How A Bill Becomes Law in Illinois

**FIRST HOUSE**
- Bill drafted by Legislative Reference Bureau
  - Introduced
    - Read 1st time (oral), referred to Rules Committee
  - Assigned to substantive committee
    - Hearing. Amendment(s) may be added
      - Recommended "do pass" or "do pass as amended" or "do not pass" or "do not pass as amended"
        - Full house votes to discharge
          - Full house doesn't discharge
            - Bill dead
            - Read 2nd time. Floor amendment(s) may be proposed
              - Passes
                - Sent to second house
              - Fails
                - Bill dead
            - Bill dead
        - Read 3rd time. Voted on
          - Fails
            - Bill dead
          - Passes
            - Sent to second house

**SECOND HOUSE**
- Bill drafted by Legislative Reference Bureau
  - Introduced
    - Read 1st time (oral), referred to Rules Committee
  - Assigned to substantive committee
    - Hearing. Amendment(s) may be added
      - Recommended "do pass" or "do pass as amended" or "do not pass" or "do not pass as amended"
        - Full house votes to discharge
          - Full house doesn't discharge
            - Bill dead
            - Read 2nd time. Sent to 3rd reading with committee amendment(s) or floor amendment(s)
              - Read 3rd time. Voted on
                - Passes
                  - Sent to first house for concurrence with second-house amendment(s)
                    - Sent to Governor
                      - Concurs
                        - Returned to Governor
                        - Takes same action as first house
                      - Refuses to concurs in second-house amendment(s)
                        - Returned to second house
                        - Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
                        - Bill becomes law in changed form
                    - Refuses to recede from amendment(s)
                      - Records 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
                          - Removed to first house
                          - Bill becomes law
                  - Fails
                    - Bill dead
                - Fails
                  - Bill dead

**GOVERNOR**
- Receives bill
  - Total veto: Bill dead
  - Item or reduction veto: Doesn't override
    - Doesn't restore amount cut
      - Bill is law in form Governor wanted
    - Restores amount cut
      - Sent to other house
  - Amendatory veto: Doesn't override
    - Votes to override: Does neither
      - Concurs
        - Returned to Governor
        - Takes same action as first house
      - Refuses to concurs in amendment(s)
        - Returned to second house
        - Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
        - Bill becomes law in changed form
    - Refuses to recede from amendment(s)
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      - Places any kind of veto on bill
        - Approves bill
        - Removed to first house
        - Bill becomes law
      - Fails
        - Bill dead

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