

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW



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NEW BILL INTRODUCED IN HOUSE OR SENATE

GOES OFF TO COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING & COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION...
...THEN VOTE AND REPORT TO FULL CHAMBER

DEBATE & AMENDMENT BY FULL CHAMBER

VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE

FURTHER STUDY
-OR-
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
-OR-
OUGHT TO PASS

BILL RIP

THIRD READING & ON TO OTHER CHAMBER

INTRODUCED IN SECOND CHAMBER

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THIRD READING & KEEP ON MOVING

IF BILL WAS AMENDED IN SECOND CHAMBER...
BACK TO ORIGINATING CHAMBER

IF AMENDMENT IS REJECTED...
...BILL IS KILLED

IF PASSED BY BOTH CHAMBERS IN IDENTICAL FORM...
...ON TO GOVERNOR!

IF ACCEPTED... ON TO GOVERNOR!

SENT TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF BOTH CHAMBERS

COMMITTEE IRONS OUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO VERSIONS OF BILL

IF FAIL TO AGREE, BILL IS DEAD

IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED...
...COMMITTEE REPORT IS SENT TO BOTH CHAMBERS

HOUSE SENATE

IF EITHER CHAMBER REJECTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

HOUSE SENATE

IF BOTH CHAMBERS ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS...
...ON TO GOVERNOR!

THE STATE HOUSE

BILL DIES IF GOVERNOR VETOES, UNLESS BOTH CHAMBERS OVERRIDE

BILL BECOMES A LAW IF:

- GOVERNOR SIGNS
- FAILS TO SIGN OR VETO WITHIN 5 DAYS
- BOTH CHAMBERS OVERRIDE THE VETO BY 2/3 VOTE

GOVERNOR

NH REVISED STATUTES