### Process for Senate Bills

**Texas Legislature**

#### Senate

1. **Filed & 1st Reading**
   - Bill is filed, numbered, read, and referred to committee by the Lieutenant Governor

2. **Committee Action**
   - Committee may hold hearings and may vote on bills
     - **No Amendment**
     - **Substitute or Amendment**
     - **Vote fails**
     - **No hearing or left pending**

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

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

5. **2nd Reading**
   - 2nd reading, debate, amendment, and passage to 3rd reading

6. **3rd Reading**
   - 3rd reading, debate, amendment, and final passage by the Senate

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

8. **House Amendments**
   - Printed and distributed

#### House

1. **Received & 1st Reading**
   - Engrossed bill is received from the Senate, read, and referred to committee by the Speaker of the House

2. **Committee Action**
   - Committee may hold hearings and may vote on bills
     - **No Amendment**
     - **Substitute or Amendment**
     - **Vote fails**
     - **No hearing or left pending**

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

4. **Floor Consideration**
   - Requires placement on a House calendar

5. **2nd Reading**
   - 2nd reading, debate, amendment, and passage to 3rd reading

6. **3rd Reading**
   - 3rd reading, debate, amendment, and final passage by the House

7. **Enrolled**
   - By Secretary of the Senate

8. **Signed**
   - By Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

9. **Sent to Governor**
   - **Vetoed Bill**
     - **Veto Overridden**
     - **Bill Dies**
   - **Signs Bill**
     - **Takes No Action**

10. **Bill Becomes Law**