

DIRECCIÓN DE SERVICIOS DE INFORMACIÓN Y ANÁLISIS ESPECIALIZADOS  
SUBDIRECCIÓN DE REFERENCIA ESPECIALIZADA

# ALERTA HEMEROGRÁFICA

No. 374

SEPTIEMBRE 2023



**Título:** *A new index of bicameralism: taking legitimacy seriously.*

**Autor:** Sean Mueller, Adrian Vatter and Sereina Dick.

**Revista:** The Journal of Legislative Studies, Volume 29, Issue 2, august 2023, pp. 312-336.

**Editorial:** Lord Philip Norton of Louth - University of Hull, UK.

**ISSNe:** 1743-9337

**Versión electrónica:** <https://bit.ly/3ZkfUbl>

**Nota:** Disponible para consulta en los servicios las Bases de Datos Institucionales para la Cámara de Diputados.

Si usted desea adquirir la publicación, favor de dirigirse a: 5 Howick Place, London, SW1P 1WG, UK.

Teléfono: +44 (0) 20 8052 0400

Página web: <https://www.tandfonline.com/>

Pulsa el siguiente enlace para responder el **Diagnóstico de Utilidad** de esta *Alerta*:

[https://cutt.ly/SIAE\\_Alertas](https://cutt.ly/SIAE_Alertas)

### ABSTRACT:

Second chambers frequently form part of national institutional configurations, but their impact on policy making can vary from negligible to all-important veto players. The standard approach is to assess their importance via two dimensions: formal powers and compositional differences vis-à-vis the first chamber. In this paper, we conceptualise a third dimension: the legitimacy of second chambers. We subsequently measure the strength of second chambers in 14 countries and develop a new index of bicameralism. Running several quantitative analyses with a total sample of 29 OECD countries, we show how this index is significantly correlated to lower state intervention in the economy and greater regional autonomy.

### SUMARY:

Abstract	312
Introduction	312
Why (no) legitimacy?	313
A new index of bicameralism	315
Conceptualising the legitimacy of second chamber	315
Table 1. Second chamber legitimacy	318
Measurement	319
Aggregation and index formation	323
So what? The effect of bicameralism on polity and policy	324
Table 2. Expansion of Lijphart's bicameralism index	325
Table 3. OLS models for state interventionism, reform activity and de/centralisation	327
Conclusion and way forward	328
Notes	329
References	330

DIRECCIÓN DE SERVICIOS DE INFORMACIÓN Y ANÁLISIS ESPECIALIZADOS  
SUBDIRECCIÓN DE REFERENCIA ESPECIALIZADA

# ALERTA

## HEMEROGRÁFICA

No. 374

SEPTIEMBRE 2023

Annexes

Annex 1. Deliberation scores for 14 bicameral systems

Annex 2. Replication of Table 3 with Lijphart's two-dimensional index (corrected)

335

335

336