How a Bill Becomes a Law

1. **The Bill is Written** – An idea is generated by a citizen or a Congressman that they’d like to see passed into law. At least one Congressman must write and sponsor the bill. Only Congressmen are allowed to introduce bills in Congress.
2. **The Bill is Introduced on the Floor of the House** and dropped in the Hopper or introduced on the Floor of the Senate and given to the Secretary of the Senate.
3. **The Bill is Referred to Committee** for mark-up and revision. The bill must be voted on favorably by the committee in order to be heard again on the whole House Floor.
	1. Choose a committee chairman from the majority party
	2. Determine the order that the bills will be heard
	3. Author of bill presents argument
	4. Discussion
	5. Q & A
	6. Changes, Amendments, Revision/Clarification of wording, additions, deletions, etc.
	7. All changes must be voted upon
	8. Vote on passage of perfected bill.
	9. Complete Committee Reflection sheet
	10. Repeat c-i for each remaining bill
4. **House Floor Debate**
5. **The Bill is Sent to be Introduced in the Senate**
6. **The Bill is Referred to Senate Committee**
7. Choose a committee chairman from the majority party
8. Determine the order that the bills will be heard
9. Author of bill presents argument
10. Discussion
11. Q & A
12. Changes, Amendments, Revision/Clarification of wording, additions, deletions, etc.
13. All changes must be voted upon
14. Vote on passage of perfected bill.
15. Complete Committee Reflection sheet
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17. **Senate Floor Debate**
18. **Conference Committee if Necessary**
19. **Presidential Action**
	1. Sign
	2. Veto
	3. Pocket Veto