How a Bill Becomes a Law in Utah Notes

**Step 1:** Idea

Legislators need an idea!

Ideas come from:

* + - * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experiences
      * Utah Citizen
      * Special Interest Groups or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Utah legislators get help from lawyers while they write their bills

**Step 3:** Bills Read

Once Bills are written, they need to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Congress (either the House of Representatives or the Senate)

After they’re read, bills are given a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and sent to committees

**Step 4:** Committees Can…

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Make changes to the bill
2. Substitute: Replace the bill with an entirely new bill that is about the same topic)
3. Hold: Take no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Table: Decide not to deal with the bill until the next meeting
5. Pass the Bill: pass the bill…Now it can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the rest of the Senate/House

**Step 5:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are read to Legislators

Can happen in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or House of Representatives

1. Bills are read, including their title and number
2. The sponsor will explain the bill and answer questions from legislators
3. All members of Congress will make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the bill (they have to be relevant!) or substitute the bill for another one
4. Legislators vote on the Bill—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wins!

**Step 6:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A Bill has to pass the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What if the bill doesn’t pass both houses?

**Step 7:** Bill is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the leaders of both houses

This is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and helps the Bill get ready to send to the Governor

**Step 8:** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ decides

The Governor has 20 days to choose if he wants to:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Bill (Makes it a law)
2. Not sign the Bill (It won’t be a law)
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Bill (It won’t be a law)

**Step 9:** What if both houses want the Bill to become a law?

If both houses has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people vote to make the Bill a law, they override the Governor’s veto.

The Bill becomes a law!