The *Saeima* 1 has adopted and

the President has proclaimed the following law:

**Amendments to the Ombudsman Law**

The Ombudsman Law (*Latvijas Republikas Saeimas un Ministru Kabineta Ziņotājs*, 2006, No. 10, 2008, No. 13, 2009, No. 2 and 14; *Latvijas Vēstnesis*, 2009, No. 193, 2011, No. 103) shall be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph two of Section 3 shall be reworded as follows:

“(2) The Ombudsman shall have his or her own seal with the great State coat of arms.”

2. In Section 5:

Paragraph one shall be reworded as follows:

“(1) The Ombudsman shall be approved in the office by the *Saeima* pursuant to the proposal of not less than five members of the *Saeima*. The following documents signed by the candidate nominated for the office of the Ombudsman shall be appended to the submission on a candidate for the office of the Ombudsman: consent to apply for the office of the Ombudsman and proposals for the solution needed in the field of human rights and good administration.”;

Section shall be supplemented with Paragraphs three and four in the following wording:

“(3) The submission on a candidate for the office of the Ombudsman shall be submitted to the Presidium of the *Saeima* in writing not earlier than 50 days and not later than 40 days prior to expiry of the term of office of the current Ombudsman.

(4) The Presidium of the *Saeima* shall convene a meeting of the *Saeima* for the current approval of the Ombudsman in the office not earlier than 20 days and not later than 10 days prior to expiry of the term of office of the current Ombudsman.”

3. In Section 10:

Paragraph two shall be reworded as follows:

“(2) In order to evaluate the circumstances referred to in Paragraph one, Clauses 2, 3 and 4 of this Section for the release of the Ombudsman from the office, a parliamentary investigatory committee shall be appointed.”;

Section shall be supplemented with Paragraphs three and four in the following wording:

“(3) If the conclusions of the final report of the parliamentary investigatory committee indicate that the circumstances referred to in Section 10, Paragraph one, Clause 2, 3 or 4 of this Law have been established, the release of the Ombudsman from the office may be proposed by not less than one third of the members of the *Saeima*.

(4) In the cases specified in Paragraph one, Clauses 1 and 5 of this Section, the Ombudsman shall submit the respective submission to the Presidium of the *Saeima*.”

4. Supplement the Transitional Provisions with Paragraph 8 in the following wording:

“8. Amendments to Section 10 of this Law regarding rewording of Paragraph two and supplementation of Section with Paragraphs three and four shall come into force concurrently with corresponding amendments to the Law on Parliamentary Investigatory Committees.”

This Law shall come into force on 1 January 2015.

This Law has been adopted by the *Saeima* on 25 September 2014.

President A. Bērziņš

Rīga, 8 October 2014.