Bill Draft is filed in either chamber

**First Reading** of the Bill
Bill is considered introduced at Committee Assignment, or when introduced from the chamber floor.

Standing Committee – conducts public hearings and further investigation of assigned legislation.

Referral to a different committee

**Second Reading**
Report on the Bill
Committee Vote
No Action

Bill may be placed on Ready List (Holding area before Third Reading)

Bill is placed on Agenda

**Third Reading**
Debate and Amendment
Bill is heard on a given day’s agenda, where a number of legislative actions may be taken in accordance with Chamber rules and Mason’s rules of Parliament Roll Call Votes for bills.

Bill Passes
Bill is Defeated
Bill is Delayed

Process restarts in the opposite chamber

When a bill is passed with amendments, it is sent to the opposite or originating chamber for concurrence

When originating chamber concurs, the bill is sent to the Governor for signature

When a bill passes the opposite chamber in its original form it is sent to the Governor for signature

Governor’s Signature

Governor Signs Bill into Law
Vetoes Bill
No Action

A Veto can be overridden with 3/5 majority vote in both chambers

A bill becomes law if there is no action in 10 days. Legislature must not be adjourned.