

A COMMON PATH FOR A FEDERAL BILL TO BECOME LAW

STEP 1

A member of Congress sponsors a bill



STEP 2

The bill is introduced in either the Senate or House



STEP 3

The bill goes to a committee of jurisdiction that explores implications



STEP 4

Subcommittees review and make changes to the bill



STEP 5

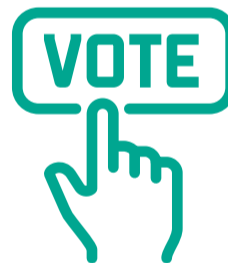
Committees mark up the bill



STEP 6

The full chamber votes on the bill

Pass or Fail



STEP 7

If the bill passes, it's referred to the other chamber

Pass or Fail



STEP 8

The bill goes to the president for approval or veto

Pass or Veto



STEP 9

Congress can override a veto

Congress can override and the bill passes or fails



If the bill passes all of the stages without failing, it becomes law.

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