



# Elections at the National Congress

2021

# HIGHLIGHTS

On February 1st, **Rodrigo Pacheco** was elected the new president of Brazil's Senate (Upper house) with **43 votes** against 13 votes received by his opponent Simone Tebet.

At the House of Representatives (lower house), **Arthur Lira** conquered **302 votes** against 145 votes for his main opponent.

Lira and Pacheco possess a moderate alignment with the federal government.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, they have published a joint declaration declaring their commitment with the **harmony between the National Congress and the Executive Power.**

Their primary focus will be the economical agenda, which involves approving the **2021 Budget** and the so-called "Emergency Proposal of Change in the Constitution" which focuses on **reducing public expenditure.**

At a second moment, attentions will turn to the **administrative reform.**

Yet, the elected presidents have mentioned they will give continuity **to tax reform** discussions and debate means of providing emergency **financial aid** to the population that suffered from the Covid-19 crisis but respecting the law on spending limits.

# SENATE



## Rodrigo Pacheco (DEM-MG)

President do Senado Federal

2021 - 2023

Rodrigo Pacheco was born in Rondonia but grew up in Minas Gerais, the state he represents at the Senate. He is in his first mandate as a senator, after a single term as congressman. Before that, he worked as a lawyer. His family owns a transportation company in Minas Gerais.

His election represents the continuity of power at the Senate since former president Davi Alcolumbre supported his candidacy. Davi has also helped to conquer the support of President Jair Bolsonaro in his election.

He is known for his **moderator** posture. He promised to guarantee the **senators' autonomy** and respect the majority's decisions. Also, the senator financed his political campaign without the need for resources from his political party.

When it comes to the legislative agenda, he aims to focus on public health, social development, and economic growth. He considers urgent the approval of administrative and tax reforms but promises to respect the process.

In previous votes at the Senate, Pacheco usually follows the government's positioning. The exception was related to a gun policy.



**Agenda:** On February 03, Rodrigo Pacheco met with President Jair Bolsonaro and Congressmen Arthur Lira. The opening of regular legislative sessions started on the same day.



**Favorable:** He is in favor of approving tax and administrative reforms. Also, he has previously voted to approve labor and social security reforms.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**Agenda:** On February 03, Arthur Lira met with President Jair Bolsonaro and Congressmen Rodrigo Pacheco. The opening of regular legislative sessions started on the same day.



**Favorable:** He is favorable to extend financial aid to people who have suffered during the pandemic. On the economical agenda, his positions are not clear. Usually, Lira negotiates his votes accordingly to the situation.



## Arthur Lira (PP-AL)

President of the House of Representatives  
2021 - 2023

Arthur Lira is from Maceió – Alagoas. He has a law degree but works in politics since 1993. Lira represents the state of Alagoas at the House of Representatives since 2011. He has been the leader of his party and one of the leaderships within centrist political parties. He gained the support of President Jair Bolsonaro for his candidacy.

Expectations are that his elections may represent fewer obstacles for the federal government to approve economic reforms as well as propositions related to conservative values.

As a candidate, his message was to reaffirm his profile as a word keeper. To get votes from the opposition, he has promised to avoid conservative projects and has affirmed he would not turn the House into an annex to the federal government.

The congressman is involved in other polemic issues. His ex-wife has accused him of domestic violence and defamation, but the process ended without a conclusion. Also, there are mentions of his name in several corruption investigations conducted by Carwash Operation.

# 2021 Legislative Agenda

On February 3rd, President Jair Bolsonaro met with Arthur Lira and Rodrigo Pacheco. They have defined the priority issues the National Congress will discuss with the return of ordinary sessions. The focus is on economic growth and generating jobs and income.

## i. Senate

1. PL 3178/2019: Oil and natural gas sharing
2. PLS 232/2016: Electric Sector Modernizing
3. PLS 361/2018: Railways
4. PEC 186/2015: Emergency
5. PEC 187/2019: Public Funds
6. PEC 188/2019: Federative Pact
7. PLP 137/2020: Use of public funds in the combat of Covid-19 pandemics
8. PL 3723/2019: Gun property
9. PLS 216/2017: Drugs Law
10. PLC 119/2015: Indigenous People Statute
11. PLC 8/2013: Toll collection
12. PL 41/99/2020: Cabotage
13. PLP 146/2019: Startups
14. PL 7843/2017: Administrative Efficiency "Govtech"
15. PL 5191/2020: Agriculture Investment Fund

## ii. House of Representatives

1. PEC 45/2019: Tax reform
2. PL 2646/2020: Debentures
3. PL 5877/2019: Eletrobras privatization
4. PL 5387/2019: Regulatory Framework for exchange market
5. PL 191/2020: Mining in indigenous territory
6. PL 6438/2019: Register and possession of fire guns
7. PL 6125/2019: Applied rules for military in operations for guarantee of rule and order
8. PL 3780/2020: Increase in penalties in case of minor's abuse
9. PL 6093/2019: Unified transportation document
10. PL 1776/2015: Homeschooling
11. PEC 23/2020: Administrative reform
12. PL 3729/2004: Environmental licencing
13. PL 5518/2020: Forest concessions
14. PL 2633/2020: Land regularization
15. PL 6725/2016: Salary limits
16. PL 3515/2015: over-indebtedness
17. PLP 19/2019: Central Bank autonomy
18. PL 4476/2020: Gas Law
19. PL 3877/2020: Voluntary deposits