HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A LAW

LEGISLATOR, CITIZEN, or group suggests legislation

SENIOR 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

COMMITTEE BILL READ FIRST TIME Speaker assigns to committee(s)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

BILLS READ FIRST TIME Speaker assigns to committee(s)

BILL ENGROSSING (as act)

SENATE concurs

SENATE refuses to concur

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

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

TO GOVERNOR

signs act

without signature

vetoes

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

A simplified chart showing the route many bills take through the Florida Legislature. Bills may originate in either house. This bill originated in the Senate.