

How a Bill becomes a Law



Step One
Bill is Written

Step Two
Sent to Committee

passes



fails



Dies

Step Three
Sent to floor of house in which it originated for debate and vote

fails



Dies

If amended, house must vote on amendment and then on full bill

fails



Dies

passes



passes



bill must return to original house for reconsideration

passes



Step Four
Sent to other house for debate and vote

fails



Dies

If amended

passes



If he signs it



the bill becomes law

If he does nothing in 10 days



the bill becomes law

If he vetoes the bill



If it is within ten days of Congress adjourning, the President can take no action. This is called a **pocket veto**.



Dies

Step Six
Sent back to the house in which it originated with a written objection

failure to override President's veto



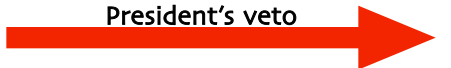
Dies

override President's veto with 2/3 majority



Step Seven
Sent to the other house

failure to override President's veto



Dies

override President's veto with 2/3 majority



the bill becomes law

