



# Federal Senate e-Cidadania Portal

Created in 2012

Legislative  
Idea

Interactive  
Event

Public  
Consultation

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## Legislative Idea

The Legislative Idea tool was created in 2012 and has been regulated by the Senate Resolution No. 19/2015 and by Art.102-E of the Standing Rules of the Federal Senate.



## LEGISLATIVE IDEAS

Ideas for new laws have 4 months to reach the threshold of 20k, when they are forwarded to the Committee on Human Rights and Participative Legislation (CDH, its acronym in Portuguese), where they are discussed by the Committee's senators and a report is produced. The CDH itself becomes the author of those bills created from the legislative ideas that are approved by the Committee.



**119,536**  
Ideas  
received



**68,414**  
Authors of  
ideas



**11,105,148**  
Signatures

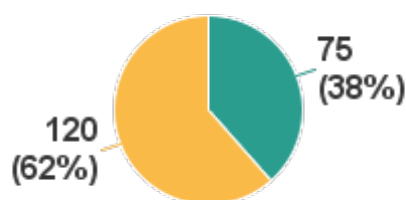


**5,801,140**  
Supporters

*Cumulative data since 2012.*

## IDEAS WITH MORE THAN 20,000 SIGNATURES

Click on each category to access the respective lists



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- Ideas converted into bills
- Currently with the Committee
- Discussed by the Committee and archived

## EXAMPLES OF IDEAS TURNED INTO BILLS

- PEC 51/2017** Provides tax immunity for videogames produced in Brazil
- PLS 263/2018** Prohibits the distribution of plastic straws and bags
- PEC 53/2019** End of special pensions for politicians
- PLS 169/2018** Sets up integral assistance centers for autistic people in the Unified Brazilian Health Care System (SUS, its acronym in Portuguese)
- PL 2130/2019** Prohibits fireworks above noise limits



## HOW TO SUBMIT A LEGISLATIVE IDEA

Written  
Portuguese



[www.senado.leg.br/ecidadania](http://www.senado.leg.br/ecidadania)

Video in Brazilian Sign  
Language (Libras)



Spoken  
Portuguese



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Through the portal, users should login to send ideas by text or video in Brazilian Sign Language (Libras), which will be translated into Portuguese and published on the portal. Click on the Brazilian Sign Language icon to access the step by step page.

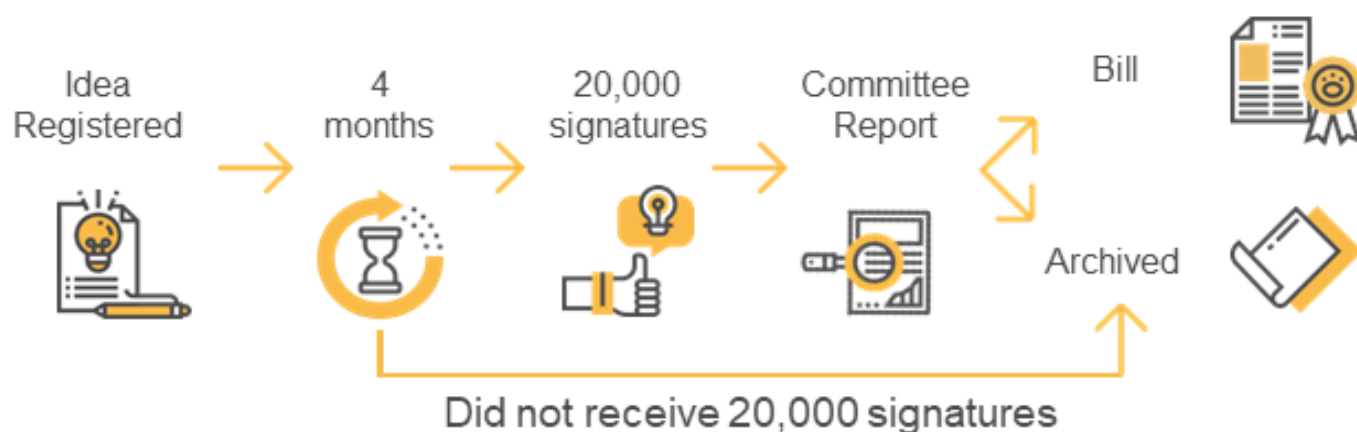
The ideas submitted through the toll-free phone number (0800) are recorded on the portal by the Senate Ombudsman's Office. Since 2016, 1100 legislative ideas have been submitted by telephone.

## HOW TO SUPPORT AN IDEA



In order to support an idea, users must login to the portal using a valid email, a Facebook account or a Google account.

## HOW IT WORKS





## Interactive Event

Since 2016, all public hearings and confirmation hearings have been interactive. Other events, such as lectures and seminars have also been interactive.

From 2013 to 2015, however, only a few public hearings were interactive.



## INTERACTIVE EVENT

Anyone can participate in the interactive events of the Senate by sending questions and comments, which are delivered to the senators and authorities present.



3,770

Interactive  
events



2,144

Events with  
questions  
read



68,295

Participants



187,119

Questions and  
comments

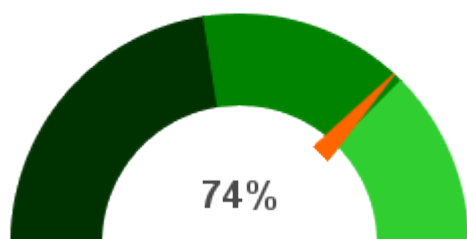


12,882

Questions  
read

*Cumulative data since 2013.*

## EVENTS WITH QUESTIONS READ IN 2019



Questions were read at 73%  
of events held in 2019

In 2019, 601 events were held, 445 of which had questions read live during the event or subsequently on Senate TV. Some questions and comments are also shown live on Senate TV captions during the events.

## HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENTS

Online



[senado.leg.br/ecidadania](http://senado.leg.br/ecidadania)

By telephone



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On each event's webpage there is a field for sending questions and comments, which are published if in line with our terms of use.

The questions submitted through the toll-free phone number (0800) are posted on the portal by the Senate Ombudsman's Office. Since 2016, 6,424 participations have been recorded through telephone calls in 2,144 events.

## FEEDBACK TO PARTICIPANTS

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Questions and comments read live or subsequently on Senate TV are highlighted on the page of the event, featuring a button that loads the video at the exact moment of reading.

[See an example](#) at the public hearing on the Provisional Presidential Decree 879 (MP 879) held in august 2019.

## DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION

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Participants who write questions and comments on the event's webpage can receive a declaration of participation with their data, authenticity code and contributions, which can serve as proof of extracurricular activity.

This allows **teachers to use this tool as an education resource** and to assess their students through questions and comments contained in the declarations issued. [See the example](#) of a UnB (University of Brasília) professor who used a [hearing of the Committee on Environment](#) as an activity in the classroom.



## DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSALS

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Questions and comments made in public hearings about bills and other proposals are forwarded to senators who are the rapporteurs on the matters.

When citizens' comments are cited in legislative reports, they are notified, and the statements cited are highlighted on the event's page. See an example on the [SUG 6/2016](#) report and in the [public hearing](#) held on this matter.



## Public Consultation

Citizens can express their views on all legislative proposals going through the Senate.

This tool was created in 2013 in compliance with Senate Resolution No. 26/2013.





## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Citizens can express their views on all legislative proposals going through the Senate. This is done through voting on our webpage and sharing comments on Twitter or Facebook.



13,098

Proposals  
voted upon



34,098,143

votes



14,724,849

voters

*Cumulative data since 2013.*

## SOCIAL MEDIA



When a legislative proposal is shared on Twitter or Facebook, a unique hashtag with the name of the bill is included in the text to enable the monitoring of public opinion on social media. Ex: [#PEC51\\_2017](#)

On each proposal's public consultation webpage, there is a link to search what people are saying about the bill on Twitter. [See the Proposal for a Constitutional Amendment 51/2017 \(PEC 51/2017\)](#) as an example.

## HOW TO TAKE PART

In order to vote, users should login to the portal using a valid email, a Facebook account, or a Google account.

