**How A Bill Becomes Law in Illinois**

**FIRST HOUSE**

- Bill drafted by Legislative Reference Bureau
- Introduced
- Read 1st time (perfunctory), referred to House Rules Committee or Senate Committee on Assignments
- Assigned to substantive committee
- Hearing, Amendment(s) may be added
- Recommended "do pass" or "do not pass" or not recommended
- Full house votes to discharge or Full house doesn't discharge
- Read 2nd time. Floor amendment(s) may be proposed*
- Read 3rd time. Voted on
  - Fails
    - Bill dead
  - Passes
    - Sent to second house
- Full house votes to discharge or Full house doesn't discharge
- Full house votes to discharge or Full house doesn't discharge

**SECOND HOUSE**

- Sponsor found by sponsor in first house
- Introduced
- Read 1st time (perfunctory), referred to House Rules Committee or Senate Committee on Assignments
- Assigned to substantive committee
- Hearing, Amendment(s) may be added
- Recommended "do pass" or "do not pass" or not recommended
- Full house votes to discharge or Full house doesn't discharge
- Read 2nd time. Sent to 3rd reading with committee amendment(s) or floor amendment(s)*
- Read 3rd time. Voted on
  - Passes
    - Sent to first house for concurrence with second-house amendment(s)
  - Fails
    - Bill dead
- Read 3rd time. Voted on
  - Fails
    - Sent to Governor
    - Bill dead
  - Passes
    - Sent to first house for concurrence with second-house amendment(s)
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**GOVERNOR**

- Places any kind of veto on bill
- Approves bill
- Returns to first house

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- Takes same action as first house
- Returns to Governor
- Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
- Bill becomes law in changed form
- Concurs
- Takes same action as first house
- Returns to Governor
- Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
- Bill becomes law in changed form

*Amendments proposed on the floor must go to the Rules Committee or Committee on Assignments for approval before being considered.

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