

TABLE 2: INITIATING AND DRAFTING LEGISLATION - STRUCTURES INVOLVED

COUNTRY	STRUCTURE
Cambodia	Ministry's Legal Technical Drafting Group (Legislative Working Group) Ministry of Justice (on some specific laws including the Civil and Criminal Code) Council of Jurists (reviews all bills from a legal perspective) Inter-Ministerial Committee Council of Ministers ECOSOC
Indonesia	Bills Originating from the DPR Offices of MPs Standing Committee Joint Standing Committee Legislation Council Bills Originating from the President Legal Bureau of Ministry Inter-departmental Committee Ministry of Justice and Human Rights
Lao PDR	President of the Republic Standing Committee of the National Assembly (NA) Government Member and staff of Supreme Court and Supreme Prosecutor Lao Front for National Construction National Mass Organizations
Philippines	Member of Congress and staff Bill Drafting Division of the Reference and Research Bureau
Thailand ¹⁶	Offices of Cabinet Ministers Members of Parliament (MPs) Judicial courts Constitutional bodies Council of State
Timor-Leste	MPs Parliamentary benches Government
Vietnam	Drafting Boards in Ministries and the National Assembly Ministry of Justice Office of Government Assessing Council

1. Cambodia

The different ministries in Cambodia have a legal technical drafting group (Legislative Working Group) which drafts legislation linked to their respective sectoral areas. The Ministry of Women's Affairs (MOWA) is usually consulted to provide a gender perspective to the draft bills and its officials are often invited to meetings on the draft bills. In addition to reviewing bills under the umbrella of the justice sector, the **Ministry of Justice in Cambodia** also "receives and gives recommendations for draft laws from other Ministries and relevant institutions."

16. According to the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, B.E. 2550 (2007) under Chapter VII Direct Political Participation by the People, Section 163, the eligible voters no less than ten thousand are also allowed to propose legislation.