

## How a Bill Becomes a Law – Notes and Corroboration

**Background:** The process for how a bill becomes a law is often difficult to comprehend. Part of the reason for this is because each bill takes a different path as it is debated, amended, and voted upon.

**Task/Directions:** Travel to at least 3 of the 6 stations and record how those organizers or descriptions outline the process. Make sure to be thorough as you read and record. You are looking for similarities that corroborate the process of a bill becoming a law. For the summary, record the steps required for a bill to become a law. You may only use steps that are corroborated (similar information) across all 3 sources that you viewed. Use a highlighter to help show the similar steps across all 3 sources.

### Station 1: I'm just a bill

Steps/Outline:

1. Idea → Call Congressman
  2. Bill introduced in House of Representatives
    - Committee
    - vote
  3. Goes to Senate
    - vote
  4. President → Yes or Veto
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### Station 2:

Steps/Outline:

1. Idea
2. Intro

## Station 3:

Steps/Outline:

## Summary: How a Bill Becomes a Law

Steps/Outline:

1. Idea

2. Introduced into House

3. Goes to House Committee (debate &amp; amend)

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4. House votes ( $\frac{2}{3}$  majority) → 66% Yes

5. Goes to the Senate → Committee

6. Senate votes ( $\frac{2}{3}$  majority)

7. President approval

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Veto↓  
Yes →

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