



## PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTING LAWS

- Adoption of laws is one of the main tasks of the Saeima.
- 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

1. Draft laws are considered in three readings; on certain occasions draft laws can be considered in two readings.
2. The responsible committee considers the relevant draft law before each reading.
3. The responsible committee prepares the draft law for consideration at the plenary sitting.
4. The responsible committee considers the submitted proposals when preparing the draft law for consideration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.
5. The Presidium decides on including the relevant draft law in the agenda of the plenary sitting.

This flowchart shows the legislative process from submission of draft laws to proclamation of adopted laws.

