HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW

The Kansas Legislature consists of Two Houses—The House of Representatives (125 members) and the Senate (40 members). A bill may be introduced in either house. The main steps in the process of a bill becoming a law are shown below.

HOUSE OF ORIGIN

1. Bill Introduced
2. Bill Referred to Committee
   Hearings/Deliberation/Approval (May Include Amendments)
3. House of Origin
4. House of Origin—Committee of the Whole
   Deliberation/Approval (May Include Amendments)
5. House of Origin
   VOTE FOR FINAL PASSAGE
6. Bill Messaged to the
   Second House

SECOND HOUSE
(Repeat Steps 1-5)

Second House Passes
Bill in Same Form
As House of Origin

To House of Origin for
Concurrence in
Second House Amendments

House of Origin Concurs

To House of Origin for
Concurrence in Second
House Amendments

House of Origin Nonconcurs
and Requests a
Conference Committee

Both Houses Adopt
Conference Committee Report
(May Include Amendments)

TO GOVERNOR

Governor Signs Bill into Law
OR
Bill Becomes Law Without Signature

Governor Vetoes Bill

TO LEGISLATURE

Legislature
Overrides Veto by 2/3 Vote
in Each Chamber
Bill Becomes Law

Bill Filed with Secretary of State