THE FLORIDA SENATE – HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A LAW

LEGISLATOR, CITIZEN, or group suggests legislation

SENATOR decides to introduce bill

BILL DRAFTING SERVICE either writes bill or reviews for style

BILL FILED WITH SECRETARY, numbered, printed

FIRST READING by publication in Journal; President refers to committee(s)

COMMITTEE HEARING(S) bill reported:
1. favorably
2. favorably, with amendment(s)
3. favorably, with committee substitute
4. unfavorably

BILL READ FIRST TIME Speaker assigns to committee(s)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND READING bill read, may be amended

THIRD READING bill read, debated, may be amended, roll call vote on passage

SENATE concurs

SENATE ENROLLING (as act)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SENATE HOUSE members members (majority of each must agree to report)

SENATE and HOUSE adopt conference report in its entirety, pass bill

TO GOVERNOR signs act

TO GOVERNOR vetoes

two-thirds vote in each house overrides veto

BECOMES EFFECTIVE on 60th day after adjournment sine die or on specified date or upon Governor’s signature

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A simplified chart showing the route many bills take through the Florida Legislature. Bills may originate in either house. This bill originated in the Senate.