

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

Displayed is an outline of the many steps in our Federal lawmaking process from the introduction of a bill by any Member through passage by the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and approval by the President of the United States. Since the large majority of laws originate in the House, the example shown below starts with that body.

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