

## Handout 7 Making laws in Rome (before the Plebeian protest)



### Consuls

Two Consuls governed Rome. They:

- could only be chosen from the Patricians
- were elected for one year
- both had to agree before any decisions were made.



### Magistrates

- were only Patrician men
- said what the laws meant
- judged court cases.



### The Senate

- about 300 Patricians became Senators for life
- gave advice to the Magistrates and Consuls.



### The Assembly

All Roman citizens (Patrician and Plebeian) met in the Assembly to vote on laws and to choose Patrician men for important jobs.

- only men
- the Patricians had more power than the Plebeians
- Patrician votes were always worth more than Plebeian votes.