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Governments are necessary for the stability and effective operation of every social organization. When permanent human bases are established on the Moon, a lunar government will be needed to resolve disputes and facilitate the peaceful, productive, and responsible exploration and development of the Moon². The legislative branch of the lunar government could employ the traditional legislative process that is now used by national Earth governments to create its body of laws³. However, the traditional process of lawmaking is seriously flawed and it often produces cumbersome, defective, and counterproductive laws⁴⁵⁶. This paper proposes that the future lunar government adopt the science of laws as the basis for the creation, evaluation, and disposition of laws⁷⁸⁹. The science of laws has the potential to create bodies of laws that will optimally serve the best interests of the people who live and work on the Moon¹⁰.

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