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
  - Full house doesn't discharge
  - Read 2nd time. Floor amendment(s) may be proposed*
  - Read 3rd time. Voted on
    - Fails
    - Passes
    - Bill dead
    - Sent to second house
  - Concurs in second-house amendment(s)
  - Refuses to concur in second-house amendment(s)
  - Sent to Governor
  - Returned to second house

**SECOND 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
  - Full house doesn't discharge
  - Read 2nd time. Sent to 3rd reading with committee amendment(s) or floor amendment(s)*
  - Read 3rd time. Voted on
    - Fails
    - Passes
    - Bill dead
    - Sent to Governor
  - Refuses to recede from amendment(s)
  - Recedes from amendment(s)
  - Conference committee appointed
  - Conference committee recommends a compromise version of bill. If both houses agree with it, bill goes to Governor
  - Places any kind of veto on bill
    - Approves bill
    - Returned to first house
    - Bill becomes law

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

**Concurs**
- Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
  - Takes same action as first house
  - Bill becomes law in form originally passed

**Amendary veto**
- Overides
  - Bill is law in form Governor wanted
  - Bill dead

**Item or reduction veto**
- Doesn't restore amount cut
  - Bill dead

**Total veto**
- Doesn't or reduction veto
  - Restores amount cut
  - Votes to override
  - Does neither
  - Concurs
  - Sent to other house
  - Bill dead

*Amendments proposed on the floor must go to the Rules Committee for approval before being considered.

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