Process for House Bills
Texas Legislature

**HOUSE**

**Filed & 1st Reading**
Bill is filed, numbered, read, and referred to committee by the Speaker of the House

**Committee Action**
Committee may hold hearings and may vote on bills

- **No Amendment**
- **Substitute or Amendment**
- **Vote fails**
- **No hearing or left pending**

**Printing & Distribution**
Committee report printed and distributed and sent to appropriate calendar committee

**Floor Consideration**
Requires placement on a House calendar

**2nd Reading**
2nd reading, debate, amendment, and passage to 3rd reading

**3rd Reading**
3rd reading, debate, amendment, and final passage by the House

**Engrossed**
If bill passes on 3rd reading, it is engrossed and any amendment is incorporated

**Senate Amendments**
Printed and distributed

**House Refuses to Concur**

**House Concurs**

**Conference Committee**
If a conference committee is appointed, each chamber names 5 members to the committee

**Conference Committee Report**
CCRs printed and distributed

- **CCR not adopted by one or both chambers**
- **CCR adopted in House and Senate**

**Enrolled**
By House Clerk

**Signed**
By Speaker of the House and Lieutenant Governor

**Sent to Governor**

- **Vetoed**
- **Veto Overridden**
- **Bill Dies**
- **Signs Bill**

**Takes No Action**

**Bill Becomes Law**

**SENATE**

**Received & 1st Reading**
Engrossed bill is received from the House, read, and referred to committee by the Lieutenant Governor

**Committee Action**
Committee may hold hearings and may vote on bills

- **No Amendment**
- **Substitute or Amendment**
- **Vote fails**
- **No hearing or left pending**

**Printing & Distribution**
Committee report printed and distributed and added to the regular order of business

**Floor Consideration**
Requires placement on the intent calendar and 5/9 vote to suspend the regular order of business

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3rd reading, debate, amendment, and final passage by the Senate

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