



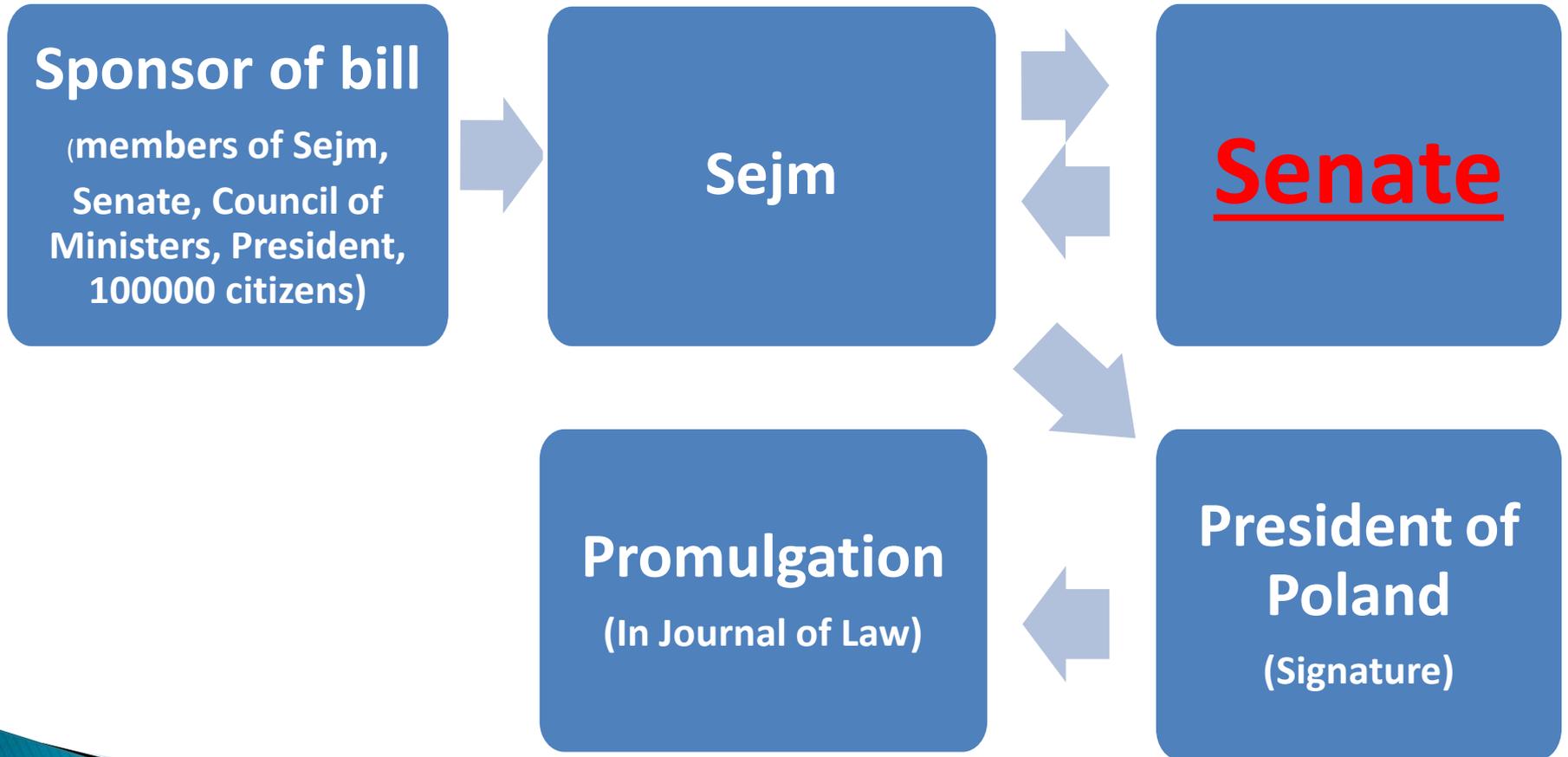
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THE ROLE OF THE SENATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

The Polish Senate

- ▶ The Upper Chamber of the Polish parliament
 - ▶ The history of the Senate is rich in tradition and stretches back over 500 years
 - ▶ Abolished in 1946
 - ▶ Reestablished in 1989
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Legislative procedure



THE PASSED BILL IS SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE

- ▶ 1. Preparation of all documents
- ▶ 2. Committees' work
- ▶ 3. Plenary session of the Senate – debate
 - *the presentation of a committee's report by Senator–rapporteur
 - * the presentation of a government position
 - *discussion
 - *voting

WORK AT COMMITTEES

- Marshal of the Senate refers the bill to relevant Senate committees
 - The bill is discussed at a committee meeting and draft Senate resolution and the report of the committee are prepared
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PLENARY SESSION OF THE SENATE, DEBATE ON THE BILL

- The presentation of the committee's report

- *by a Senator-rapporteur

- * 1 minute questions from Senators

➤ The presentation of a government position

*by the Minister or relevant representative of the government

*1 minute questions from Senators

➤ Discussion

- *all Senators may take part in a discussion
- *as a rule speech of a Senator in a discussion may not exceed 10 minutes (5 minutes extra time on Senator's demand)

▶ Amendments

- * shall be submitted by Senators by the end of the discussion,
- * may propose an alternative solutions
- * must be closely linked to the bill

➤ Committees meeting during a break in the plenary session

- * committees express their opinion on every tabled amendment
- * committees prepare report

➤ After resuming the debate Senator–
rapporteur

*discusses the motions included in
the report

*explains the consequences of
adoption of motions

VOTE ON THE BILL AT THE SESSION OF THE SENATE

Voting order:

- ▶ 1) voting on a motion to reject a bill
- ▶ 2) voting on a motion to accept a bill without amendments
- ▶ 3) voting on amendments to particular articles or paragraphs, according to the sequence of the provisions of the bill
 - *voting on the Senate resolution in-total with amendments

SENATE RESOLUTION

- Adoption of a bill without amendments
 - Adoption of amendments to a bill
 - Complete rejection of a bill
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Thank you for your attention

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