**SPEAKER** 

to Committee, Subcommittee,

or Calendar of the House

# HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A LAW

REPRESENTATIVE

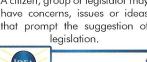
decides to introduce

a bill



#### CONCERNED CITIZEN

A citizen, group or legislator may have concerns, issues or ideas that prompt the suggestion of legislation.



#### **BILL DRAFTING**

Representatives use the House Bill Drafting Service to write and review bills.



#### FIRST READING

Before a bill can be voted on, it must be read three times. Usually, a bill is first read by publication in the Journal.



### COMMITTEE OR **SUBCOMMITTEE BILL REFERRED BY**

Bills are agendaed and noticed by Committees and/or Subcommittees, the membership of which is made up of Representatives. Committee and Subcommittee meetings are open to the public.

The Committee or Subcommittee reports one of the following actions to the Clerk:

#### House Bill:

- 1. favorably
- 2. favorably with recommended committee or subcommittee substitute
  - 3. unfavorably

#### Senate Bill:

- 1. favorably
- 2. favorably with amendment(s)
  - 3. unfavorably



**RETURN TO** 

THE HOUSE

## SENATE SECRETARY

Upon passage, a bill is sent by message to the Senate. The Senate may vote to pass the bill with or without amendments.

#### THIRD READING CHAMBER

After a bill has been read a third time, it is debated and a vote is taken in the Chamber.



#### SECOND READING -CHAMBER

Not all bills reach the Chamber for consideration. Bills on Special Order Calendar may be read a second time and amended in the Chamber.



BILL

NUMBERED

AND FILED

#### SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

The Rules & Policy Committee may place a bill on Special Order Calendar for consideration in the Chamber.



## WITHOUT **AMENDMENTS**

#### WITH AMENDMENTS

House concurs, House further amends or House refuses to concur



### GOVERNOR

The Governor may either sign the bill, now referred to as an "act," into law, allow it to become a law without his signature or veto it. It takes a two-thirds vote of each house in order to override a veto.



### TO SECRETARY OF STATE

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

A law becomes effective on the 60th day after sine die or on a specified date or upon the Governor's signature.



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill as amended, they may decide to appoint a conference committee charged with the task of reaching a compromise. The committee is made up of both Representatives and Senators.



