HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN ILLINOIS













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Bill is drafted by the Legislative Reference Bureau Bill is introduced by a Sponsor in:

- House (HB 1234)
- Senate (SB 1234)
- Both (HB 1234 & SB 1234)

Bill is read into the record for the first time Bill assigned to:

- Rules Committee (House) or
- Assignments Committee (Senate)















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Bill assigned to a substantive committee Bill is heard and voted on by that committee:

- ✓ Passes out of committee

Bill is read into the record for the second time. Amendments can be considered and voted on Bill is read into the record for the third time















Bill is voted on by full chamber:

- ✓ Passes
- 🖾 Re-vote
- ▼ Fails (bill dies)

If the bill passes the first chamber, it repeats the process in the second chamber (jump back to •)

Bill passes the second chamber.

- If there are changes: the first chamber revotes on the bill
- No changes: bill sent to Governor

Bill has 30 days to be sent to the Governor





Vetoes bill

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 Bill dies

Both chambers override veto

Amendatorily vetoes bill

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⊠ Bill dies

Both chambers concur & return to Governor Both chambers override amendatory veto

☑ Signs hill No action taken after 60 days

Bill becomes law!