

How a Bill Becomes a Law

First Chamber

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You can ask a legislator for a bill.
- **Step 2: Bill is assigned to committee.**
Ask for a bill to go to a specific committee.
- **Step 3: Committee has a hearing and takes public input.**
Your input is needed!
- **Step 4: Committee makes amendments and votes on bill.**
- **Step 5: Whole chamber votes on Committee amendments. They can add amendments too (2nd reader)**
- **Step 6: Whole chamber votes on final bill with amendments previously added (3rd reader)**

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Second Chamber

- **Step 1: Bill is introduced (1st Reader).**
You can ask a legislator for a bill.
- **Step 2: Bill is assigned to committee.**
Ask for a bill to go to a specific committee.
- **Step 3: Committee has a hearing and takes public input.**
Your input is needed!
- **Step 4: Committee makes amendments and votes on bill.**
- **Step 5: Whole chamber votes on Committee amendments. They can add amendments too (2nd reader)**
- **Step 6: Whole chamber votes on final bill with amendments previously added. Second chamber can add amendments too at this point in the process. (3rd reader)**

For steps 4 -6, ask for the right vote

