

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN TEXAS



BILL IS INTRODUCED IN THE
HOUSE

Led by House Speaker
Dennis Bonnen

BILL IS INTRODUCED IN THE
SENATE

Led by Lt. Governor
Dan Patrick



Bill is referred to a House Committee by the Speaker, where it may be amended.



Bill is referred to a Senate Committee by the Lt. Gov., where it may be amended.

If the bill passes through the committee, it goes to calendars committee for scheduling for House floor debate.

If the bill passes through the committee, Senators must agree by 3/5's vote to send the bill to the Senate floor for debate.



Bill is brought to the House floor for debate where it may be further amended.



Bill is brought to the Senate floor for debate where it may be further amended.



If passed by majority vote, the bill is sent to the Senate.



If passed by majority vote, the bill is sent to the House.

ALL BILLS
MUST PASS
THROUGH
THE
SENATE &
THE HOUSE
TO BECOME
LAW



Gov. Greg Abbott

Once a bill with agreed upon language is passed by the House and Senate, the bill is sent to the Governor.

The Governor may:

1. Sign the bill into law;
2. Allow the bill to become law without his signature; or
3. Veto the bill (A veto can be overridden if the bill received a 2/3's vote in the House and Senate).