

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN TENNESSEE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Matching "companion bills" required in each chamber to become law.

SENATE

BILL Representative introduces bill

Speaker refers bill to committee



BILL Senator introduces bill

Speaker refers bill to committee

Committee's study bills, review fiscal impact, conduct hearings, and consider public comments and expert testimonies

✓ Bill passes committee and is placed on **House** calendar

✓ Bill passes committee and is placed on **Senate** calendar

Representatives debate and possibly amend bill

Senators debate and possibly amend bill

✓ **Majority (50) passes** with or without amendment

✓ **Majority (17) passes** with or without amendment

Speakers sign bill and send to the Governor for action

GOVERNOR

✓ **SIGNS BILL**

✗ **VETO**

OR

✓ Bill becomes law **without signature after 10 days**

Constitutional Majority of both Houses can override



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