Process for House Bills

Texas Legislature

HOUSE

Filed & 1st Reading
Bill is filed, numbered, read, and referred to committee by the Speaker of the House

Committee Action
Committee may hold hearings and may vote on bills

No Amendment | Substitute or Amendment | Vote fails | No hearing or left pending

Printing & Distribution
Committee report printed and distributed and sent to appropriate calendar committee

Floor Consideration
Requires placement on a House calendar

2nd Reading
2nd reading, debate, amendment, and passage to 3rd reading

3rd Reading
3rd reading, debate, amendment, and final passage by the House

Engrossed
If bill passes on 3rd reading, it is engrossed and any amendment is incorporated

SENATE

Received & 1st Reading
Engrossed bill is received from the House, read, and referred to committee by the Lt. Governor

Committee Action
Committee may hold hearings and may vote on bills

No Amendment | Substitute or Amendment | Vote fails | No hearing or left pending

Printing & Distribution
Committee report printed and distributed and added to the regular order of business

Floor Consideration
Requires placement on the intent calendar and 3/5 vote to suspend the regular order of business

2nd Reading
2nd reading, debate, amendment, and passage to 3rd reading

3rd Reading
3rd reading, debate, amendment, and final passage by the Senate

If Amended | **If Not Amended**

Senate Amendments
Printed and distributed

House Concurs | **House Refuses to Concur**

Conference Committee
If a conference committee is appointed, each chamber names 5 members to the committee

Conference Committee Report
CCRs printed and distributed

CCR adopted in House and Senate | CCR not adopted by one or both chambers

Enrolled
By House Clerk

Signed
By Speaker and Lt. Governor

Sent to Governor

Signs Bill | **Takes No Action** | **Vetoes Bill**

Bill Becomes Law

Veto overridden **Bill Becomes Law** | **Bill Dies**

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