

## Submit a petition

You would like to submit a petition to the Bremische Bürgerschaft.

### Competent Department

- [Bremische Bürgerschaft](#)

### Basic information

With a petition, all citizens are allowed to defend themselves against injustice, discrimination or unequal treatment by state authorities. In this way, you can give direct impulses for the control of the administration and in exceptional cases even for legislation.

The Petitions Committee deals with the concerns of individual citizens,

- because even the most diligent authority is not infallible,
- because even the best law can have its flaws
- and because even the most comprehensive legal regulation cannot always have considered a special case.

## Procedure

Because the right to petition applies to everyone, it must be possible to exercise it without bureaucratic hurdles. Therefore, there are no formal requirements or specifications for the formulation of a petition.

You can submit a petition in writing by mail or fax. A simple letter in which you briefly describe your concern is sufficient. The letter must contain your full address and be personally signed. In order to simplify the procedure, it is advisable to enclose the documents relating to your request. You can send your petition to

Petition Committee of the Bremische Bürgerschaft

Am Markt 20

28195 Bremen

Fax. 0421-361 123 71

there is also the possibility to submit a petition online. This can only be done with the form .

There is also the possibility to present your concern directly at the citizens' consultation hour or at the office of the Petitions Committee. Please make an appointment in advance with the secretariat of the Petitions Committee.

The petition procedure is a written procedure. When your petition has been received by the Bremen citizenship, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

At the same time the Petitions Committee asks the Senate for a statement. When this has been submitted to the Petitions Committee, you will be given another opportunity to comment on it.

In order to further clarify the facts of the case, if necessary, the Petitions Committee has the possibility to have the files presented to it. It can also invite representatives of the senate, other representatives of authorities and the petitioners to a committee meeting or inform itself about the circumstances on the spot.

The Committee on Petitions submits its final opinion on how to proceed with the petition as a recommendation to the citizenry (Landtag) or the municipality. The citizens of Bremen then decide whether the petition is to be forwarded to the Senate with a request for redress or whether it is to be rejected as unfounded. If the process has already been settled in advance in favour of the citizens, the Bremen citizenship declares the petition to be settled.

The Petitions Committee has the duty to control the administration, but it cannot give instructions to it. Therefore the senate is not obliged to follow a decision of the Bremen citizenship to remedy the petition. However, it must then justify its negative position orally before the committee.

The chairperson of the committee will inform all persons who have submitted a petition in writing of the decision of the Bremische Bürgerschaft in their case. The main reasons for the decision are also stated.

## **Legal bases**

- [Gesetz über die Behandlung von Petitionen durch die Bremische Bürgerschaft](#)