HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

HOUSE Of Representatives

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Ideas for proposed bills can come from legislators or from the public.

Bill sent to Clerk of the House

The Clerk of the House assigns a bill title, number, and the name of the sponsor and any co-sponsors.

Bill Is Assigned To A Committee



151 Representatives debate the bill and draft amendments. House may send the bill back to a committee or issue a "yes" vote.

Bill Is Reported To The House

in Connecticut

SENATE

Senator Submits A Bill

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Bill sent to Clerk of the Senate

The Clerk of the Senate assigns a bill title, number, and the name of the sponsor and any co-sponsors.

Bill Is Assigned To A Committee

Bill Is Reported

To The Senate



Bill is sent for Review and Analysis

There are 24 joint standing committees organized by subject. The committees can 1) draft the bill into a committee bill, 2) write a new "raised" committee bill, or 3) refer the bill to

another committee. Public hearings are held to accept input from the public, state agency representatives, and legislators.

The Legislative Commissioners' Office checks for constitutionality and consistency with other laws. The Office of Fiscal Analysis estimates the bill's cost and "fiscal impact" upon the community. The Office of Legislative Research then adds a "plain English" explanation of the bill.



36 Senators debate the bill and draft amendments. Senate may send the bill back to a committee or issue a "yes" vote. Senate Bill Sent To The House If Amended, Bill Sent Back To House For Concurrence





Bill **Passes** If Amended, Bill Sent Back To Senate For Concurrence

Unresolved House Bills

Joint Conference Committee

Resolves Differences & Revises the Bill

Reports bill back to the legislature for a vote in each chamber

> **Bill Becomes A** Public Act

Bill **Passes**



GOVERNOR



Legislature can override veto with a 2/3 majority vote in each house and pass the act into law

Act Sent Back To House Of Origin

Vetoes The Act



Act Becomes A

Courtesy Of

