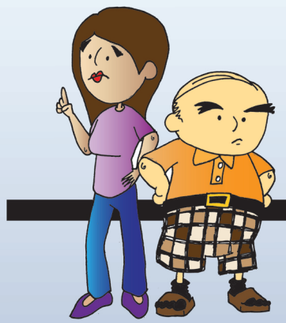
How an Idea Becomes a Law



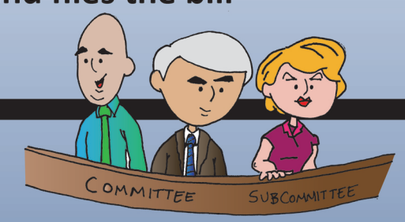
Concerned Citizens
suggest legislation

Representative
introduces the bill

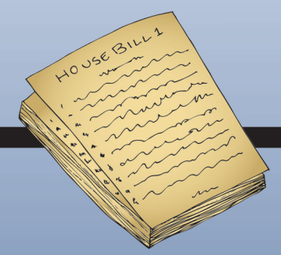
Bill Drafting
writes, numbers, and files the bill

Clerk's Office
reads the bill the first time in the *Journal*

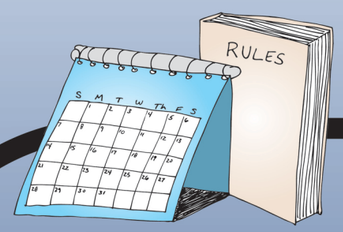
Speaker
refers the bill to a Committee, Subcommittee, or House Calendar



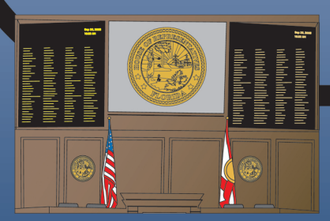
Committees & Subcommittees
hear the bill, may make changes, and report the action to the Clerk



The Bill
is placed on the House Calendar



Rules & Calendar Committee
places the bill on the Special Order Calendar to be considered in the House Chamber

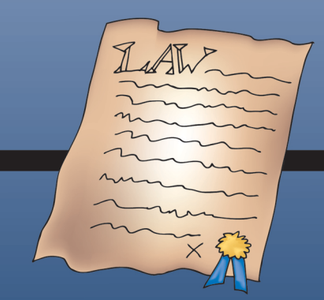


House Chamber
reads the bill a second and third time — this is when the members will amend, debate, and vote on the bill

The House
sends a message and the bill to the Senate stating the House has passed the bill and would like for the Senate to do the same

The Senate
takes the bill through a similar process, passes the bill, and returns the bill with a message

The Governor
receives the bill once it has passed both houses and can either sign the bill, allow it to become law without a signature, or veto the bill



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