How An Idea Becomes A Law

CONCERNED CITIZEN
Legislator or group suggests legislation

REPRESENTATIVE decides to introduce bill

BILL DRAFTING SERVICE either writes bill or reviews for style

BILL FILED WITH CLERK numbered, printed

FIRST "READING" by publication in Journal
Speaker assigns to committee

COMMITTEE HEARINGS
Bill Reported,
1. favorably
2. favorably, with amendment
3. favorably, with committee substitute
4. unfavorably (killed)

CALENDAR
Rules Committee selects bills for Chamber consideration

CHAMBER
SECOND READING bill read for amendment

CHAMBER
THIRD READING bill debated, roll call vote on passage, if passed

BECOMES EFFECTIVE on 60th day after adjournment sine die or on specified date or upon Governor’s signature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RETURNED TO HOUSE
without amendments with amendments

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BILL READ FIRST TIME
President assigns to committee

SENATE

deliver to SENATE SECRETARY

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
HOUSE and SENATE members members (majority of each must agree to report)

TO ENROLLMENT (as act)

TO GOVERNOR

signs act

approves without signature

vetoes

TO SECRETARY OF STATE

two-thirds vote in each house overrides veto