

Class and Government

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**How a Bill Becomes a Law**

Step 1: Each committee prepares a bill (Senate - S. / House - H.R.)

Step 2: Each house debates and passes the bill with or without change, addition, or subtraction.

Step 3: Conference committee joined up committees meet to work out each others bills.

Step 4: Bill is given to each house again for a vote.

Step 5: Bill goes to the other house

Step 6: Senate and House vote on bill.

Step 7: President can pass or veto the bill into law.

Step 8: 2/3 from each house can override a presidential veto. (very difficult to do)

Define the following terms:

**Private bills** - bills concerning individual people or places.

**Public bills** bills concerning the entire nation and deal with matters like taxation.

**Joint resolutions** - laws passed by both houses of Congress and signed by the President.

**Special interest groups** - organizations made up of people with common interests.