

Table III.
Varieties of Bicameralism

The Other Chambers in Central Europe

Attributes	Countries				
	Romania	Poland	Czech Republic	Croatia	Slovenia
Name					
English	Senate	Senate	Senate	House of Counties	National Council
National	Senatul	Senat	Senat	Zupanijski Dom	Drzavni Svet
Composition					
N Members	143	100	81	68	40
Term (years)	4	4	6 (staggered)	5	5
Age minimum	35	21	40	none	none
Male/Female	141/2	87/13	NA	60/3	39/1
Selection					
Means	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Indirect
Election System	PR	Plurality	Majority	PR	NA
N Districts	42	49	81	21	NA
District Basis	Counties	Voivodships	Senatorial Districts	County	Electoral Colleges
N Seats/District	2 to 13	2 to 3	1	3	NA
Term Coincident	yes	yes	no	no	no
Powers					
Government Confidence	no	no	no	no	no
Legislation	Equal	Suspensive Veto	Suspensive Veto	Suspensive Veto	Suspensive Veto
Main House Override*	NA	50% absolute	50% absolute	50% absolute	50% absolute
Amendments	yes	yes	yes	no	no
Time Limits: days	NA	30/7	30	15	7
Legislative Initiative	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
Referenda	NA	yes	no	advisory	obligatory
Elect President	no	no	yes	no	no
Question Ministers	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Organization					
Full/part-time	full	full	full	full	part
Salary	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
N Committees	14	12	NA	4	
Joint Sessions	yes	yes	yes		no
Joint Committees	two	one	no	no	no
Constitution					
Articles	58 - 79	3, 4, 17	33, 45-7, 54	81, 86, 121, 122	91, 96

Notes

* = Requirements vary between constitutional and ordinary bills