

# CONSTITUTION

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## CHAPTER VI

### THE LEGISLATURE

#### **Section 66 - Functions and powers of the national Assembly 4 of 2001 13 of 2001 18 of 2021**

**(1)** The National Assembly shall be a directly elected Chamber which shall have power, subject to this Constitution, to—

- (a)** receive, amend, accept or reject Government Bills and Private Bills;
- (b)** initiate Private Member's Bills on the motion of any member and amend, accept or reject all Private Member's Bills;
- (c)** debate and vote motions in relation to any matter including motions to indict and convict the President or Vice-President by impeachment;
- (d)** exercise such other functions and powers as are conferred on it by this Constitution or by an Act of Parliament;
- (e)** take all actions incidental to and necessary for the proper exercise of its functions.
- (f)** exercise oversight over Government's revenue and expenditure; and
- (g)** oversee the exercise of powers and functions of the Executive.

**(2)** For the purposes of this Constitution—

- (a)** a Government Bill shall be a Bill promulgated by the Government and introduced to Parliament on behalf of the Government;

**(b)** a Private Bill shall be—

(i) promulgated by an agency that is not part of the Government; and(ii) introduced to Parliament on behalf of that agency where that agency is mandated by an Act of Parliament so to do;

**(c)** a Private Member's Bill shall be—

(i) promulgated by a member of Parliament; and(ii) introduced by that member in the National Assembly in accordance with its own procedure.