

## How a Bill Becomes a Law - NJ Legislative Process

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1. Bill is drafted by NJ Office of Legislative Services for NJ Legislature - idea for bill often comes from constituents. For example, A1995 (formerly A4500) was suggested by NJLA with support from NJASL).
2. Bill introduced at a legislative session by legislator who sponsored the bill (First Reading). Bill is referred to committee. At this time A1995, has been referred to the Assembly Education Committee.
3. Committee Action is scheduled by the Committee Chair. This is why sponsorship is so important. The more legislative sponsors for a bill - the better the chance that the bill will be considered by the committee.
4. If approved by the committee, the bill then goes to the Full House/Senate for approval. The bill must be approved by Majority vote.
5. This process for the bill must occur in both House and Senate.
6. Once approved by both Full House and Full Senate, the bill then goes to the Governor for his/her approval and signature.
7. If the Governor vetoes the bill, the Legislature can override the veto with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.
8. The bill process is valid during the 2-year Legislative session. This session will last until January 2020.
9. Bills that are not approved during that 2-year Legislative session, can be re-introduced during the next Legislative session. They are given new bill numbers.