If necessary, declares the Draft Law to be urgent
- Passes the Draft Law in 1st reading
- Sets deadline for proposals

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

- Examines proposals and prepares it's opinion
- Prepares the Draft Law for 2nd reading

PRESIDIUM
Includes in agenda of Plenary Meeting

→ **SAEIMA**
Second reading

- Debates the Draft Law article by article
- Votes on proposals
- Passes the Draft Law in 2nd reading (Adopts Urgent Law)
- Sets deadline for proposals

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

- Examines proposals and prepares a conclusion
- Prepares the Draft Law for 3rd reading

PRESIDIUM
Includes in agenda of Plenary Meeting

→ **SAEIMA**
Third reading

- Reviews only submitted proposals
- Adopts the Law

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE
Examines voting results and prepares final version of the Law

PRESIDIUM
Forwards the Law to the President

→ **PRESIDENT OF LATVIA**
Proclaims the Law in the official newspaper "Latvijas Vēstnesis"

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