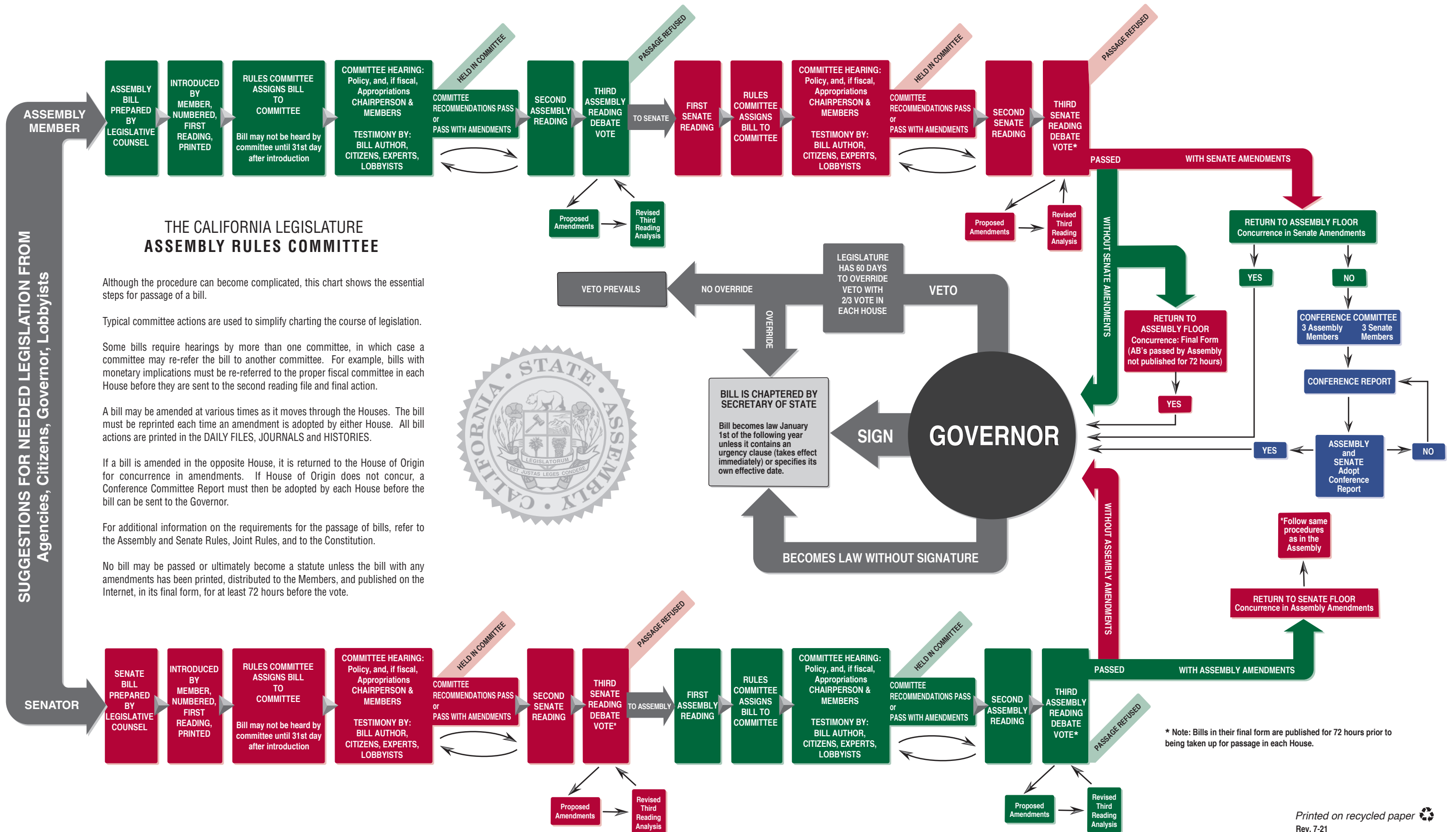


THE LIFE CYCLE OF LEGISLATION

From Idea into Law



THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLY RULES COMMITTEE

Although the procedure can become complicated, this chart shows the essential steps for passage of a bill.

Typical committee actions are used to simplify charting the course of legislation.

Some bills require hearings by more than one committee, in which case a committee may re-fer the bill to another committee. For example, bills with monetary implications must be re-referred to the proper fiscal committee in each House before they are sent to the second reading file and final action.

A bill may be amended at various times as it moves through the Houses. The bill must be reprinted each time an amendment is adopted by either House. All bill actions are printed in the DAILY FILES, JOURNALS and HISTORIES.

If a bill is amended in the opposite House, it is returned to the House of Origin for concurrence in amendments. If House of Origin does not concur, a Conference Committee Report must then be adopted by each House before the bill can be sent to the Governor.

For additional information on the requirements for the passage of bills, refer to the Assembly and Senate Rules, Joint Rules, and to the Constitution.

No bill may be passed or ultimately become a statute unless the bill with any amendments has been printed, distributed to the Members, and published on the Internet, in its final form, for at least 72 hours before the vote.

* Note: Bills in their final form are published for 72 hours prior to being taken up for passage in each House.