How A Bill Becomes Law in Illinois

FIRST HOUSE
- Bill drafted by Legislative Reference Bureau
  - Introduced
  - Read 1st time (perf.), referred to Rules Committee
  - Assigned to substantive committee
    - Hearing. Amendment(s) may be added
      - Recommended “do pass” or “do pass as amended”
        - Full house votes to discharge
          - Read 2nd time. Floor amendment(s) may be proposed*
        - Full house doesn’t discharge
          - Read 3rd time. Voted on
            - Fails
              - Bill dead
            - Passes
              - Sent to second house
  - Sent to Governor
    - Refuses to concur in second-house amendment(s)
      - Returned to second house
    - Concurs in second-house amendment(s)
      - Sent to Governor

SECOND HOUSE
- Sponsor found by sponsor in first house
  - Introduced
  - Read 1st time (perf.), referred to Rules Committee
  - Assigned to substantive committee
    - Hearing. Amendment(s) may be added
      - Recommended “do not pass” or “do not pass as amended”
        - Full house votes to discharge
          - Read 2nd time. Sent to 3rd reading with committee amendment(s) or floor amendment(s)*
        - Full house doesn’t discharge
          - Read 3rd time. Voted on
            - Passes
              - Sent to Governor
            - Fails
              - Sent to first house for concurrence with second-house amendment(s)
  - Sent to 3rd reading with committee amendment(s) or floor amendment(s)*
  - Sent to 3rd reading without amendments
    - Read 3rd time. Voted on
      - Fails
        - Bill dead
      - Passes
        - Sent to Governor

GOVERNOR
- Places any kind of veto on bill
- Approves bill
  - Returned to first house
  - Bill becomes law

VETO
- Total veto
  - Doesn’t override
    - Does not restore amount cut
      - Restores amount cut
        - Votes to override
          - Does neither
            - Concurs
              - Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
                - Bill becomes law in form originally passed
              - Takes same action as first house
                - Bill becomes law in changed form
            - Sent to other house
          - Sent to other house
            - Bill becomes law
        - Bill is law Governor wanted
          - Doesn’t restore amount cut
            - Restores amount cut
              - Votes to override
                - Does neither
                  - Concurs
                    - Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
                      - Bill becomes law in form originally passed
                    - Takes same action as first house
                      - Bill becomes law in changed form
                - Sent to other house
                  - Bill becomes law
            - Bill dead
              - Sent to other house
                - Bill becomes law
              - Returns to Governor
                - Overridden
                  - Bill becomes law
                - Maintained
                  - Bill is law
          - Bill dead
            - Sent to other house
              - Bill becomes law
            - Returns to Governor
              - Overridden
                - Bill becomes law
              - Maintained
                - Bill is law
- Item or reduction veto
  - Doesn’t restore amount cut
    - Restores amount cut
      - Votes to override
        - Does neither
          - Concurs
            - Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
              - Bill becomes law in form originally passed
            - Takes same action as first house
              - Bill becomes law in changed form
          - Sent to other house
            - Bill becomes law
        - Bill is law Governor wanted
          - Doesn’t restore amount cut
            - Restores amount cut
              - Votes to override
                - Does neither
                  - Concurs
                    - Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
                      - Bill becomes law in form originally passed
                    - Takes same action as first house
                      - Bill becomes law in changed form
                - Sent to other house
                  - Bill becomes law
              - Bill dead
                - Sent to other house
                  - Bill becomes law
              - Returns to Governor
                - Overridden
                  - Bill becomes law
                - Maintained
                  - Bill is law
          - Bill dead
            - Sent to other house
              - Bill becomes law
            - Returns to Governor
              - Overridden
                - Bill becomes law
              - Maintained
                - Bill is law
- Amendatory veto
  - Bill dead
    - Sent to other house
      - Bill becomes law