How a Bill Becomes a Law

Senate Committee
Bill is debated and/or amended.

House Committee
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Senate Floor Vote
Bill is debated and a vote is taken.

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A bill is introduced in the Senate or House.

If the bill passes, it starts the process all over in the opposite chamber.

Bill is voted on by full chamber.

If amended, original chamber votes. Passes with amendments, sent to governor. Bill fails, the two chambers agree on a final version and both houses vote. Once passes, it is sent to governor.

Bill passes without amendments. Sent to governor for signature or veto.

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