



Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Section 98 (Parliamentary appraisal of statutes)

1. Statutes other than those approved under the exclusive legislative powers of the Government may be submitted to the National Parliament for appraisal, for purposes of terminating their validity or for amendment, following a petition of one-fifth of the Members of Parliament and within thirty days following their publication. This timeframe shall exclude the days when the functioning of the National Parliament is suspended.
2. The National Parliament may suspend, in part or in full, the force of a statute until it is appraised.
3. The suspension shall lapse after the National Parliament has held 10 plenary meetings without taking a final decision.
4. Where termination of validity is approved, the statute shall cease to be in force from the date of the publication of the resolution in the Official Gazette, and it shall not be published again in the same legislative session.
5. The parliamentary appraisal of a statute shall lapse if, after such a statute has been submitted for appraisal, the National Parliament takes no decision on it, or, having decided to make amendments, it does not approve a law to that effect before the corresponding legislative session ends, provided fifteen plenary meetings have been held.