HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

In order for a bill to become a law in Missouri, it must follow a path to include the following steps.

FILING
Legislators introduce bills, which includes pre-filing before session begins. Then bills are read for a first and second time.

COMMITTEE
The bill is assigned to a committee.***Some of the bills will be put on the schedule then they will have a public hearing, this is where you come in.

COMMITTEE VOTE
There is a vote in the committee. This is also where contacting your legislators to help sway their vote comes into play.

SENT TO FLOOR FOR DEBATE
The bill is sent to the floor for a debate. This is also where filibusters can happen to stall a bill.

SENT TO SECOND CHAMBER
The bill is sent to the second chamber where the same process as above continues.
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After it passes the second chamber, the bill is then read a third time. If the House and Senate bills are different, a council committee is appointed to reconcile the two different bills.

**Final Pass**

The vote is truly agreed upon and passed by Senate and House.

**Sent to Governor to Sign**

***Governor can either sign or veto the bill.

If Signed Bill Becomes Law

If vetoed the House & Senate can override bill with 2/3 vote.