

**ABSTRACT****THE STATUS AND COMPOTENCE OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL IN THE INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM**

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The Regional Representatives Council has a competence to legislate, supervise, and advise. The competence, however, does not function appropriately because it is very limited and the Council has no decisive competence.

The three functions are vested in the House of Representatives and the House has the decisive competence.

If it is perceived from the constitution maker, the representative system adopted in the 1945 Constitution is not true bicameral but it is a soft bicameralism. If it is perceived from legislative point of view, however, it is hard to say that the Indonesia representative system is bicameral; instead, it is unicameral. The reasons are: (1) the competence to legislate is vested in the House of Representatives and (2) the People's Consultative Assembly is not a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Regional Representatives Council; instead, it is single entity whose members are members of the House of Representatives and those of the Regional Representatives Council.

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