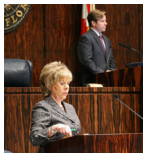
THE FLORIDA SENATE – *HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A LAW*

LEGISLATOR, CITIZEN, or group suggests legislation

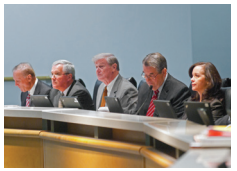
SENATOR decides to introduce bill

BILL DRAFTING SERVICE either writes bill or reviews for style



BILL FILED WITH SECRETARY, numbered, printed

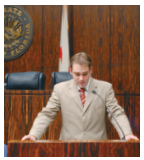
FIRST READING by publication in Journal; President refers to committee(s)



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

4. unfavorably

CALENDAR
Calendar Group sets Special Order Calendars for Chamber consideration



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

SENATE

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

4. unfavorably

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

BILL READ FIRST TIME
Speaker assigns to committee(s)

If passed, delivered to HOUSE CLERK

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

SECOND READING
bill read, may be amended

Return to SENATE
without amendment(s)
with amendment(s)

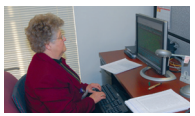
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TO SENATE ENROLLING (as act)

TO SENATE ENGROSSING

SENATE concurs

SENATE refuses to concur



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

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

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

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.

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