

## Duties and Powers of the Standing Committees of the National Legislative Assembly

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### **(1) Committee on Political Affairs**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning the political affairs under the democratic regime of government with the King as Head of State, election system and political parties, including the administration management of the organizations under the constitution.

### **(2) Committee on Administration of State Affairs**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning the administration of the State affairs, the development of bureaucratic system including the systematization of the central and provincial administration, the performance of duties of state officials as well as protecting and maintaining the security of state and military affairs.

### **(3) Committee on Laws, Justice Procedure and Police Affairs**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning legal system, justice procedure, as well as human rights, consumers protection and police affairs.

### **(4) Committee on Local Administration**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning local administration, the development and promotion of effective administration of local government organizations, the supervision, promotion and transfer of missions as provided by laws, the plan and procedure of decentralizing power to the local government organizations in consistence with the entire provincial and national development, as well as the administration of special administrative zone.

**(5) Committee on Education and Sports**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning the management of education, research, the improvement of national education, the promotion of education opportunity, the study of learning content, education loan, the evaluation of education quality, including the encouragement, promotion of developing national sports as well as the study of problems and obstacles of sports development.

**(6) Committee on Economics, Monetary and Finance**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning economics, monetary affairs, finance, banking, financial markets, capital markets and national financial institutions, including the government budget policy as well as the monitor and evaluation of the receipt and budget spending of the public sector, public agencies and state enterprises.

**(7) Committee on Energy**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning the energy, administration, promotion, development, explore, utilization and conservation of energy, including the impacts of searching for and utilizing the energy.

**(8) Committee on Public Health**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning public health, medical services, health promotion and the development of the public and communities, including the impact problems of the population change and the development.

**(9) Committee on Mass Communication, Science, Technology and Information**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning the mass communication, promotion and development of science and technology, communications, telecommunications and broadcast.

**(10) Committee on Social, Children, Youth, Women, the Elderly, the Disabled and the Underprivileged Affairs**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning social and children, youth, women, the elderly and the disabled affairs, including the co-ordination with organizations in the country and overseas and with international communities relating to the direction of co-operation to promote the solution to the problems of children, youth, women, the elderly and the disabled, the promotion of community potentiality in life and living development, providing social care and welfare services to the poor, providing guarantees and security in the quality of life to Thai people as a whole, including the development of the quality of life for the people.

**(11) Committee on Agriculture and Co-operatives**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning the development of agriculture, agricultural industry, co-operatives, the development of production, transformation and agricultural business, including the ways to solve the problems and obstacles of agricultural development.

**(12) Committee on Transportation**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning land, water, air and space traffics, mass and goods transport and merchant marine.

**(13) Committee on Foreign Affairs**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning foreign affairs, international relations, overseas Thai, any situation which may have an impact on national interests and image as well as other concerned matters.

**(14) Committee on Natural Resources and Environment**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning the natural resources and environment, promotion, preservation and protection of the quality of environment, including the study on problems of utilization, protection, solution and conservation of natural resources and environment.

**(15) Committee on Commerce, Industry and Labour**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning trade, service, export, trade balance, copyright, bond, intellectual property registration, promotion and development of commerce and industry, including the study of problems and obstacles of national commerce and industry development, including special economic zone and labour.

**(16) Committee on Religions, Arts, Culture and Tourism**

shall have the duties and powers to consider organic law bills, bills, carry out activities, consider undertaking fact-finding or study any matter concerning the patronization and protection of religions, conservation of arts, tradition, local culture, local wisdom, including promotion of moral, ethics, culture, Thai identity and tourism.