THE FLORIDA SENATE – HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A LAW

LEGISLATOR, CITIZEN, or group suggests legislation

SENATOR decides to introduce bill

BILL DRAFTING SERVICE either writes bill or reviews for style

BILL FILED WITH SECRETARY, numbered, printed

FIRST READING by publication in Journal; President refers to committee(s)

COMMITTEE HEARING(S) bill reported:
1. favorably
2. favorably, with amendment(s)
3. favorably, with committee substitute
4. unfavorably

SECOND READING bill read, may be amended

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THIRD READING bill read, debated, may be amended, roll call vote on passage

SENATE concurs

SENATE refuses to concur

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SENATE HOUSE members members (majority of each must agree to report)

SENATE and HOUSE adopt conference report in its entirety, pass bill

TO SENATE ENGROSSING

TO SENATE ENROLLING (as act)

TO GOVERNOR

signs act

without signature

vetoes

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without signature

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TO SECRETARY OF STATE

two-thirds vote in each house overrides veto

BECOMES EFFECTIVE on 60th day after adjournment sine die or on specified date or upon Governor’s signature

CALENDAR
Calendar Group sets Special Order Calendars for Chamber consideration

CHAMBER
Special Order Calendar bill read second time; engrossed, if amended

CHAMBER
Third Reading bill read third time; debated; roll call vote on passage; engrossed, if amended

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILL READ FIRST TIME Speaker assigns to committee(s)

If passed, delivered to HOUSE CLERK

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