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
Rules Committee sets Special Order Calendar for Chamber consideration

CHAMBER
Special Order Calendar bill read second time, debated, Engrossed, if amended

TO SENATE ENGROSSING

CHAMBER
Third Reading roll call vote on passage, Engrossed, if amended



If passed, delivered to HOUSE CLERK

BILL READ FIRST TIME
Speaker assigns to committee(s)



COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Bill Reported,
1. favorably
2. favorably, with amendment(s)

3. unfavorably (killed)



SECOND READING
bill read, may be amended



THIRD READING
bill debated, roll call vote on passage



Returned to SENATE
without amendment(s)

with amendment(s)



SENATE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

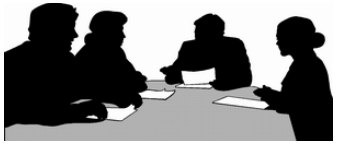
SENATE concurs

SENATE refuses to concur

TO SENATE ENGROSSING



TO SENATE ENROLLING (as act)



TO SENATE ENGROSSING



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

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

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