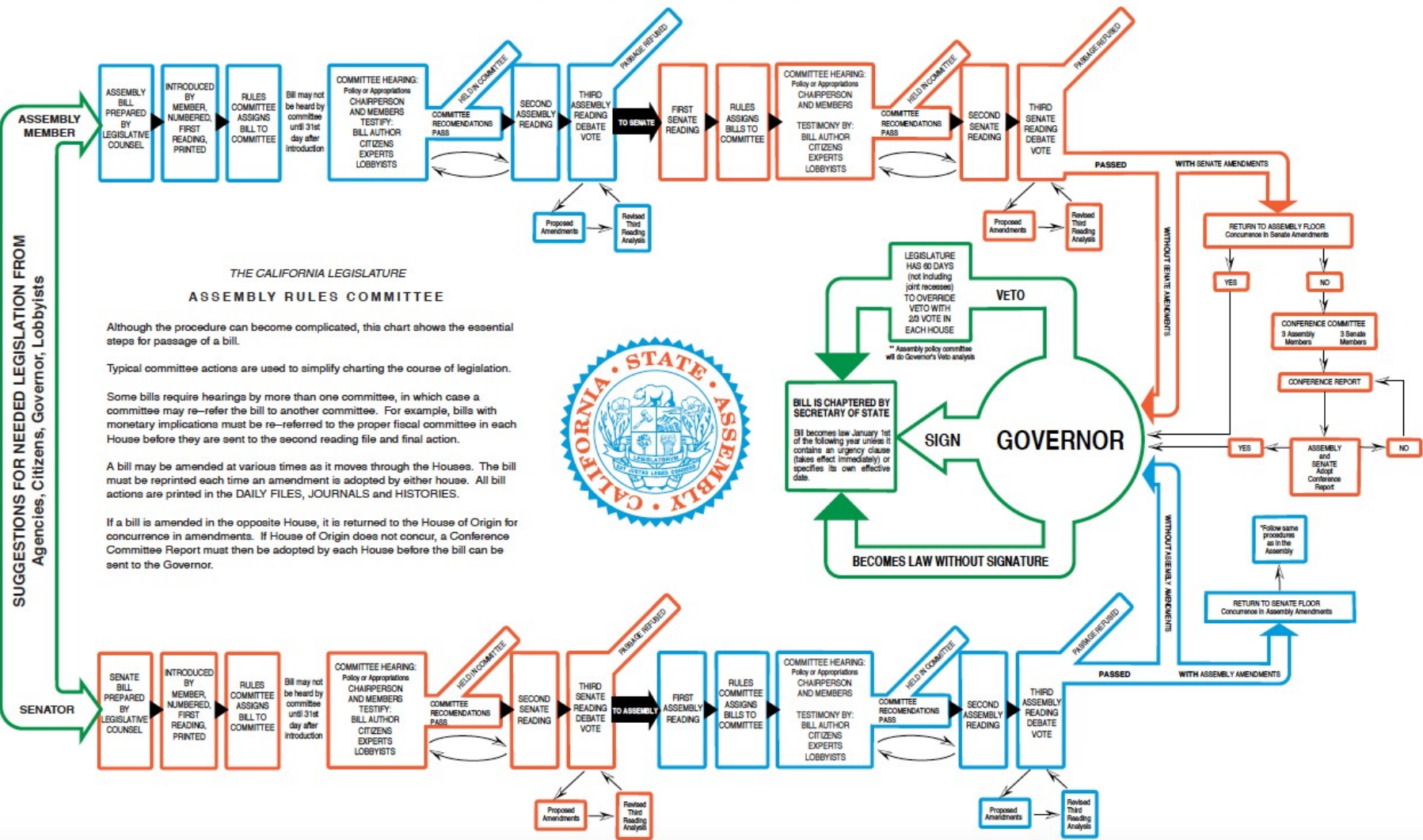


THE LIFE CYCLE OF LEGISLATION

From Idea into Law



THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLY RULES COMMITTEE

Although the procedure can become complicated, this chart shows the essential steps for passage of a bill.

Typical committee actions are used to simplify charting the course of legislation.

Some bills require hearings by more than one committee, in which case a committee may re-refer the bill to another committee. For example, bills with monetary implications must be re-referred to the proper fiscal committee in each House before they are sent to the second reading file and final action.

A bill may be amended at various times as it moves through the Houses. The bill must be reprinted each time an amendment is adopted by either house. All bill actions are printed in the DAILY FILES, JOURNALS and HISTORIES.

If a bill is amended in the opposite House, it is returned to the House of Origin for concurrence in amendments. If House of Origin does not concur, a Conference Committee Report must then be adopted by each House before the bill can be sent to the Governor.



SUGGESTIONS FOR NEEDED LEGISLATION FROM
Agencies, Citizens, Governor, Lobbyists

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

SENATOR

SIGN GOVERNOR

BILL IS CHARTERED BY SECRETARY OF STATE
Bill becomes law January 1st of the following year unless it contains an urgency clause (takes effect immediately) or specifies its own effective date.

BECOMES LAW WITHOUT SIGNATURE

VETO

LEGISLATURE HAS 60 DAYS (not including joint recesses) TO OVERRIDE VETO WITH 2/3 VOTE IN EACH HOUSE
* Assembly policy committee will do Governor's veto analysis

RETURN TO ASSEMBLY FLOOR
Concurrence in Senate Amendments

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
3 Assembly Members
3 Senate Members

CONFERENCE REPORT

ASSEMBLY and SENATE Adopt Conference Report

Follow same procedure as in the Assembly

RETURN TO SENATE FLOOR
Concurrence in Assembly Amendments

PASSED

WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS

WITHOUT SENATE AMENDMENTS

PASSED

WITH ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS

WITHOUT ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS

PARALLEL REQUIRED

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PARALLEL REQUIRED

HELD IN COMMITTEE

HELD IN COMMITTEE

TO SENATE

Proposed Amendments

Revised Third Reading Analysis

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS PASS

TESTIMONY BY: BILL AUTHOR, CITIZENS, EXPERTS, LOBBYISTS

CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS

POLICY OR APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE HEARING

Bill may not be heard by committee until 31st day after introduction

RULES COMMITTEE ASSIGNS BILL TO COMMITTEE

INTRODUCED BY MEMBER, NUMBERED, FIRST READING, PRINTED

ASSEMBLY BILL PREPARED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

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THIRD SENATE READING DEBATE VOTE

SECOND SENATE READING

FIRST SENATE READING

THIRD ASSEMBLY READING DEBATE VOTE

SECOND ASSEMBLY READING

FIRST ASSEMBLY READING