

# HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

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## SENATE

IT STARTS WITH AN IDEA...



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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If approved, the bill moves on to the full Senate for further discussion, amendments and voting.

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The legislature can override a veto with a simple majority:  
51 House votes  
26 Senate votes

Bills must pass through both chambers before being sent to the governor.

✗  
If a bill is returned to the original chamber with amendments, a conference committee may be formed to discuss the changes. The committee is made up of two senators and two representatives.

Both chambers vote on final bill.

✗  
Bill is defeated.

The Governor

✗  
Governor vetoes the bill and sends it back to the legislature.

✓  
Governor signs the bill and it becomes law.

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If the governor does not sign a bill after seven days, it becomes law.

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