



LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS
SAEIMA



■ Meeting of the Public Administration and Local Government Committee

Public Administration and Local Government Committee

The Public Administration and Local Government Committee (hereinafter – Committee) is a standing committee of the Saeima that considers matters related to activities of public authorities and local governments which fall within its statutory competence.

Establishment and Composition

The Committee is established by the Saeima. The number of Committee members representing each parliamentary group is proportional to the number of seats the relevant parliamentary group

has in the Saeima. The Committee elects from among its members a Chairperson, a Secretary and, if necessary, a Deputy Chairperson. Currently, the Committee consists of 10 members; its Chair is Oļegs Burovs, the Deputy Chair is Māris Sprindžuks, and the Secretary is Ervins Labanovskis. The entire membership of the Committee is available on the Saeima website www.saeima.lv.

Functions

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Saeima, the Committee considers draft laws, proposals and submissions on the



■ Oļegs Burovs, Chair of the Committee
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Chairs of the Public Administration and Local Government Committee

Convocation	Name	Tenure
5 th Saeima	Jānis Lagzdīņš	27.07.1993–06.11.1995
6 th Saeima	Valdis Krisbergs	16.11.1995–14.02.1996
	Jānis Kalviņš	28.02.1996–02.11.1998
7 th Saeima	Kārlis Greiškālns	12.11.1998–18.05.2000
	Jānis Lagzdīņš	18.05.2000–04.11.2002
8 th Saeima	Staņislavs Šķesters	15.11.2002–06.11.2006
9 th Saeima	Māris Krastiņš	20.11.2006–01.11.2007
	Oskars Spurdziņš	17.01.2008–02.11.2010
10 th Saeima	Vitauts Staņa	09.11.2010–17.10.2011
11 th Saeima	Sergejs Dolgopolovs	20.10.2011–03.11.2014
12 th Saeima	Sergejs Dolgopolovs	07.11.2014–06.11.2018
13 th Saeima	Sergejs Dolgopolovs	20.11.2018–03.09.2019
	Inga Goldberga	10.09.2019–01.11.2022
14 th Saeima	Daiga Mieriņa	23.11.2022–26.09.2023
	Oļegs Burovs	Since 26.09.2023

basis of a resolution by the Saeima, or it submits draft laws and proposals that are related to the goals of the Committee.

The Committee fulfils the following functions outlined in the Rules of Procedure of the Saeima:

- prepares draft laws for each reading if it has been designated as the responsible committee for the draft law;
- gives opinions on draft laws for which it has been designated as the co-responsible committee;
- takes advantage of the legislative initiative granted by the Constitution by drafting and submitting draft laws to the Saeima;
- considers proposals for amendments to laws; ▶



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- submits proposals for amendments to laws;
- considers submissions filed by private entities and provides answers within the scope of its competence.

The Committee mainly considers draft laws in the following areas:

- Local government system (including the Law on Local Governments, the Law on Administrative Territories and Populated Areas, the Law on the Status of the Deputy of the Republic City Council and County Council, the Law on Local Government Referenda)
- Public administration (including the State Administration Structure Law, the Civil Service Law, the Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest in Activities of Public Officials, the Law on Alienation of Property from Public Persons, the Law On Remuneration of)
- Elections of the Saeima, local governments and the European Parliament (including the Saeima Election Law, the Elections to the European Parliament Law, the Law on Elections of the Republic City Council and Municipality Council)
- Activity of political parties (including the Political Party Law, the Law on Financing of Political Organisations (Parties))
- Non-governmental sector (including the Associations and Foundations Law, the Public Benefit Organisation Law)
- Housing (including, the Law on Administration of Residential Houses, the Law on Privatisation of State and Local Government Residential Houses, the Law on Residential Properties, the Law on Assistance in Solving Apartment Matters, the Law on Residential Tenancy).

Work of the Committee

Committee meetings

Every week, the Committee holds at least two meetings. Meetings are open to the public, but the Committee can decide to hold a closed meeting. On certain occasions, the Committee holds visiting meetings. In order to conduct a particularly detailed analysis of a draft law, the Committee may establish a working group and invite experts for a discussion. The agendas of the Committee meetings are available on the Saeima website www.saeima.lv.

Cooperation

In order to ensure a broad representation of interests, the Committee cooperates with many experts from the public, private and non-governmental sectors and thus facilitates an effective legislative process.

During the preparation and consideration of draft laws, the Committee regularly invites representatives of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments, the Latvian Association of Large Cities, the Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia, the Employers' Confederation of Latvia, the Latvian Association of Management and Administration of Housing, the Latvian Association of Apartment Owners and other organisations.

Long-standing and successful cooperation has been taking place with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, the Ministry of Economics, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Justice and the State Chancellery.

In order to promote public debates on topical issues, the Committee organises conferences and seminars which are attended by experts and practitioners expressing their opinions on possible improvements in legislation.

Subcommittees

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, the Committee may establish subcommittees to fulfil specific tasks or to perform specific preparatory tasks. The Committee has been establishing subcommittees for carrying out specific tasks since the 6th Saeima.

In the current convocation, the Committee has established the Housing Subcommittee and the Administrative-territorial Reform Ex-post Evaluation Subcommittee.

The Housing Subcommittee has been working successfully for four convocations, and it continues to analyse and solve important issues in housing policy, including the management of residential buildings, abandoning the split property principle, improving energy efficiency, changing the payment system for waste management, balancing the rights of landlords and tenants, issues pertaining to the energy sector, as well as other problems of concern to society.

The Administrative-territorial Reform Ex-post Evaluation Subcommittee was first established during the 14th Saeima; its goal is to evaluate the results of the Administrative-territorial Reform and its social and economic impact. ■



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