

Legislative initiatives on political reforms in Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada

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The chart provides an overview of the legislation related to political and legal reforms such as draft legislative acts registered with the Verkhovna Rada and laws passed. It has been put together by DRI's Ukraine project team based on the information drawn from the Verkhovna Rada's website and other open sources. The chart is regularly updated and published on [DRI's website](#). If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for improvements, please send them to europa@democracy-reporting.org.

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Year 2016				
1 April	4357	On amendments to Article 78 of the Constitution of Ukraine to create political conditions for a stable and efficient work of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine	MPs	Submitted for consideration (12 April 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law aims to provide conditions for a stable and efficient work of Ukrainian government by adding a possibility to combine mandates of a People's deputy of Ukraine with a position of the Prime Minister or a member of the Cabinet of Ministers.
26 January	948-VIII	On Amendments to Article 149 of the Law on the Rules and Procedures of the Verkhovna Rada	MPs	[Bill 3812] Published on 29 January 2016. In effect, as of 30 January 2016. ** The law provides for an additional timeframe for consideration of draft laws on amending the Constitution: the newly elected Parliament may vote further on the bill on amendments to the Constitution (according to Art. 155 of the Constitution) that has already been approved by the Parliament of the previous convocation, but the vote on the adoption of a law did not take place; if the draft law on amending the Constitution (which by the Constitutional Court's opinion meets the requirements of Art. 157 and 158 of the Constitution) was preliminarily approved by the Parliament and was not considered at the next regular session after the preliminary approval, such a draft law is to be considered by the Parliament in the next ordinary session. However, the bill precludes the possibility to adopt constitutional amendments according to Art. 155, if the preliminary approval took place during an extraordinary session.
22 January	3805	On further development of the draft law on amending the Constitution (with regards to decentralisation of power)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (26 January 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law aims to recognise the Parliament's resolution on preliminary approval of the bill on amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine concerning the decentralisation of power from 8 August 2015 as void, and determines a mechanism of further development of this draft law.

18 January	3781	On the procedure of preparation of the new Constitution of Ukraine	MPs	Submitted for consideration (19 January 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law aims to establish a procedure of drafting a new Constitution of Ukraine that should be accepted at the All-Ukrainian referendum initiated by people's initiative; to establish a legal order, define the formation, organization and functioning of Constitutional Assembly as a new authorised body of constituent power.
Year 2015				
25 листопада	1401-VIII	On amending the Constitution (with regards to justice)	President	[Draft law 3524]. Published on June 29, 2016, became valid on September 30, 2016. ** Draft law aims to ensure independence of the judiciary, increase requirements and professional standards with regards to the judiciary, ensure institutional capacity of public prosecutors, the bar and the enforcement system, etc.
1 July	2217a	On amending the Constitution (with regards to decentralisation of power)	President	Preliminary approved (31 August 2015) and received committee's submission for consideration (10 December 2015). ** Draft law suggests amending the Constitution by changing system of political and territorial structure of Ukraine in order to contribute to decentralisation and establish an effective system of local self-government bodies.
16 January	1776	On amending the Constitution (with regards to immunities of MPs and judges)	President	The committee's opinion is submitted (22 December 2015). ** Draft law suggests amendments to the Constitution while limiting the immunity of judges and eliminating deputies' inviolability.
16 January	1788	On amending Art. 124 of the Constitution of Ukraine (approval of the Rome Statute)	MPs	Received committee's submission for dismissal (10 December 2015) and awaits consideration. ** Draft law suggests amending the constitution while setting forth the possibility for Ukraine to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the ICC as defined in the Rome Statute.
1 December	1138	On amending Art. 152 of the law on Constitutional Court	MP	Dismissed (15 September 2015). ** Draft law amends the grounds and procedure for declaring the acts of the state bodies as unconstitutional.

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Year 2016				
13 December	5536	Draft law on amendments to the law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" (with regard to the assessment of qualification of judges)	MP	Submitted for consideration (19 December 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law cancels the requirement as for the qualification assessment on the basis of the professional competency of judges of the Supreme Court of Ukraine and High Specialized Courts.
6 December	5498	Draft law on the amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine (on establishment and operation of the Personal Online Cabinet, an electronic system in the courts of Ukraine)	MP	Submitted for consideration (8 December 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law suggests to create a Personal Online Cabinet, where the parties and participants of the proceedings, upon receiving an authorization by court, will be able at any time to review the materials of the case/proceedings and the documents received by the court in their case, with the possibility to obtain and/or copy of these documents, etc.
29 November	5467	Draft law on amendments to the laws of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" (on the procedure of charging judges with disciplinary liability)	MP	Submitted for consideration (1 December 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law transfers the powers with regard to appealation against the disciplinary proceedings against the judges from HQCJU to HCJ. The disciplinary decision of HQCJU can be challenged with HCJ.
28 November	5460	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine with regard to consideration of cases with the participation of jury	MP	Submitted for consideration (1 December 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law suggests to amend the provisions of the Civil Procedural Code of Ukraine, the Code of the Administrative Proceedings of Ukraine, and the Criminal Procedural Code of Ukraine, where the term "people's assessors" is substituted with the term "jury". Moreover, in transitional and final provisions of the draft law it is envisaged that before the lists of jury participants are established under the procedure and the terms envisaged by the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" the powers of jury shall be exercised by people's assessors.
22 November	5438	Draft law on amending the law of Ukraine "On enforcement of decisions and application of the case law of the European Court of Human Rights" (with regard to improving the procedure of execution of decisions and suggestions of the European Court of Human Rights)	MP	Submitted for consideration (24 November 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law suggests covering the expenditures of the state budget of Ukraine at the expense of the officials whose unlawful actions made the plaintiff to apply to the Court for the remedy of their violated rights according to the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. Moreover, such officials may be barred from certain positions or activities.

17 November	5336-1	Draft law on the Constitutional Court of Ukraine	MPs	Included in the agenda (6 December 2016) and awaiting consideration. ** The draft law is prepared within the framework of the Council for the Judicial Reform and obtained a generally positive opinion of the Venice Commission. The draft reflects the main provisions of the draft nr. 5336. This draft law determines the procedure for organisation and operation of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, establishes provisions on the grounds and procedure of applying to the Constitutional Court, procedures for case consideration and enforcement of the Court decisions. The draft law implements the institute of the constitutional complaint as an additional mechanism of protecting the citizens' rights and freedoms. The draft also implements the competitive selection procedure for the candidates to the positions of judges of the Constitutional Court envisaging that the President, the Parliament, the Congress of judges form the competition commissions.
16 November	5406	Draft law on access to court decisions	MP	Submitted for consideration (18 November 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law regulates in detail all the aspects of the operation of the Uniform State Register of Court Decisions. The general access to the register shall be open to all users, full access will be provided to a selected category of users. All electronic copies of the court shall be submitted to the Register (except for those containing the state secret), as well as electronic copies of the dissenting opinions of judges.
4 November	5359	Draft law on amendments to the law of Ukraine "On the Bar and the Practice of Law" with regard to ensuring equal possibilities to obtain the certificate for the practice of law and prevention of discrimination on the basis of property status	MPs	Submitted for consideration (10 November 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law establishes the ceiling for the qualification examination of an advocate which shall not exceed two minimum salaries. The internship should be free of charge.
4 November	5358	Draft law on amendments to the Transitional and Final provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" with regard to the judicial vacancy reserve	MP	Submitted for consideration (10 November 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law suggests to supplement item 29 of the Final and Transitional Provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" with the provisions allowing the candidates whose 3-year validity term of their qualification examinations expired within 90 days since the entry of this Law into force to participate in the competition without the selection examination and special training. Such candidates can re-take the qualification examination and participate in the competition for a judicial position based on the results of such examination.
1 November	5336	Draft law on the Constitutional Court of Ukraine	MP	Included into the agenda (6 December 2016) and awaiting consideration. ** Draft law determines the procedure of the organisation and operation of the Constitutional Court, establishes norms with regard to the grounds and procedure of applying to the Court, procedure of case consideration and decision enforcement. Main critic on the draft is its comprehensiveness and detailed regulation of rules and procedures of the Court that usually should be regulated by means of the Court's internal rules and procedures.
13 October	5271	Draft law on amendments to the Civil Procedural Code of Ukraine (on case consideration with the participation of jury)	MPs	The committee's opinion is submitted (17 November 2016) and is awaiting consideration. ** According to the amendments to the Constitution and the new edition of the law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" the institute of people's assessors, while their participation is envisaged in certain civil law cases, in particular, within the framework of separate proceedings. The draft law suggests substituting the term "people's assessors" with the term "jury".
4 October	5180-1	Draft law on the High Council of Justice	MP	Dismissed (3 November 2016). ** Alternative draft law to the draft law No. 5180 on the High Council of Justice. The draft law contains, in particular, technical and legal

				corrections. This draft suggests transferring the exercise of disciplinary proceedings against the judges from HQCJU to HCJ. The appeal of a HQCJU disciplinary decision should be filed to HCJ. Moreover, the procedure of dismissal of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine is changed, who may now be dismissed by a decree on the basis of the HCJ decision, and not only within the submission of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Prosecutor's Office.
4 October	5221	Draft law on amendments to Article 10 of the Law of Ukraine "On the judiciary and the Status of Judges" with regard to minor court cases	MPs	Submitted for consideration (6 November, 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law establishes that a minor dispute is a property dispute or any court dispute with the claim price not exceeding UAH 1 million.
30 September	5197	Draft law on amendments to the law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" (with regard to the terms of imposing a disciplinary sanction against the judge, holding a judge's liable for blatant or systematic negligence of their duties)	MP	Submitted for consideration (5 November 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law extends the terms for applying disciplinary liability to judges from 3 to 5 years.
26 September	5183	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on facilitating access to justice for internally displaced persons and other categories of persons, whose rights or interests were breaches as a consequence of an armed conflict, temporary occupation, natural calamities or technogenic disasters	MPs	Submitted for consideration (29 September 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law allows the plaintiff in a civil proceeding to select territorial jurisdiction of the cases (claims) related to hostilities, armed conflict, temporary occupation of a territory in Ukraine, natural calamities or technogenic disasters at the location of stay or temporary residence.
23 September	5180	Draft law on the High Council of Justice	President	The law is adopted (21 December 2016) and is being prepared for signing. ** The law regulated the activities of the High Council of Justice – the main body of judicial governance responsible for appointment, dismissal, transfer, and disciplinary proceedings against a judge. The HCJ inter alia consents to the arrest or holding a judge in the custody.
19 September	5136	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine with regard to initiating a real reform of the judiciary	MP	Submitted for consideration (20 September 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law provides a definition to the concept of "legal position" of the Supreme Court. The courts are obligated to apply the legal position of the Supreme Court in taking decisions, where necessary. One of additional grounds to cancel or amend the decision of a first instance court is the application of a law provision contrary to the legal position of the Supreme Court.
31 August	5054	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on ensuring the access of a defence lawyer to a person entitled to legal defence	MP	Submitted for consideration (1 September 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law regulates in detail and extends the scope of the right of a suspect, accused or convict to apply/obtain legal defence from a defence lawyer, in particular, establishing timeframes, grounds as well as address the procedure of meetings with the defence lawyer in custody or penitentiary facilities. Among other things, additional anti-corruption prevention measures are provided, and some of the discretionary provisions of penitentiary facilities are removed.
19 August	5033	Draft law on amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On the Constitutional Court of Ukraine" (on ensuring the enforcement of decisions and opinions of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine)	MP	Submitted for consideration (28 August 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law ensures the mechanisms of enforcement of the decisions of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine and the responsibility for failure to fulfil them. Control over the fulfilment of decisions of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine shall be carried out by the Secretariat under the control of the reporting judge.
19 August	5032	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine	MP	Submitted for consideration (28 August 2016) and is being discussed within the

		(on ensuring the prevention of abuse of procedural rights)		committee. ** The draft law is aimed to prevent abuse of procedural rights or improper treatment of the procedural rights. In the civil, commercial, and administrative proceedings a new way of procedural enforcement is applied namely, a monetary penalty imposed for abuse or improper treatment of procedural rights.
12 August	5026	Draft law on amendments to certain laws of Ukraine with regard to the manner of the court decisions enforcement	Cabinet of Ministers	Submitted for consideration (16 August 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft ensures implementation of an alternative mechanism of court decision enforcement, where the state shall be responsible for non-enforcement and which cannot be enforced in due time in connection with the lack of sufficient funds for the abovementioned goals in the state budget. These alternative mechanisms do not apply to the ECHR decisions with regard to just satisfaction. Other mechanisms and manners of the ECHR decisions enforcement to the extent of payments may be applied only upon consent of the plaintiff.
8 July	4936	Draft law on preventive and compensatory actions in connection with torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of convicts and detainees, and establishment of penitentiary judges institute	MPs	The committee's opinion is submitted (18 October 2016) and is awaiting consideration. ** The draft law envisages the establishment of the new institution of penitentiary courts in the system of general courts. This institution is responsible for the use of preventive and compensatory actions as a safeguard against torture and other forms of inhuman and degrading treatment to the persons held in penitentiary facilities. The jurisdiction of penitentiary courts is applied to certain categories of the inmates (for example, convicts, detainees and arrested persons).
4 July	4879	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on simplification and acceleration of the process of court protection of infringed rights and lawful interests of persons	MP	Not included in the agenda (7 July 2016). ** The draft law introduces the institute of electronic summary proceedings with regard to recovery of unchallenged outstanding monetary liabilities in the civil and commercial proceedings.
30 May	1402-VIII	On judiciary system and status of judges	President	The Law was adopted (2 June 2016) and to be signed by the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. ** The Law sets a new institutional framework of the judiciary and of the status of judges. According to the amendments a three-tiered judicial system shall be established (local court – court of appeal – the Supreme Court, and two high specialised courts for certain category of cases, i.e. anti-corruption and protection of intellectual property rights). Judges of the Supreme Court of Ukraine shall be chosen on a competitive basis. New rules on appointment of judges and selection procedure. The Law is aimed to strengthen the independence and accountability (e.g. judge has to submit three types of declaration) of judges.
31 March	4351	Draft law on amendments to certain laws of Ukraine on the judicial control and support of the international commercial arbitration	MPs	The committee's opinion is submitted (3 November 2016) and is awaiting consideration. ** The key goal of the draft law is to increase the efficiency of arbitration, increasing the attractiveness of Ukraine as a country of arbitration and enhance the inflow of investments into Ukraine. Among other things, it is proposed to limit the opportunities to challenge the arbitration decisions; these powers will be transferred from local courts to the High Specialized Civil and Criminal Court and the Kyiv Court of Appeal. The draft law eliminates legal gaps, for example, regarding the procedure of taking preliminary court decisions on the international arbitration procedure, for example, that the court is competent to consider them. Other important novelty is determining the nature and procedure of the court facilitation to the international commercial arbitration (claim security, evidence recovery, etc) and taking actions to secure the claim (for example, prohibit the general meeting of the company and the exercise of lawful powers by the local self-government and/or state authorities.

15 March	4233	Resolution on declaration of the Verkhovna Rada to International Criminal Court on recognition of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court over crimes against humanity and war crimes that led to very serious consequences and mass murder of Ukrainian citizens in Donetsk and Lugansk regions	MPs	Submitted for consideration (18 March 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The document acknowledges ad hoc the jurisdiction of the ICC in accordance with Art. 11 (2) and Art. 12 (2, 3) of the Rome Statute for crimes envisaged in Art. 7-8 thereof and committed by all subjects since 20 February 2014 until present day on the territory of Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine.
16 March	4241	Draft law on amendments to Art. 66 of the Criminal Procedural Code of Ukraine (on ensuing the right of a witness to the efficient legal assistance)	MPs	The committee's opinion is submitted (15 November 2016) and is awaiting consideration. ** The draft law envisages providing the advocate of the witness with the same rights, guarantees and obligations as the advocate of the accused or the suspect.
17 February	4089	On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine (concerning access to court decisions)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (19 February 2016) and is reviewed within the committee. ** The draft law defines concrete timing for judges to send electronic copies of court decisions to the Uniform State Register of Court Decisions and introduces disciplinary responsibility for not complying with the rule.
2 February	3874	On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine (concerning transparency and openness of the trial)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (4 February 2016) and is reviewed within the committee. ** The draft law aims at raising the level of public confidence in the judiciary through exclusion of procedural rules that limit the rights of stakeholders to conduct audio and video recording of public court proceedings.
27 January	3825	On amendments to some laws of Ukraine concerning strengthening the responsibility of the judge (judges) for deliberately delaying the consideration of criminal proceedings in which the accused person is in custody	MPs	Submitted for consideration (1 February 2016) and is reviewed within the committee. ** The draft law provides for disciplinary and criminal liability of judges for deliberate delay by the judge (judges) of criminal proceedings in which the accused person is in custody, for unjustified delay or failure of a judge to take measures for consideration of a statement, complaint or case within the period prescribed by the law, delays in delivering a motivated court decision, failure to provide a copy of the court decision for its inclusion in the Uniform State Register of Court Decisions.
14 January	3768	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on implementation of the system of automated seizure of funds in the civil and commercial law	President	The committee's opinion is submitted (8 July 2016) and is awaiting consideration. ** The draft law suggests establishing the system for automated seizure of funds in commercial and civil proceedings. In particular, this draft law determines the procedure for considering an application (actions) on securing the claim by seizure of funds in the bank account. The ruling on securing the claim by arrest of funds in the bank account is subject to immediate fulfilment since the moment of passing.
14 January	3769	On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on introduction of summary proceedings in civil and commercial proceedings	President	Dismissed and cancelled for consideration (19 May 2016). ** The draft law aims to create electronic summary proceedings system, which will help to reduce the load on the judicial system of Ukraine by establishing a new procedure of consideration of different categories of court cases in a short term by using information technology and without convening the parties of the summary court proceedings.
Year 2015				
29 December	3665-1	On mediation	MP	Presented and dismissed (3 November 2016) and awaits consideration. ** The draft law defines legislative framework for implementation and holding of out-of-court settlement procedure upon mutual consent of the parties (mediation) with the participation of the mediator in Ukraine, determines its principles and procedure, as well as legal status of the

				mediator.
22 December	3697	On amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" (with regard to access to judicial profession)	MP	Submitted for consideration (24 December 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law envisages the implementation of two types of special training of judges: day release courses (held for 12 months at the expense of the State Budget of Ukraine) and in-service (held for 18 months at the judicial candidate's own expense).
17 December	3665	On mediation	MP	Approved in the first reading and is being prepared for the second reading (November 3 2016). ** Draft law envisages the implementation of the mediation institute in Ukraine on the legislative level by implementation of the best European and world standards of mediation, promotion of the out-of-court dispute settlement practice to decrease workload on courts and ensure balanced relations between the mediation institute and judicial system.
17 December	3660	On amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Courts of Arbitration" to ensure its compliance with the international rules of arbitration	MP	Received Committee's proposal to be considered and is waiting for consideration (2 February 2016). ** The draft law aims to bring the legislative provisions in compliance with the European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration dated April 21, 1961, UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules dated June 15, 1976, EU Recommendations and Declarations regarding alternative dispute resolution.
10 December	3611	On supplementing the Criminal Procedural Code of Ukraine with provisions regarding the use of lie detector	MP	The committee's opinion is submitted (12 July 2016) and is awaiting consideration. ** The draft law aims to improve the legislative framework of the law enforcement activities, include the use of modern technical devices – lie detectors – in the investigative activities.
9 December	3608	On amendments to certain laws of Ukraine regarding the jury trial	MP	Submitted for consideration (11 December 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law envisages to expand procedural rules and guarantees of impartiality of the jury members, ensuring compliance to the provisions of the current Criminal Procedural Code of Ukraine with regard to the jury trial in criminal proceedings to the international standards.
9 December	3607	On the State Register of Jury Members	MP	Submitted for consideration (11 December 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law aims to introduce the State Register of Jury members as an automated information and telecommunication system aimed for storage and processing of the data of the citizens of Ukraine who can participate in the administration of justice as jury members according to the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges".
5 November	3407	On invalidity of Law of Ukraine "On restoration of confidence in the judiciary in Ukraine"	MP	Submitted for consideration (9 November 2015) and is being discussed with the committee. ** Draft law aims to announce the Law on restoration of confidence in the judiciary in Ukraine invalid as it violates the principle of the rule of law, is contrary to several provisions in the Constitution and is incompatible with fundamental international instruments.
5 November	3414	On amending certain laws of Ukraine (with regards to harmonization of principles of justice according to international principles)	MP	Submitted for consideration (9 November 2015) and is being discussed with the committee. ** Draft law aims to take into account recommendations of the Venice Commission on recent amendments to judicial system, e.g. testing of candidates, grounds to disciplinary liability, etc.

14 August	1404-VIII	On court enforcement action	President	[Draft law 2507a] published on 5 July 2016, enacted on 5 October 2016. ** Draft law aims to renew system of court enforcement action with regards to current reform in the system e.g. establishment of institute of private enforcement officers, modernisation of existing enforcement service, in order to create a more effective system of enforcement of court decisions.
14 August	1404-VIII	On organs and officials that carry enforcement of court decision and decisions of other bodies	President	[Draft law 2506a] published on 5 July 2016, enacted on 5 October 2016. ** Draft law establishes mixed system of enforcement of decisions of courts by modernization of existing organs of state enforcement service and creates institute of private enforcement officers. Draft law also establishes institute of judicial control over enforcement of decisions in order to guarantee right to judicial protection.
3 August	2429a-1	On amendments to the concluding and transitional provisions of the law on ensuring the right to fair trial (with regards to prolongation of validity of results of qualification exam for nomination for a post of a judge)	MP	Submitted for revision to initiators (3 February 2016). ** Draft law aims to extend terms of validity of results of qualification exam for nomination for a post of a judge for 8 months for persons who were listed in reserve for filling vacant posts of judges as of 11 April 2014.
22 July	2429a	On amendments of the law on ensuring the right to fair trial (with regard to reserves for filling vacant posts of judges)	MP	Submitted for revision to initiators (3 February 2016). ** Draft law aims to introduce preliminary measures to guarantee necessary reserves for filling vacant posts of judges during lustration process.
20 July	2415a	On amending Code of Criminal Procedure of Ukraine with regards to improvement of automatic procedure of appointment of judge (alternative judge, trier) in order to prevent speculations in judicial field caused by transfer of cases from one court to another	MPs	Submitted for consideration (23 July 2015) and is being discussed with the committee. ** Draft law aims to improve quality of legal proceedings by ensuring fulfilment of rules for manorial venue, cutting expenses for transportations and rendering impossible cases of illegal transfer of cases from one court to another.
16 July	2375a	On amending the law on the High Council of Justice (with regards to the improvement of procedure of exercise of powers by members of the High Council of Justice)	MPs	Revoked (3 February 2016) and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law aims to improve procedure of examination done by members of the High Council of Justice in order to dismiss a judge for oath-breaking or for incompatibility of duties.
15 July	2358a	On amending certain laws of Ukraine with regards to improvement of certain provisions concerning legal procedures	MP	Received committee's proposal to be considered (15 September 2015) and awaits consideration. ** Draft law aims to improve procedure, stages and terms of primary evaluation of judges with regards to practical implementation of the law on ensuring right to fair trial and to ensure right to revision of decision of Higher Administrative Court of Ukraine by Supreme Court of Ukraine with regards to appeal against judicial acts, acts and omissions of High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine.
10 July	2333a	On amending the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada (with regards to improvement of examination procedure concerning issues of apprehension and detention of a judge during plenary meeting of Verkhovna Rada)	MP	Withdrawn from consideration (1 November 2016), consideration is postponed. ** Draft law aims to improve examination procedure concerning issues of apprehension and detention of judges and to raise effectiveness to holding such examination procedures in the Parliament.

8 July	2318a	On amending law on judiciary and status of judges (with regard to necessity of observance of principle of equality of judges of Constitutional Court of Ukraine)	MP	Received committee's proposal to be considered (6 October 2015) and awaits consideration. ** Draft law aims to provide judges of Constitutional Court of Ukraine with equal treatment in terms of state guarantees of social security and maintenance regardless of their previous occupation.
2 July	2231a	On amending certain laws of Ukraine with regard to ensuring access to justice and respect to judicial power	MPs	Submitted for consideration (7 July 2015) and is being discussed with the committee. ** Draft law aims to eliminate shortcomings in the work of judicial system and to improve access to justice, to ensure respect to judicial power and to enhance possibilities of appealing against judgements of courts by citizens and legal entities.
2 July	2219a	On amending certain laws of Ukraine (in order to ensure completion of qualifying test by judges who are being elected to judgeship for unlimited period of time)	MPs	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law aims to ensure that all of the judges elected for unlimited period of time to their justiceships have passed qualifying test, even if such requirement did not exist at the moment of their appointment. It is also set forth that Verkhovna Rada cannot consider application for judgeship for unlimited period of time prior to the moment when all necessary documents (including results of qualifying test) are presented.
17 June	2092a	On amendments of the law on ensuring the right to fair trial (with regard to estimation of record of service in judgeship)	MP	Received committee's proposal to be considered (1 September 2015) and awaits consideration. ** Draft law sets forth that estimation of record of service in judgeship is to be estimated according to legal acts in force before date of entry into force of this law.
3 June	2995	On amending the law on the High Council of Justice (with regards to the order of appointment and dismissal of judges)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (5 June 2015) and is being discussed with the committee. ** Draft law sets forth that High Council of Justice can appoint or dismiss judges only after constitutional majority of members of High Council of Justice agree upon it through an open vote.
19 May	2908	On amendments of the law on ensuring the right to fair trial with regard to appointment of judges to certain administrative positions	MPs	Not included in the agenda (15 September 2015), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law sets forth that the judge cannot occupy an administrative position within a court longer than for two consecutive years.
19 May	2907	On amending certain laws related to ensuring the implementation of the decisions of international organizations related to protection of human rights	MPs	Submitted by the committee for revision (31 May 2016). ** Draft law sets forth that decisions on human rights of not only judicial bodies of international organizations shall serve as a ground for revisions of the decisions of the Ukrainian courts and suggests the respective amendments of the procedural codes.
19 May	2893	On amending certain laws of Ukraine (in order to ensure the implementation of the constitutional guarantees and rights of the participants of the criminal proceedings)	MP	Included into the agenda (16 June 2015). ** Draft law suggests certain procedural amendments in order to ensure the right to fair trial (it cancels inter alia the restriction on the number of defendants, sets forth that not only lawyers can be defendants, etc).

18 May	2886	On amending certain laws of Ukraine in order to implement the international recommendations about the fiscal transparency of judges	MP	Received committee's proposal to be considered (12 November 2016) and awaits consideration. ** Draft law suggests a new procedure for judges to declare their income and public accessibility of such declarations.
15 May	469-VIII	On amendments of certain laws of Ukraine with regards to the judiciary system	MPs	[Bill 2860]. Published on 3 June 2015 and fully in force since 4 June 2015. ** Draft law suggests as provisional solution and until the respective provisions of the law on Ensuring the Right to Fair Trial enter into force that the members of the High Council of Justice elected by the Congress of Judges are considered as appointed upon taking an oath at the sessions of the parliament.
14 May	2855	On amending Art. 20 of the law on judiciary and status of judges	MP	Withdrawn from consideration (1 November 2016), consideration is postponed. ** Draft law suggests that those who occupy administrative position at the court are to stay in this position unless they are dismissed as judges or their office term with regards to administrative position expired.
3 April	2545	On amending the Criminal Code of Ukraine (with regard to exemption of judges from criminal liability)	MP	Submitted for consideration (7 April 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law proposes to introduce additional clause in Article 375 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine which allows judge to be exempted from criminal liability if there was pressure on him/her from the president of the court or from public officials.
3 April	2546	On amending the law of Ukraine "On High Council of Justice" (to restore the activities of the High Council of Justice)	MP	Submitted for revision to initiators (3 February 2016). ** Draft law suggests improving the procedure for election of the members of the High Council of Justice by national congresses of judiciary, bar, prosecutors and lawing schools. Also, it provides for the High Council of Justice to have an authority to interview the judge at the first appointment procedure.
20 April	2671	On amending the law of Ukraine "On restoration of trust to the judiciary in Ukraine" on authorities of judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine	MPs	Submitted for consideration (22 April 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law addresses the issue of early termination of the authorities of the judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine who were appointed by the Congress of Judges of Ukraine prior to the entry into force of the law of Ukraine "On restoration of trust in the judiciary in Ukraine".
23 April	2719	On amendment of the law of Ukraine "On the High Council of Justice" with regard to the candidates for the members of the High Council of Justice which are selected by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine	MPs	Dismissed and cancelled for consideration (15 September 2015). ** Draft law suggests cancelling certain requirements for candidates for members of the High Council of Justice which are selected by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine, such as the requirement that a candidate must be a judge or retired judge and have at least fifteen years of experience working as a judge.
5 February	2029	On amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure (as regards securing the right of cassation of the rulings issued by first instance courts)	MP	Received committee's proposal to be considered (1 September 2016) and awaits consideration. ** Draft law provides for the right of cassation of all the first instance rulings as in administrative or commercial procedure to remove currently existing 16 exceptions as well as grants cassation of the rulings that do not preclude further proceedings.

10 February	2086	On the amendment to Article 182 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (as regards confirmation of legality of funds deposited as a pledge)	MP	Submitted for consideration (11 February 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law introduces an obligation of the applicant to prove the legality of funds deposited by him as a pledge.
27 February	2253	On amendments to the Code of Administrative Procedure of Ukraine regarding publicity and openness of trial	MP	Submitted for revision to initiators (3 February 2016). ** Draft law suggests bringing the Code of Administrative Procedure in line with the recently adopted law on Ensuring the Right to Fair Trial, while allowing the audio and video recording of the court sessions without prior consent.
4 February	145-VIII	Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada on recognition of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court over crimes against humanity and war crimes committed by the officials of the Russian Federation and heads of the terroristic organisations LNR and DNR	MPs	Signed by the Speaker of the Parliament on 16 February 2015. ** The document acknowledges ad hoc the jurisdiction of the ICC in accordance with Art. 12 (3) of the Rome Statute for crimes envisaged in Art. 7-8 thereof and committed since 20 February 2014 on the territory of Ukraine.
12 February	192-VIII	On ensuring the right to fair trial	President	[Bill 1656]. Published on 26 February 2015 and fully in force since 28 March 2015. ** The law strengthens the role of the Supreme Court as guarantor of unity of the jurisprudence, introduces the formal role of the President in appointments of judges to probation positions, limits the discretion of disciplinary authorities, etc.
13 January	1716	On amending Art. 64 (1) of the law on judiciary system and status of judges (requirements for the candidates as judges)	MP	Dismissed and cancelled for consideration (21 May 2015). ** Draft law regulates professional requirements for the position as judge.
13 January	1719	On amending the law on judiciary system and status of judges (with regards to ensuring the qualified and competent judicial procedures)	MP	Dismissed and cancelled for consideration (15 September 2015). ** Draft law suggests defining the systematic and incompetent decisions of judges as “brake of oath” and thus a reason for dismissal.
13 January	1727	On amending Art. 3 of the law on access to the court decisions (with regards to the State register of court decisions)	MPs	Dismissed (15 September 2015). ** Draft law aims to ensure a free access to all court decisions via web-portal.
14 January	1746	On amending the law on judiciary system and status of judges (with regard to increasing responsibility of judges)	MP	Submitted for revision to initiators (3 February 2016). ** Draft law regulates responsibility of judges for their decisions.

14 January	1747	On amending the law on reimbursement of damages caused by judges and law enforcement bodies (with regards to increasing their responsibility)	MP	Submitted for consideration (16 January 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law introduces obligation of the judges and law enforcement officials to reimburse damages caused to the state budget by the decisions of the respective officials.
29 January	1746-1	On amendments of the law on judiciary system and status of judges (regarding disciplinary responsibility of judges)	MP	Dismissed and cancelled for consideration (15 September 2015). ** Draft law aims to strengthen the disciplinary responsibility of judges who unlawfully ordered detention as preventive measure.
29 January	1881	On amending some legislative acts regarding improvement of the mechanism of re-establishing the trust in the judiciary bodies	MPs	Submitted for consideration (31 January 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to unify the lustration procedure with regards to the judges and ensure on-going activities of the commission entrusted with lustration checks with regards to the judges of general courts.
30 January	1896	On amending the law on judiciary system and status of judges (introduction of military courts into the system of general courts)	MP	Dismissed and cancelled for consideration (15 September 2015). ** Draft law suggests including the military courts into the system of general courts.
Year 2014				
4 December	1246	On amending certain laws on the competences of the Parliament in relation to judiciary system	MPs	Dismissed and cancelled for consideration (15 September 2015). ** Draft law regulates the rights of the parliament with regards to the lifetime appointment of judges and dismissal of such judges.
9 December	1321	On amending the law on the High Council of Justice (examinations time frames)	MPs	Dismissed (12 May 2015). ** Draft law introduces timeframes for the High Council of Justice with regards to examination of the grounds for dismissal of judges and prosecutors.
10 December	1361	On amending certain laws to ensure the unity of judicial practice	MP	Dismissed (13 January 2015). ** The draft law confers the Supreme Court certain rights to revise the court decisions.
17 December	1497	On amending the law on judiciary system and status of judges (improving the organisation grounds in the light of European standards)	MPs	Included into the chart of proposed amendments to the Bill 1656 on ensuring the right to fair trial (12 February 2015). Please see the respective item in the section on February.

23 December	1568	On amending certain laws on enforcement of court decisions	Cabinet	Dismissed (9 April 2015). ** Draft law aims to bring in line the budget law in line with the obligations to enforce court decisions.
23 December	1585	On amending the law on judiciary system and status of judges (regarding the "real" responsibility of judges)	MPs	Dismissed (13 January 2015). ** Draft law introduces different disciplinary responsibility based on the reasons for unlawful judge decisions (lack of knowledge, deliberate undue interpretation of law, etc.).
23 December	1590	On amending the law on judiciary system and status of judges (improving the procedure of replacement of judges among different positions)	MP	Dismissed (13 January 2015). ** Draft law contains rules and procedure for transfer of judges on their own initiative.
24 December	1605	On amending Art. 46 of the law on the Office of Public Prosecutor (re the conditions of involvement of specialists)	MP	Adopted as law 66-VIII on 28 December 2014, in effect as of 1 January 2015. ** Draft law suggests on exceptional basis and in order to ensure due activities of the prosecutor offices to employ also the legal specialists who don't have the required experience of working in prosecutor or judicial sectors but have a solid legal background.

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Year 2016				
6 October	5177-1	Draft law on amendment to certain legislative acts of Ukraine in connection with the approval of the Law of Ukraine "On amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine (with regard to justice)" (to the extent of reforming the prosecution office according to the European standards)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (10 October 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law (alternative draft law to the draft law No. 5177, see below) is aimed to comprehensive reform of the prosecution bodies and narrowing the function of the prosecution to supporting the public prosecution function and procedural guidance of the investigation. First, in the commercial, civil and administrative process the prosecutor will be able to represent only the state interests and only when it can prove that there is no governmental authority whose terms of reference encompass the representation of the state interests in the commercial, civil and administrative courts. Second, the function of consideration, submission of motions/applications to the investigator/judge with regard to the matters related to compulsory attendance, imposing of a monetary fine, submission for temporary restriction on exercising a special right or suspension from the position, etc. shall be imposed exclusively on the prosecutor. Third, the Prosecutor General is elected within competition procedure for 6 years and may not hold the position of the Prosecutor general two terms in a row. The draft law envisages also other amendments to the laws on operative and investigative activities, the laws "On the Security Service of Ukraine", "On the counter-espionage activities", aimed to decrease risks related to the violation of human rights.
3 October	5211	Draft law on amendments to Art. 469 of the criminal procedural Code of Ukraine on certain matters of improving the institute of admission of guilt between the prosecutor and the suspect or the accused	MP	The committee's opinion is submitted (20 December 2016) and is awaiting approval. ** The draft law changes the procedure of admission of guilt between the prosecutor and the suspect or convict. According to the proposed changes, this arrangement may be made if a person committed especially severe crimes not only with regard to the cases within the terms of reference of the National Anti-Corruption bureau, but also with regard to cases under the authority of the State Bureau of Investigation and, in exceptional events, to the cases under the authority of another pre-trial investigation body (note –prosecution office).
3 October	5212	Draft law on amendments to the Criminal Procedural Code of	MP	Submitted for consideration (5 October 2016) and is being discussed within the committee.

		Ukraine with regard to specific matters of determining the case jurisdiction to ensure promptness and efficiency of criminal proceedings		** The draft law envisages to authorize the Prosecutor General (or acting Prosecutor General) in the exceptional cases change the case jurisdiction "in order to ensure promptness and efficiency of criminal proceedings). The jurisdiction dispute in this case is not allowed. It is also established that the SBI carried out pre-trial investigation of crimes committed also by the NACB members.
23 September	5177	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine in connection with the approval of the Law of Ukraine "On amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine (with regard to justice)" (to the extent of ensuring the implementation of the prosecution office functions)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (27 September 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law introduces the following amendments to the prosecution system: (1) the prosecution office shall retain discretionary powers to represent the state interests in the commercial, administrative and civil proceedings, for example, when a state body «improperly protests the state interests», but the provision on representation of citizens in the commercial, civil or administrative proceedings by a prosecutor are excluded; (2) the powers of a prosecutor in the criminal proceedings are greatly extended, for example, the prosecutor is authorised to have full access to the state registers and databases of state and law enforcement bodies or can choose the actions to secure criminal proceedings. The law separately sets forth the powers of the Prosecutor General, who, as well as other prosecutors, now exercises the procedural oversight of the investigation and supports public prosecution. The powers of the prosecution office are especially extended by the new edition of Art. 36, in particular: «the prosecutor shall be authorized to carry out other functions envisaged by this Code and the laws of Ukraine the provisions of which are related to the criminal proceedings»; (3) structure, territorial jurisdiction, composition of local prosecution offices shall be established by the Prosecutor General upon approval by the Council of Prosecutors of Ukraine; (4) Prosecutor General shall not take the office for 2 consecutive terms, a term duration shall be 6 years; (5) the possibilities for selective disciplinary liability of the prosecutors are extended, in particular, for "dishonest conduct", which is not defined by any criteria.
11 May	4645	Draft Law on Amendments to certain legislative of acts of Ukraine regarding the activities of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine	MPs	[Bill 1355-VIII]. Published on 12 May and in effect as of 12 May 2016. ** The law widens eligibility criteria for The Prosecutor General to be appointed, instead of the former requirements of holding a prosecutor position in the Prosecutor General's office for more than 10 years; this requirement has been cut by half down to five years and not necessarily as the role of a prosecutor. Hence, five years of experience in legal field or in a legislative body or in a law-enforcement body is enough to qualify for the position. Instead of the former requirement of holding a prosecutor position for more than three and five years to be appointed as a prosecutor of the regional prosecution or as a prosecutor of the Prosecutor General's Office; these requirements have been changed as well. Hence, three and five years of experience in legal field is enough to qualify for the aforementioned positions. The law also envisages the procedure of appointment of the prosecutors to the administrative positions by the Prosecutor General.
20 April	4481	Draft Law on Amendments to Article 40 of the Law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" regarding the requirements for the position as Prosecutor General of Ukraine	MPs	Revoked (11 May 2016) and withdrawn from consideration. ** The draft law aims to expand the possibility for candidates to become appointed as a Prosecutor General by amending the requirements for the position (in particular, higher education instead of higher law education; 5 years of work experience in the sphere of law instead of 10 years).
19 April	4469	On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine regarding the activities of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine and the State Bureau of Investigations	MPs	Dismissed (10 May 2016) and cancelled for consideration. ** The draft law aims to expand the possibility for candidates to become appointed as a Prosecutor General by amending the requirements for the position of Prosecutor General (in particular, higher education

				instead of higher law education; 5 years of work experience in the sphere of law or 5 years of experience in drafting legislation and in a law-enforcement agency instead of 10 years of work experience in the sphere of law), for a position of a prosecutor of local prosecution office and the General Prosecution's Office (3 years of work experience in the sphere of law instead of 3 and 5 years experience as a prosecutor respectfully). In addition, the bill suggests to postpone the entry into force of the certain provisions of the law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" until 15.04.2017, in particular provisions about the All-Ukraine Conference of Prosecutors, the Council of Prosecutors, the Qualification-Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors. Also the bill sets procedural rules for pre-trial investigations that fall under the jurisdiction of the State Bureau (SBI) of Investigation but were initiated by prosecutors before establishment of SBI.
19 April	4467	On amendments to chapter XII "Final Provisions" of the law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" to delay the entry into force of certain provisions	MPs	Consideration is postponed (17 May 2016). ** The draft law aims to create conditions for necessary and effective measures for formation of prosecutorial self-governance authorities by postponing the entry into force of certain provisions of the law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" until 17.10.2016, in particular on the All-Ukraine Conference of Prosecutors, the Council of Prosecutors, the Qualification-Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors.
21 March	4281	On amendments to the law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" (regarding the functioning of the Qualification-Disciplinary Commission of prosecutors during the transitional period)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (24 March 2016) and discussion to the committee. ** The draft law aims will provide additional guarantees for transparent and competitive procedures for the appointment of prosecutors to office and eliminating corruption risks during a transitional period of 3 years by: new composition of Qualification-Disciplinary Commission of prosecutors (QDCP) (in addition to 6 nominees prescribed by law to includes 7 prosecutors or retired prosecutors of EU members states instead of 5 prosecutors appointed on All-Ukrainian conference of workers of prosecution offices); functions of Prosecutors Council will be carried out by QDCP, the conference of prosecutors won't be called for; during 2016-2017 QDCP will organise open competition for prosecutors to regional prosecution offices and General Prosecutor's Office, in which applicants without experience in persecution could participate.
12 February	1020-VIII	On amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" to ensure transparency in the organization of the Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office to implement the recommendations of the International Monetary Fund"	President	[Bill 4055]. Published on 27 February 2016 and in effect as of 28 February 2016. ** The aim of the Law is to improve the legal principles of the organization of anti-corruption prosecutors, to ensure transparency in selection commissions on appointment to administrative positions and positions of prosecutors in the Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office to implement the recommendations of the International Monetary Fund.
Year 2015				
29 October	3372	On amending the Law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" with regards to ensuring of openness of Specialized anticorruption prosecution office	MPs	Submitted by the committee for revision (16 February 2016). ** Draft law aims to change procedure of appointment of the head and the staff of Specialized Anticorruption Prosecution Office in order to make it more transparent and flexible.
28 September	3187	On amending the Law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" (with regards to prohibition of review of complaints on decision, action or inaction of prosecutor's office of a higher tier by prosecutor's office of a lower tier)	MP	Submitted to the committee for consideration (1 October 2015). ** Draft law aims to enable possibility of reviewing complaints of decisions, actions or inactions of prosecutor's office of higher instance by prosecutor's office of a lower instance in order to prevent corruption and disable illegal pressure on civil servants and officials.

18 June	2120a	On amending the Law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" (on improving mutual relations with civil society institutions)	MPs	Submitted to the committee for consideration (22 June 2015). ** Draft law establishes Advisory Council under General Prosecutor's Office.
28 May	2967	On amending certain laws of Ukraine (with regards to improvement of provision of functioning of military prosecutor's offices)	MPs	Submitted for revision to initiators (6 October 2015). ** Draft law aims to improve the performance of military prosecutor's offices, especially during martial law and to provide servicemen in military prosecutor's offices and members of their families with necessary social and legal protection.
2 April	2404-1	On amending the law of Ukraine "On the Office of Public Prosecutor" (to comply with the European standards, ensure a transitional period for public prosecutor's office reform)	MPs	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law sets a transitional period for the reform of the public prosecutor's office, in particular for the appointment of prosecutors.
17 April	578-VIII	On amending the law of Ukraine "On Prosecution" (to improve certain provisions)	MPs	[Bill 2667]. Published on 2 July and in effect as of 16 July 2015. ** The law is developed to set a transitional period for reformation of public prosecutor's offices, especially for the appointment of prosecutors in regions.
21 April	335-VII	On amending the law of Ukraine "On the Office of Public Prosecutor" (to postpone the entry into force)	MPs	[Bill 2665]. Published on 24 April and in effect as of 25 April 2015. ** The law postpones the entry into force of the law on the Office of Public Prosecutor from 25 April 2015 till 15 July 2015.
10 February	2098	On amendments to laws on the office of public prosecutor (Procuratura) as regards contest procedure of Prosecutor-General nominees' selection and expunction of possibilities of unsubstantiated dismissal from the office	MPs	Withdrawn from consideration (1 November 2016). ** Draft law suggested amending the recruitment procedure for the position as General Prosecutor (a competition based procedure with new requirements).
14 January	1734	On amending the law on the Office of Public Prosecutor (with regard to activities of all-Ukrainian conference of public prosecutors)	MPs	Dismissed and cancelled for consideration (15 September 2015). ** Draft law suggests some provisional legal steps to ensure the gradual formation of prosecution offices on local level till the law on Prosecutor Office enters in force.
30 January	1734-1	On amending the law on the Office of Public Prosecutor (on certain questions about functioning of the conference of public prosecutors)	MPs	Received Committee's conclusions and is waiting decision on further consideration (17 March 2015). ** Draft law regulates provisionally the organisation of the All-Ukrainian Conference of the Prosecutors as one of their self-governance bodies till the law on the Office of the Public Prosecutor as of 14 October 2014 enters into force.
Year 2014				

22 December	1530	On amending Art. 46 of the law on the Office of Public Prosecutor (regarding the conditions of involvement of specialists)	MP	Dismissed (23 December 2014). ** Draft law suggests on exceptional basis and in order to ensure due activities of the prosecutor's offices to employ also the legal specialists who don't have the required experience of working in the prosecution or judicial sectors but have a solid legal background.
28 December	66-VIII	On amending Art. 46 of the law on Prosecutor's Office (with regards to involvement of specialists)	MP	[Bill 1605], in effect as of 1 January 2015. ** The law suggests on exceptional basis and in order to ensure due activities of the prosecutor's offices to employ also the legal specialists who don't have the required experience of working in the prosecution or judicial sectors but have a solid legal background.

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26 October	5310	Draft law on amendments to certain laws of Ukraine on ensuring openness and improving the operations of the State Register of Voters	MPs	Submitted for consideration (28 October 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law is aimed to increase the transparency of election process and improving the operation of the state register of voters. One of the novelties is the creation of a "Personal cabinet of voter", a system allowing voters to receive information about the elections, control the register activities, change the voting place etc.
21 October	5306	Draft law on amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On election of the Members of Parliament of Ukraine" (on improving certain provisions)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (25 October 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law makes amendments to the law of Ukraine "On election of the Members of Parliament of Ukraine", in particular, regulates the issue of the process and form of producing the voting ballots and their transfer to the election committees.
21 October	5305	Draft law on amendments to the law of Ukraine "On the State Register of Voters" (on improving certain provisions)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (25 October 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law enables sending requests to the authorities responsible for the maintenance of the State register of Voters by and EDS. The requirement on grounding the voter's application on temporary change of the voting place without the change of voting address is cancelled, etc.
20 September	5148	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine (on ensuring guaranteed general, equal and direct voting right for the citizens of Ukraine)	MP	Submitted for consideration (21 September 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law determines other procedure of voting for IDPs during the parliamentary elections. These voters are authorized to apply to the body maintaining the Register in order to temporarily (for the period of respective elections and/or referendum) change their voting location (voting station within the nationwide multi-mandate constituency without limitations) without changing their electoral address.
8 August	5016	Draft law on amending Art.46 of the Law of Ukraine "On local elections"	MP	Submitted for consideration (12 August 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law establishes additional grounds to refuse registration of the candidate to the position of a deputy, village, settlement, city mayor if such candidate had changed their name, surname and patronymic in the last few years.
7 July	4913	Draft law on amendments to the Law of Ukraine «On the capital of Ukraine – hero city of Kyiv» (with regard to the procedure of appointing the Chairman of Kyiv Municipal State	MPs	Submitted for consideration (11 July 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law envisages the appointment as the Chairman of Kyiv Municipal State Administration of the person elected as Kyiv City Mayor.

		Administration)		
17 June	4843	Draft law on amendments to the Law of Ukraine «On local elections» on regulating the procedure of party decision taking on participation of local organizations in the respective local elections	MPs	The committee's opinion is submitted (6 December 2016) and is awaiting consideration. ** The draft law simplifies the procedure of parties' participation in the local elections. Thus, to take part in the extraordinary/first local elections, a decision from the party's governing body is enough.
16 June	4832	Draft law on amendments to the Law of Ukraine «On elections of the Members of Parliament of Ukraine» on restoring the principle of lawful waiting after the elections	MPs	Submitted for consideration (21 June 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** * Draft law cancels the changes introduced by the Law of Ukraine No. 3700 (that is, the parties may not amend the lists of MPs from the party after establishing the election results).
25 May	4719	Draft law on prohibiting the elections of MPs on temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and local elections on temporarily occupied territories	MP	Submitted for consideration (31 May 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law envisages that the elections on temporarily occupied territories may take place only after the withdrawal of foreign armed forces from the territory of Ukraine, restoring the control over the state budget of Ukraine, de-occupation of the Crimea, etc.
25 May	4719	On prohibition on holding parliamentary and local elections in the temporarily occupied territories	MP	Submitted for consideration (27 May 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law prescribes that elections on the temporarily occupied territories may take place only after pullout of foreign armed forces from the territory of Ukraine, restoration of Ukrainian state border, returning of the Crimea and so on.
19 April	4471	On amending certain laws with regards to provision of voting rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (21 April 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law aims to enable IDPs' participation in parliamentary, presidential, local elections and All-Ukrainian referendum by allowing temporary change of voting location, whereas the voting address is the actual residence address that is specified in the certificate of registration of an IDP.
14 April	4404	On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on electronic electoral process	MPs	Submitted for consideration (15 April 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law aims to prevent falsifications, increase transparency and speed up the counting of votes process by usage of ballot boxes with electronic counting mechanisms, electronic protocols and electronic signatures of members of electoral commissions.
12 April	4392	Draft law on amendments to the Law of Ukraine «On local elections» (on clarifying separate provisions)	MPs	The committee's opinion is submitted (6 December 2016) and is awaiting consideration. ** The draft law envisages the decrease of the number of documents necessary to apply as a candidate to the composition of territorial electoral commissions, in particular, cancels the submission of the copy of local party organization certificate. It also changes the timeframes for nomination of the candidates by the local party organization.
19 February	4110	Draft law on amendments to certain laws of Ukraine on inauguration of village, settlement, city mayors	MPs	Amendment chart-2 is presented (6 December 2016), awaiting the second reading. ** The law envisages amendments to certain procedures of registration of village, settlement and city mayors by the respective territorial electoral committees, or, if such registration is lacking – by the Central Election Commission of Ukraine within 20 days since the respective TEC inactivity.
15 January	3773	On amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Local Elections" on account of votes of voter who did not support any candidate	MP	Submitted for consideration (19 January 2016). ** The draft law introduces the box “do not support any candidate” for the second round of voting during elections of city mayors, heads of villages, starostas; introduces prohibition to be nominated and elected as city mayors, heads of villages, starostas more than 2 times in a roll; introduces prohibition to be nominated for positions of city mayors, heads of villages and starostas during early elections for those city mayors, heads of villages and starostas, whose term of office was

				terminated early.
Year 2015				
22 December	1006-VIII	On amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Elections of the Members of Parliament of Ukraine" (with regard to exclusion of the candidates to the MPs of Ukraine from electoral lists in multi-mandate constituencies)	MP	[Bill 3700] Published on 26 February 2016, take force on 27 February 2016. ** The draft law envisages to authorise the parties to make amendments to the lists of candidates to Members of Parliament of Ukraine from a party after establishment of the election results, by exclusion upon the respective decision of the party congress.
11 December	3636	On amendments to the law of Ukraine "On Local Elections" on information about the registered candidates on the respective local elections	MP	Submitted for consideration (17 December 2015) and discussed in the committee. ** The draft law envisages an obligation for the district election committee to place the posters with the information about the registered candidates at the respective local elections and the entities which nominated them directly in the voting premises or right in front of them.
26 November	3535	On amending law on local elections (with regards to financing of preparation and holding of first elections of village elders)	MPs	The committee's opinion is submitted (6 December 2016) and is awaiting consideration. ** Draft law aims to create legal basis for financing and preparation to elections of village starostas.
26 November	3439-1	On amending article 86 of law on local elections with regards to establishment of election results in a multi-mandate electoral district	MP	Submitted for consideration (30 November 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to improve the mechanism of establishment of election results in multi-mandate constituency by guaranteeing right to be elected to the candidates who received the most votes in a relevant territorial constituency.
10 November	3439	On amending law on local elections (with regards to impossibility of not electing a deputy from territorial electoral district)	MP	Submitted for consideration (12 November 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to guarantee voter's right to have a representative in the local council and to make impossible situation of non-electing a deputy from territorial electoral districts.
30 October	3376	On amending certain laws with regards to realization of right of citizens to refuse to participate in voting	MP	Submitted for consideration (3 November 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law introduces an opportunity to provide citizens who are potentially susceptible to bribery and (or) do not care about forming of Ukrainian parliament with the compensation from state for refusal to participate in voting.
21 October	3352	On amending certain laws with regards to strengthening responsibility for bribing voters	MP	Returned to the initiator for improvement (1 November 2016). ** Draft law aims to cancel registration of candidates for President of Ukraine, deputies of Verkhovna Rada, local councils, heads of village, urban-type settlement, mayors if a court recognises fact of bribing voters and members of election commissions.
8 October	3271	On amending law on local elections with regards to prohibition of electing a person who is subject to lustration	MPs	Submitted for consideration (13 October 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to establish a requirement for impossibility of a person who is subject to lustration procedure under the respective law to be elected as deputy of local council, head of village, urban-type settlement or mayor.

2 October	3214	On amending law on local elections with regards to legislative regulation	MP	Withdrawn from consideration (1 November 2016) and awaits consideration. **Draft law introduces legislative regulation to termination of office of local councils in Donetsk and Luhansk region under Ukrainian authority, where local elections were not held on October 25 2015.
2 October	3112-1	On electoral code of Ukraine	MPs	Submitted for consideration (7 October 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law introduces electoral code of Ukraine and aims to systematize Ukrainian legislation in the respective field. It introduces voting system with open party lists and new requirements for campaigning procedure.
1 October	3204	On amending law on local elections with regards to raising awareness of voters about candidates for deputies of local councils and candidates for head of village, urban-type settlement and mayors	MP	Returned to the initiator for improvement (1 November 2016). ** Draft law introduces requirement for setting up information posters with photo and biography of candidates for deputies of local councils and for head of village, urban-type settlement and mayors.
16 September	3112	On electoral code of Ukraine	MP	Submitted for consideration (18 September 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law introduces electoral code and aims to systematize Ukrainian legislation in the respective field in order to provide unified legal regulation of preparation and conduct of election in Ukraine taking into consideration Constitution of Ukraine and recommendations of international organisations.
26 August	2501a-2	On amending certain laws with regards to provision of voting rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs)	MPs	Submitted for revision to initiators (3 February 2016). ** Draft law sets out that the IDPs shall vote according to the actual place of living, not the registered address.
21 August	2501a-1	On amending certain laws with regards to provision of voting rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs)	MPs	Submitted for revision to initiators (3 February 2016). ** Draft law aims to enable IDPs' participation in local elections by allowing temporary change of location, where voting will be conducted, up to 15 days before start of local, parliamentary, or presidential elections, and without change of voting address.
20 August	2474a-1	On amending certain laws with regards to restriction of election propaganda and counteraction against surreptitious advertising	MPs	Submitted for revision to initiators (3 February 2016). ** Draft law aims to ban political advertisement during the period between elections and to ban election propaganda in form of street advertising. It is also suggested to establish a minimum of three minute duration of election propaganda in audiovisual media, to establish specific marking of election propaganda materials in printed media. etc.
12 August	2501a	On amending the law "On local elections" (with regards to provision of right to vote for internally displaced persons (IDPs))	MPs	Submitted for revision to initiators (3 February 2016). ** Draft law aims to enable IDPs to participate in local elections by allowing temporary change of location where voting will be conducted without change of voting address.

11 August	2497a	On provision of unimpeded work of mass media during pre-election period of local elections in 2015	MP	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law aims to impose moratorium on checks done by controlling bodies on mass media as such checks (planned or extraordinary) may negatively influence coverage of election process.
4 August	2473a	On amending Art. 8 of law of Ukraine "On voluntary consociations of local communities" (with regards to formalization of provision on calling the local election according to existing legislation)	MP	Submitted for consideration (7 August 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law provides that local elections in newly formed communities will be called by the Parliament of Ukraine after presentation of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Crimea and regional councils together with adopting a decision of forming unified local community.
27 July	2455a	On amending the law on parliamentary elections (with regards to prohibition of unfair election propaganda during holding of elections)	MP	Submitted for revision to initiator (3 February 2016). ** Draft law provides new definition of election propaganda, prohibits hidden election propaganda, concluding of paid contracts with voters on holding election propaganda. It is also offered to prohibit provision of inventories for voters by any subjects of electoral process or other subjects whose actions can be qualified by voter as acts related to certain subject of electoral process.
9 July	2321a	On amending certain laws of Ukraine (with regards to provision of sufficient preparation and conduct of parliamentary elections)	MP	Revoked (3 February 2016). ** Draft law aims to improve quality of organization of electoral process and to ensure realization and protection of constitutional electoral rights of citizens by amending list of persons able to participate in meetings of electoral commissions and by standardization of terms of different stages of electoral process during elections other than regular.
8 July	2145a-3	On local referendum	MP	Submitted for consideration (10 July 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law establishes institute of local referendum and aims to effectively regulate procedures of initiation and conduct of local referendum, scope of rights of citizens to initiate local referendum.
6 July	2145a-2	On local referendum	MPs	Submitted for consideration (9 July 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law establishes institute of local referendum, defines mechanism of its conduct and implementation of its decisions. Draft law aims to contribute to further reform of local self-governance and civil society in Ukraine according to principles of European Charter on local self-government.
3 July	2145a-1	On local referendum	MPs	Submitted for consideration (7 July 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law establishes institute of local referendum as one of the forms of direct democracy in order to provide possibilities for implementation of decisions adopted at local referendum and to provide further development of civil society in Ukraine.
3 July	2258a	On impossibility of holding of elections of deputies of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Crimea, local councils and heads of village, town and city councils in some parts of territory of Ukraine due to military aggression of Russian Federation against Ukraine	MPs	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law establishes three categories of territories where it is prohibited to conduct elections and determines conditions that enable holding elections in case of their fulfilment.

2 July	2250a	On amending the law on Election of deputies of the State Council of the Republic of Crimea, local councils and heads of village, town and city councils (with regards to legal regulation of procedure of organization and conduct of elections)	MPs	Dismissed (15 September 2015) and cancelled for consideration. ** Draft law establishes new electoral system basing on number of population and introduces institute of village headmen.
2 July	2226a	On amending law on Central Election Commission (with regards to non-admission to exercise of authority by member of Commission after expiration of term of mandate)	MPs	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law aims to establish provision in law on Central Election Commission according to which expiration of term of mandate causes automatic abdication.
23 June	2145a	On all-Ukrainian referendum	MPs	Submitted for consideration (25 June 2015) and is being discussed with the committee. ** Draft law aims to establish institute of all- Ukrainian Referendum that complies both with Constitution of Ukraine and takes into consideration conclusions of Venice Commission.
18 June	2118a	On amending the law on parliamentary elections (regarding obligatory health checks of candidates for the People's Deputy of Ukraine)	MP	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law aims to amend the law on parliamentary elections. Draft law foresees obligatory psychiatric and narcological examination for candidates for the People's Deputy of Ukraine.
28 May	595-VIII	On local elections	MPs	[Bill 2831-3]. Published on 7 August 2015 and in effect as of 8 August 2015. ** The law aims to amend the law on local elections.
28 May	2831-2	On local elections	MPs	Dismissed (18 June 2015). ** Draft law aims to amend the law on local elections. Draft law foresees the following: reducing the number of deputies of local councils; introduction of open lists in elections of regional and city councils; election of mayors of cities in two rounds; transparent and accountable funding campaigns; significant limitation of TV and radio advertising and gender quotas.
27 May	2831-1	On local elections	MPs	Dismissed (18 June 2015). ** Draft law aims to amend the law on local elections.
13 May	2831	On local elections	MPs	Dismissed (18 June 2015). ** Draft law aims to amend the law on local elections.
Year 2014				
11 December	1068-2	On parliamentary elections	MPs	Submitted for consideration (15 December 2014). ** Draft law suggests amendments to the current election system.
2 December	1068-1	Law on parliamentary elections (with open party lists)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (11 December 2014) and is being discussed in the committee. ** Draft law introduces the open party list.

1 December	1133	On revoking the law on all-Ukrainian referendum as of 6.11.2012	MPs	Submitted with the committee for consideration (19 March 2015). ** Draft law declares the law on all-Ukrainian referendum as of 6 November 2012 as invalid and entrusts the government and the Central Election Commission to bring its acts in line with Constitution and respective laws within 3 months.
1 December	1133-1	On revoking the law on all-Ukrainian referendum of 6.11.2012	MPs	Received committee's proposal to be rejected (19 March 2015) and is waiting for consideration. ** Draft law declares the law on all-Ukrainian Referendum as of 6 November 2012 as invalid and instructs the government to present a new draft law on referendum within 2 months.

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Year 2016				
9 December	5520	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on the specifics of voluntary amalgamation of territorial communities located on the territories of adjacent districts	MPs	Submitted for consideration (14 December 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law envisaged the following: (1) changes of the borders of administrative and territorial units are approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine upon submission of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, but not the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea, oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol city councils; (2) the specifics for the local elections are determined for the case if Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine did not take the decisions on the change of the borders of respective districts; (3) the procedure for voluntary amalgamation of territorial communities located on the territories of adjacent districts and territorial communities in which the territorial communities of the cities of the oblast, republican of Autonomous Republic of the Crimea scale.
5 December	5483	Draft law on amendments to the certain legislative acts of Ukraine on appealing against the decisions on voluntary amalgamation of territorial communities	MP	Submitted for consideration (7 December 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law determines the procedure and specifics of the proceedings related to appealing against decisions on voluntary amalgamation of territorial communities. Only citizens residing on the territory subject to the jurisdiction of the council of a respective territorial community shall be entitled to appeal against a decision on voluntary amalgamation of territorial communities, and only within 10 days. The CEC shall be informed about such cases.
2 November	5341	Draft law on amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On cooperation of territorial communities" on implementing the procedure of accession to an organized (existing) cooperation of territorial communities	MPs	Submitted for consideration (4 November 2016) and is being discussed within the committee. ** The draft law implements the new procedures regulating the procedure of accession of the interested communities to the already organized cooperation. In particular, the procedure of concluding and the form of the accession agreement to the already organized (existing) cooperation are defined.

7 October	5253	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on extending the powers of the local self-government bodies of territorial communities to the entire territory of the respective village, settlement, city territorial community	MPs	Forwarded to the committee (15 November 2016) and discussed in the committee. ** The draft law defines the limits of the territory of a village, settlement, city territorial community. Additionally, the scheme of planning of the territory of village, settlement, city community is established determining the territory layout for real estate development, structure planning etc. The main goal of the project is to provide ample powers to the local communities in the area of urban development and construction within clearly established boundaries of the entire territorial community.
30 September	5206	Draft law on amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine on strengthening the financial status of the local budgets	MP	Submitted for consideration (5 November 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law implements the amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine, in particular, the amendments are related to the increase of revenues from the excise duty to the oblast budgets, moreover, the draft law suggests to decrease funding from local budgets if education and other expenses.
12 July	4957	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine (on proper ensuring of land resources allocation to the territorial communities)	MP	Presented for substitution (24 October 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law suggests to authorize the territorial communities to requisite especially valuable lands owned by educational and research and development
29 June	4802-1	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on improving legal regulation of the activities of district in the city councils	MP	Submitted for consideration (1 July 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law extends and specifies the powers of district in the city councils (such as the powers in the area of primary and secondary education, healthcare system, housing and utility management, youth programs, social assistance etc.). According to the suggested changes, the district in the city councils should be created as a part of the system of the local self-government bodies. A person elected by the Kyiv city mayor shall be appointed by the President of Ukraine to the position of the Chairman of Kyiv Municipal State Administration.
13 June	4802	Draft law on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on the activities of district in the city councils	MPs	Submitted for consideration (15 June 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law establishes a narrow scope of powers of the district in the city councils (in particular, management of housing and utility areas) in order to prevent overlapping of functions.
3 June	4772	On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine (on voluntary incorporation of local communities)	MPs	Consideration postponed (6 December 2016). ** The draft law envisages the order of incorporation of neighbouring village, town territorial communities into capable amalgamated territorial community. Such Incorporation is to take place in accordance with the Prospective plan. The draft makes amendments to the Law on local elections by introducing “additional elections” in incorporated territorial communities.
1 June	4742	On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine (regarding status of village, town starosta)	MPs	Presented changes to the table of amendments-2 (6 December 2016) and awaiting the second reading. ** The draft law defines a scope of starosta’s rights and obligations. The draft provides amendments to the procedure of resignation and to the right to recall of starosta. A new territorial-administrative unit introduced by the Law is “starosta’s district”,

				an area of one or more villages and/or towns that is governed by starosta. According to the amendments elected starosta will not necessarily become a member of the executive body of particular local council.
14 April	4355-1	On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine regarding the empowerment of local government land management and strengthening state control over land use and protection	MPs	Presented and withdrawn from consideration (19 April 2016). ** The draft law proposes an order of transferring state-own lands outside settlements to the ownership of merged local communities; village, town and city councils gain disposal rights over a variety of state-owned lands located outside settlements through delegated powers. In addition to the central body that implements the state policy in land management, the bill proposes to provide the authority of state control over land use and protection to executive bodies of villages, towns and cities by a consent of local councils.
12 April	4402	On amendments to the law on voluntary amalgamation of local communities (regarding a definition of boundaries of territories of merged local communities)	MP	Submitted for consideration (14 April 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The bill aims to provide state financial support for territorial communities of villages, towns, cities that voluntarily create a merged territorial community, even if boundaries of such a merged community do not correspond to boundaries that are prescribed in plans of long-term development of territorial communities of oblasts and territorial communities of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.
12 April	4386-1	On amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine (regarding the improvement of the Budget Code of Ukraine in terms of ensuring financial viability in providing administrative services by executive bodies of councils of merged local communities)	MPs	Presented and withdrawn from consideration (8 September 2016). ** The draft law aims to restore providing administrative services to the population by bodies of local self-governance and proper allocation of fees for these services to budgets of local self-governance authorities. The bill adds a list of such corresponding authorities, namely executive bodies of village, town and city (city of regional importance) councils of merged local communities.
12 April	4386	On amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine on enrolment of fees for administrative services to the budgets of merged local communities	MPs	Presented and withdrawn from consideration (8 September 2016). ** The draft law aims to restore providing administrative services to the population by bodies of local self-governance and proper allocation of fees for these services to budgets of local self-governance authorities. The bill adds a list of such corresponding authorities, namely the executive bodies of village, town and city (city of regional importance) councils of merged local communities.
31 March	4355	On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine regarding the empowerment of local government land management and strengthening state control over land use and protection	MPs	Presented changes to the table of amendments-2 (18 October 2016) and awaiting the second reading. ** The draft law proposes to transfer state-own lands outside settlements to the ownership of merged local communities; village, town and city councils gain disposal rights over a variety of state-owned lands located outside settlements through delegated powers. The local self-governance bodies receive an additional power to change the purpose of land use for private property lands. In addition to the central body that implements the state policy in land management, the bill proposes to provide the authority of state control over land use and protection to executive bodies of villages, towns and cities by consent of local councils.
31 March	4345	On amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine regarding the optimal allocation of revenues from income tax	MPs	Submitted for consideration (4 April 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The bill aims to improve social and financial conditions at the local level by increasing the income tax allocation to the budget of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and oblasts' budgets from 15 to 20 percent, introduces redistribution of 10 percent of the income tax to budgets of village, towns, and cities of district importance from the moment of merging of corresponding local communities; decreases a level of income tax allocation to the state budget from 25 to 10 percent (with exception of Kyiv and Sevastopol cities).


24 March	4297	On peculiarities of governance in certain territories of Donetsk and Lugansk oblasts	MPs	Submitted for consideration (28 March 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The bill proposes to create an Interregional Territorial Union of Donbass (Donbass ITU) on the territories where Ukrainian authority is not currently being implemented or carried out in full scale. The Donbas ITU will have a separate Representative Assembly of 75 deputies, and an Executive Committee, enhanced self-governance rights; however, will remain an integral part of the territory of Ukraine and will not have a status of a separate territorial-administrative unit.
5 March	2338	Draft Law on amendments to some legislative acts of Ukraine regarding strengthening the role of local self-governance in a disposal of state-owned lands		Withdrawn from consideration (November 2016) and is waiting the consideration. ** The draft law provides village, town and city councils the approval authority regarding issues related to disposal of state-owned lands located outside settlements; sets an exhaustive list of grounds for local-self-governance bodies to refuse a permission for development of a land management project for land allotment of state-owned lands; gives access rights to State Land Cadastre to prosecution bodies, other state bodies.
24 February	4142	Draft law on amendments to Art. 59 f the Law of Ukraine "On local self-government in Ukraine" (with regard to obligatory publication of acts of the local self-government authorities and officials)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (20 December 2016) and is being discussed in the committee. ** The draft law establishes the necessity to obligatorily publicize the acts of the local self-government bodies and officials in the official media, printed media and on the official websites of these authorities.
4 February	3831-5	Draft Law on amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine regarding adequate funding of vocational education	MPs	Discussed in the committee (4 February 2016) and withdrawn. ** The draft law restores the obligation for financing of vocational schools, other educational institutions of vocational education to the state budget of Ukraine.
29 January	3840	Draft Law on amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On local self-governance in Ukraine" (concerning the powers in the field of vocational education)	MPs	Received committee's proposal to be considered (22 April 2016) and awaits consideration. ** The draft law restores the obligation for financing of vocational schools, other educational institutions of vocational education of state and municipal form of ownership from local self-governance bodies to the state budget of Ukraine.
Year 2015				
30 December	3744	Draft law on amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine on increasing the financial independence of the local budgets	MP	Submitted by the committee for revision (19 May 2016). ** Draft law envisages to enable local (district) budgets, oblast city budgets and the budgets of the newly-merged local communities to receive 20 per cent of the rental fees for the special use of forest resources.
25 December	3721	Draft law on amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine (on ensuring budget autonomy and financial independence of district budgets and budgets of the merged local communities)	MP	Withdrawn from consideration (1 November 2016). ** The draft law suggests to include in the revenues of district budgets and budgets of merged local communities 10 per cent of the rental fees for the land use for excavation of mineral resources of national importance (except for rental fees for the extraction of oil, natural gas and condensed gas), and if such mineral resources are extracted within the territory of merged local communities, 5 per cent of the rental fee shall proceed to the budget of the relevant local community and 5 per cent – to the budget of the district within which this local community is situated.
17 December	3667	On amending Art. 22 of the Budget Code of Ukraine (on designating the village, settlement, city mayors, heads of merged local communities as budget holders)	MP	Submitted for consideration (22 December 2015) and discussed in the committee. ** The draft law implements an additional provision designating the village, settlement, city mayors, heads of merged local communities as budget holders.
11 December	3640	On amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine regarding the sources for the local budgets and attracting investments	MP	Submitted for consideration (17 December 2015) and discussed in the committee. ** Draft law envisages to accrue 30 per cent of the enterprise income tax to the general fund of oblast city budgets, district budgets and budgets of merged local communities created under the law and prospective plan of community territories delimitation.
11	3639	On amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine (on	MP	Revoked (1 November 2016). ** Draft law suggests to determine that, in addition to

December		mechanisms for incentivizing further process of voluntary merging of local communities)		currently determined oblast cities, district budgets and budgets merged according to the Prospective plan, the local communities merged according to the Law, if recognized capable under the procedure determined by the Law, shall be entitled to the handing over direct transfers with the state budget.
11 December	3638	On amendments to certain laws of Ukraine on the mechanisms for incentivizing further process of voluntary merging of the territorial communities	MP	Revoked (1 November 2016). ** Draft law aims to establish capable communities via voluntary merging and their proper funding by creating a legislative mechanism of voluntary accession of local communities to the already created communities.
11 December	3634	On amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Local self-government of Ukraine" (regarding the Statute of a territorial community and forms of the citizens' direct participation in the exercise of power)	MP	Submitted for consideration (17 December 2015) and discussed in the committee. ** Draft law sets forth key requirements to the procedure of drafting the statute of a local community as a mandatory legislative act which does not require state registration, establishes the approval of the procedure of general meetings and public hearings as an integral element of the statute, introduces key elements for the procedure of holding general meetings and public hearings.
9 December	3605	On amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine on changing the composition of local budgets revenues)	MP	Submitted for consideration (11 December 2015) and discussed in the committee. ** Draft law envisages to increase the share of individual income tax (from 40 per cent to 60 per cent, except for the individual income tax determined by paragraph 11 of part two of Art. 29 of the Budget Code), to proceed to the budget of the city of Kyiv.
8 December	3510-1	Draft law on amendments to some legislative acts of Ukraine concerning the delimitation of state and municipal property situated on the territory of merged communities and other regulation of land relations	MPs	Withdrawn from consideration (1 November 2016). ** Draft law proposes to assign the vast majority of lands located outside the settlements from state ownership to communal property ownership of merged territorial communities. In addition, it is envisaged to strengthen the state control and protection of lands of all forms of ownership.
24 November	3510	On classification of state-owned lands outside settlements as communal property of merged territorial communities	MPs	Withdrawn from consideration (1 November 2016). ** Draft law proposes to assign the vast majority of lands located outside the settlements from state ownership to communal property ownership of merged territorial communities. In addition, it is envisaged to strengthen the state control and protection of lands of all forms of ownership.
19 November	837-VIII	On amendments to the Budget Code with regards to formation and execution of united local communities	MP	[Bill No. 3490] Published on 18 December 2015. Enacted on 19 December 2015. Draft law aims to establish legal basis about formation and execution of budgets of united local communities.
2 November	3390	On amendments to the law on voluntary consociation of local communities with regards to state support to voluntary consociation	MP	Dismissed and withdrawn from consideration (20 September 2016) and is being prepared for the second reading. ** Draft law introduces additional provision under which Cabinet of Ministers determines that a plan on voluntary consociation of local communities meets the Long-term plan for forming local communities.
5 October	3217	On amendments to the law on voluntary consociation of local communities (with regards to clarification of certain provisions)	MP	Submitted for consideration (7 October 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law introduces possibility of voluntary consociation for local communities that do not border each other, but are historically connected by common infrastructure which at the moment before voluntary consociation is subordinate to one of them.
15 September	925-VIII	On amendments to the law on voluntary consociations of local communities with regards to specifics of state registration of bodies of local self-government as legal entities	MPs	[Bill No. 3106] Published on 12 January 2016. Shall be enacted on 13 January 2015. ** Draft law aims to eliminate legal drawbacks that complicate completion of procedure of voluntary consociations of local communities with regards to forming new territorial community and control over assets that belong to it.

11 September	3095	On amending Budget Code of Ukraine with regards to creation of adequate conditions for budgetary decentralization and strengthening of financial independence of territorial communities	MPs	Submitted for consideration (15 September 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to strengthen financial independence of territorial communities by forwarding 25% of income from tax not to general fund of State Budget of Ukraine, but to respective budgets of bodies of local self-government (budgets of villages, urban-type settlements and cities).
17 July	2391a	On amending certain laws of Ukraine (with regards to provision of execution of mandate by lawfully elected representatives of territorial community who have reached retirement age)	MP	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law aims to render impossible blocking of work of bodies of local self-government, caused by resignation of heads of villages, urban villages and city mayors. This will guarantee necessary level of functioning of local self-governments and contribute to decentralization of power, preparation for holding local elections and voluntary consociations of local communities.
15 July	2373a	On amendments to the law on voluntary consociations of local communities (with regards to coordination of procedures of voluntary consociation and conduct of regular local elections)	MPs	Dismissed and cancelled for consideration (2 September 2015). ** Draft law aims to coordinate procedures of voluntary consociation and regular local elections in 2015 in order to cut spending from state budget, and to improve procedures of voluntary consociation with regards to principles of reforming of system of local elections.
14 July	2189a-2	On amendments to the law of Ukraine "On capital of Ukraine - a Hero City Kyiv"	MPs	Submitted for consideration (16 July 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to reorganize system of city government and to clearly divide mandate between Mayor of Kyiv, Kyiv City Council, its executive body, district councils in Kyiv and their executive bodies.
10 July	2189a-1	On amendments to the law of Ukraine "On Capital of Ukraine - a Hero City Kyiv" with regards to system of local self-governance in Kyiv	MPs	Submitted for consideration (14 July 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to contribute to reestablishment of integral system of local self-governance in Kyiv by resuming rights of territorial community to conduct local self-governance through district councils in the city and their executive bodies and to provide effective execution of powers by such executive bodies to contribute Kyiv residents.
6 July	2296a	On local initiatives	MPs	Submitted for consideration (9 July 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law establishes legal basis of realization of right of citizens on local initiative, determines procedure of order of introduction and consideration of questions coming out of local initiative.
6 July	2295a	On public hearings	MPs	Submitted for consideration (9 July 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to provide implementation support to the mechanism of functioning of such form of direct democracy as public hearings, which will contribute to further development of reform of local self-governance and development of civil society in Ukraine.
2 July	2240a	On amendments to the law on voluntary consociation of local communities (with regards to conclusions about projects of decisions concerning voluntary consociation of local communities)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (7 July 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to remove provisions of law on Voluntary Consociation of Local Communities concerning necessary checks by regional administrations of projects of decisions on voluntary consociation as such checks for compliance to Constitution and laws of Ukraine do not fall under the extent of power of regional administrations.

19 June	2128a	On amendments to the law of Ukraine "On Capital of Ukraine - a Hero City Kyiv" (with regards to the procedure of appointment of Head of Kyiv city public administration)	MPs	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. * Draft law aims to contribute to establishment of effective local self-government in Kyiv by appointing a person who was elected as a mayor of Kyiv to serve as the Head of Kyiv city public administration.
12 June	2069a	On amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine(with regards to the enlargement of powers of local self-governments of villages, urban villages and cities of regional importance)	MPs	Submitted for consideration (16 June 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to contribute to development of local communities, decentralization of power through expanding sources of financing of budgets of local self-governments.
12 June	2067a	On considering null and void law on voluntary consociation of local communities	MPs	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law aims to revoke law on Voluntary Consociation of Local Communities arguing that its dispositions contradict principles of voluntary consociations.
4 June	2023a	On stimulation of development of regions	MP	Submitted for consideration (8 June 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law aims to contribute to development of local communities, decentralization of power. It aims to develop regional politics on national level and develop a broader systematic approach towards levelling of interregional disproportions.
8 May	2800	On amendments of the law on local self-government in Ukraine (with regards to the procedure of the dissolution of the executive committees of the local councils)	MP	Submitted back to initiators (9 March 2016). ** Draft law confers the rights to the citizens to require the dissolution of the executive committee of the local councils within the court procedures provided the actions of such committee violate the rights of the application.
24 March	2466	On bodies of local self-organisation	MPs	Discussed in the committee and is awaiting a decision (18 February 2016). ** Draft law suggests some amendments regarding regulations of the bodies of the local self-organisation (inter alia non-profit nature of such bodies and principles of their activities, less formalised procedure for the establishment of such bodies, etc.).
24 March	2467	On general assembly (conference) of members of local community at their residence	MPs	Received committee's proposal to be considered (24 November 2015) and awaits consideration. ** Draft law aims to implement Art. 8 of the Ukrainian Constitution whereupon the rules and the procedure for the general assembly (conference) of members of local community shall be regulated by law that has not been adopted till now.
30 March	2489	On service in bodies of local self-government	Cabinet	Presented the table of amendments-2 (9 December 2016) and awaiting the second reading. ** Draft law suggests new competitive procedures for transparent selection for the civil service positions and a new system of remuneration.
4 February	2019	On amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine (to avoid decline in the financial solvency of local budgets during the period of administrative and territorial reform)	MPs	Not included in the agenda (3 February 2016), rejected and withdrawn from consideration. ** Draft law suggests considering the income tax as main financial source of the budgets of the district cities, towns and villages for transition period until the functioning territorial communities have been created.

6 February	2053	Draft law on amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine (on ensuring budget autonomy and financial independence of district budgets and budgets of the merged local communities)	MP	Revoked (3 February 2016) and withdrawn from consideration. ** The draft law suggests to include in the revenues of district city budgets, village and settlement budgets 25 per cent of the rental fee for the land use for extraction of the mineral resources of national importance (except for rental fee for the use of land for extraction of oil, natural gas and condensed gas).
26 February	2241	On amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine (regarding independence of local self-government to allocate budget funds)	MP	Submitted for consideration (2 March 2015) and is being discussed within the committee. ** Draft law suggests to enhance the rights of the local self-governance bodies to approve and local budget and thus to decide on the use of local budget.
5 February	157-VIII	On voluntary consociation of local communities	Cabinet	[Bill 0915]. Published on 4 March 2015. In effect as of 5 March 2015. ** The law introduces rules and procedures for voluntary consociation of neighbourly territorial communities, towns and cities.
Year 2014				
15 December	1473	On amending the law on local self-government	MPs	Dismissed (15 September 2015). ** Draft law regulates rules and procedure for certain bodies of the local self-government.

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