

# 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**

