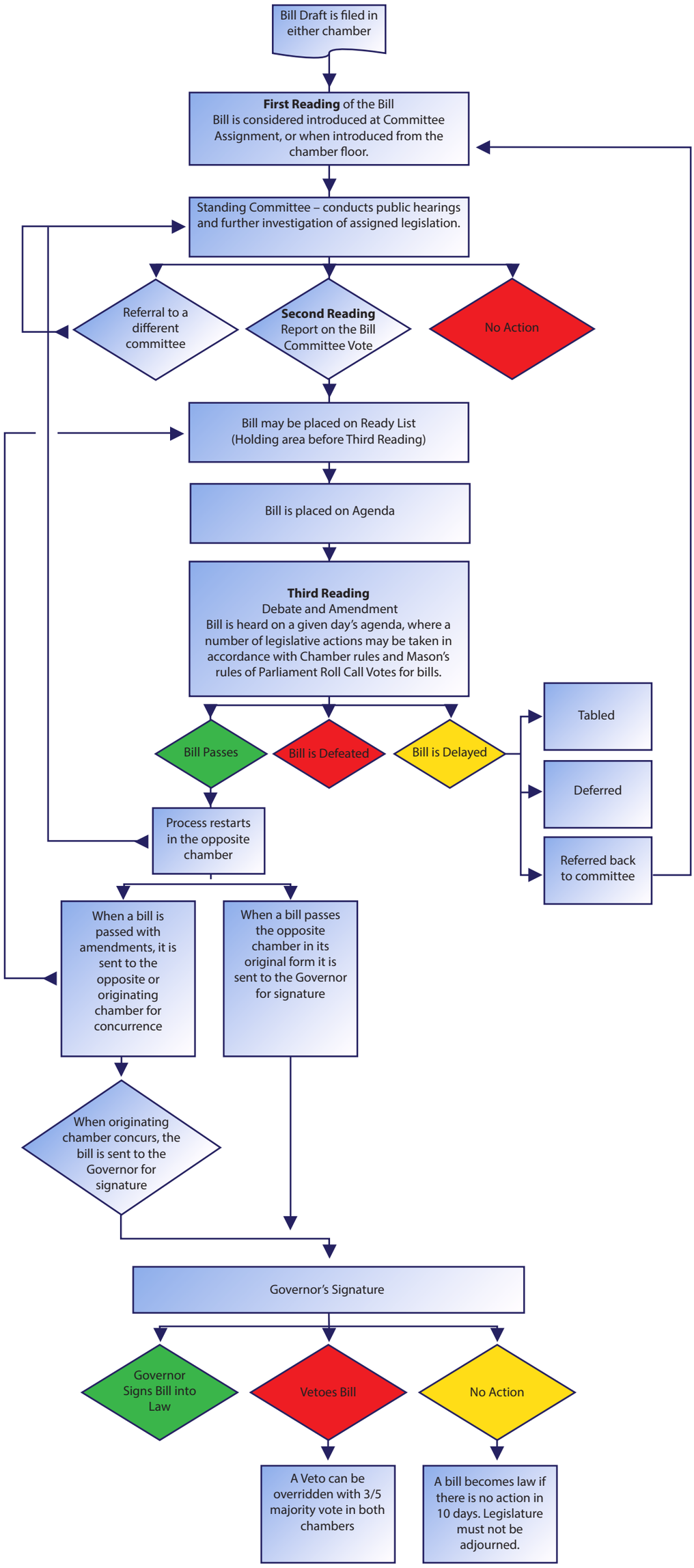
Bill Draft is filed in either chamber
First Reading of the Bill
Bill is considered introduced at Committee Assignment, or when introduced from the chamber floor.
Standing Committee – conducts public hearings and further investigation of assigned legislation.
Referral to a different committee
Second Reading
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
Tabled
Deferred
Referred back to committee
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 a bill passes the opposite chamber in its original form it is sent to the Governor for signature
When originating chamber concurs, the bill 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.