

How Does A Bill Become A Law?

- Assembly votes YES
- Senate votes YES
- Governor signs bill

A legislator writes and sponsors a bill.
If the person is in the Assembly, the bill begins there.
If a person is in the Senate, the bill begins there.



The bill is assigned to a committee for study.



The Committee has a hearing to vote to decide if the bill will move on to be voted by the entire House.



Once the bill is released from Committee, it is debated and voted on by the entire body -- either the Assembly or the Senate.



If that body passes the bill, then it moves on to the other House.
For example, if the Assembly passes a bill, then it moves on to the Senate.
If the Senate passes a bill, then it moves on to the Assembly.



Now the process begins again.
In the 2nd house, the bill is
- assigned to a committee
- debated and voted on in committee
- sent to the floor of that house for all members to vote on.

The Governor can Veto the bill or Sign the bill.

If they make changes, it goes back to the first house to repeat the process.
If they don't make changes and vote FOR the bill, it moves on to the Governor.



If the bill is signed by the Governor, then it is a new law.

