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The Legislative Process in NC



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NC General Assembly or “The Legislature”

- “Bicameral” legislature — meaning that it’s made up of two bodies:
 - the [House of Representatives](#), which has [120 members](#), and
 - the [Senate](#), which has [50 members](#).
- Elections are held every two years for each member of the General Assembly.



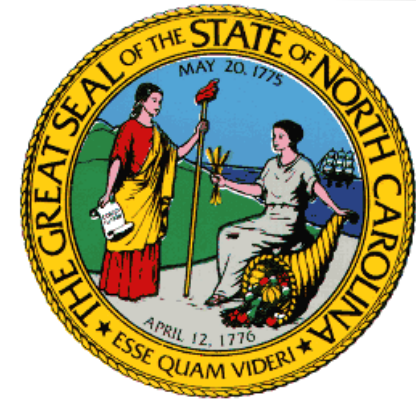
State Legislature Facts

- Diverse professions, diverse backgrounds, many retired.
- “Part-time” legislature
- “Salary” of \$13,951/year + *per diem*
- Must be at least 21 to serve as a State Rep.
and 25 to serve as a State Senator
- Line of succession for Governor-> Lt. Governor->
Speaker of House-> President Pro Tem. Of
Senate



Facts continued

- Typically when in session convene Monday evenings to Thursday afternoons
- Legislature meets over a two year period, called a “biennium”
- Long session (begins Jan. of odd numbered years and goes ~6 months) vs. Short session (typically starts in Spring and goes a 3-4 months)



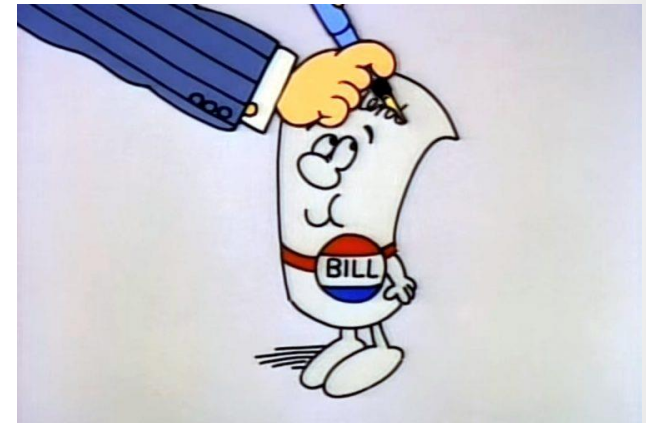
How a Bill Becomes a Law in North Carolina

- **Drafting of Bills**
- **Introduction of Bills**
- **Reference to Committee**



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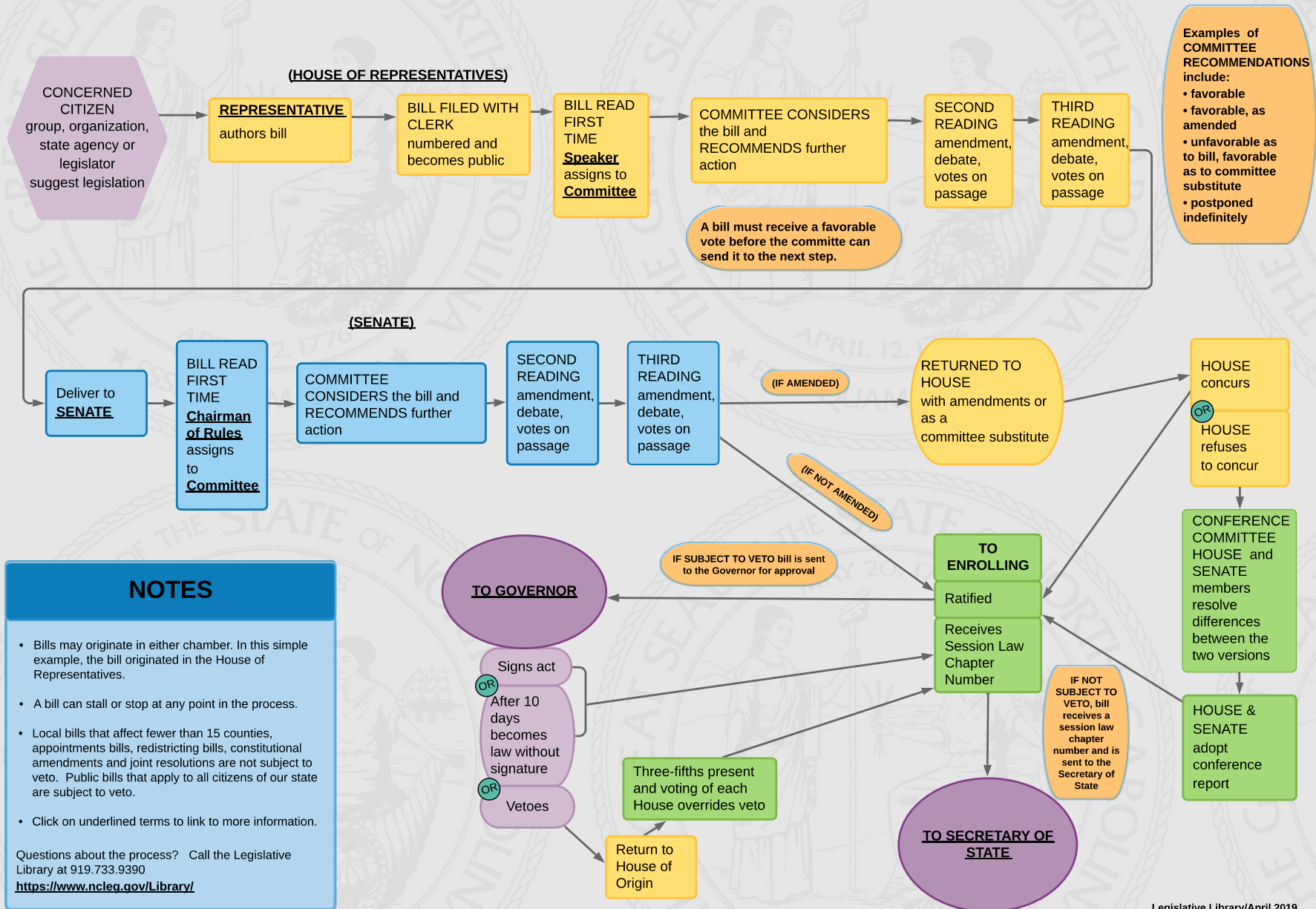
- Consideration by First Chamber
- Consideration by Second Chamber
- Enrollment, Ratification and Publication



- For more in depth visual:

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Files/EducationalResources/HowAnIdeaBecomesALaw.pdf>

How an Idea Becomes a Law in North Carolina




Importance of strategic sponsors and co-sponsors

- **Both chambers controlled by Republicans (Supermajority)**
- **Democratic Governor with limited veto power**
- **Ideally the sponsors would be**
 - **Bipartisan**
 - **Based on committees the bill be heard**
- **Volunteers can help get Co-Sponsors in limited window (24 hours-couple days)**



How a Bill Becomes a Law Example



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE SENATE AUDIO CALENDARS COMMITTEES BILLS & LAWS DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING ABOUT

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Bill # (Ex: H1 or S1) 2019-2020 Session

H603

House Bill 604 / SL 2019-205

H605

Small Business Retirement Program.
2019-2020 Session

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EDITION	FISCAL NOTE
Filed	
Edition 1	
Ratified	
SL 2019-205	

Last Action: Ch. SL 2019-205 on 8/27/2019

Sponsors: Hanig; Hardister (Primary)
Alexander; Boles; Brisson; Butler; Carney; Davis; Gill; Grange; Harris; Harrison; Humphrey; Hunt; Hurley; Lewis; Ross; Stevens; B. Turner; R. Turner; Willingham

Attributes: Public; Text has changed; Requests Study

Counties: No counties specifically cited

Statutes: 120-19, 120-19.1, 120-19.4, 120-3.1, 120-32.02 (Sections)

Keywords: APPOINTMENTS, COMMERCE, COMMITTEES, CORPORATIONS, FOR-PROFIT, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MEMBERSHIP, PRESENTED, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, PUBLIC, RATIFIED, REPORTS, RETIREMENT, SMALL BUSINESSES, SPEAKER, STUDIES, CHAPTERED, PENSION & RETIREMENT FUNDS, SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT COMM.


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DATE	SUBJECT	RCS#	AYE	NO	N/V	EXC.ABS.	EXC.VOTE	TOTAL	RESULT
8/19/2019 7:13 p.m.	M11 Concur Sen. Amd. 1	[H]-758	120	0	0	0	0	120	PASS
8/7/2019 11:30 a.m.	Second Reading	[S]-539	32	0	0	18	0	32	PASS

HISTORY



How a Bill Becomes a Law Continued

 HOUSE SENATE AUDIO CALENDARS COMMITTEES BILLS & LAWS DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING ABOUT SEARCH			
7/10/2019	Senate	Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	
7/10/2019	Senate	Reptd Fav	
6/25/2019	Senate	Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate	
6/25/2019	Senate	Withdrawn From Com	
4/29/2019	Senate	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	
4/29/2019	Senate	Passed 1st Reading	
4/29/2019	Senate	Regular Message Received From House	
4/26/2019	House	Regular Message Sent To Senate	
4/25/2019	House	Passed 3rd Reading	
4/25/2019	House	Passed 2nd Reading	PASS: 108-0
4/18/2019	House	Placed On Cal For 04/25/2019	
4/18/2019	House	Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)	
4/18/2019	House	Reptd Fav	
4/16/2019	House	Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	
4/16/2019	House	Reptd Fav	
4/8/2019	House	Ref to the Com on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	
4/8/2019	House	Passed 1st Reading	
4/4/2019	House	Filed	DRAFT: DRH30266-MM-56A

How a Bill Becomes a Law Continued



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8/27/2019		Ch. SL 2019-205		
8/27/2019		Signed by Gov. 8/27/2019		
8/20/2019		Pres. To Gov. 8/20/2019		
8/20/2019		Ratified		
8/19/2019	House	Ordered Enrolled		
8/19/2019	House	Concurred In S Amend SA1	SA1: Scanned Document	PASS: 120-0
8/15/2019	House	Placed On Cal For 08/19/2019		
8/13/2019	House	Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)		
8/13/2019	House	Withdrawn From Cal		
8/12/2019	House	Placed On Cal For 08/14/2019		
8/12/2019	House	Cal Pursuant 36(b)		
8/9/2019	House	Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Amend		
8/9/2019	Senate	Regular Message Sent To House		
8/7/2019	Senate	Passed 3rd Reading		
8/7/2019	Senate	Passed 2nd Reading		PASS: 32-0
8/7/2019	Senate	Amend Adopted A1	A1: ABG-39-V-2	PASS: 32-0
8/6/2019	Senate	Reptd Fav		
7/10/2019	Senate	Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate		

What's a Veto?

H965

House Bill 966

H967

2019 Appropriations Act.
2019-2020 Session

GOVERNOR'S VETO OF HOUSE BILL 966	
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EDITION	FISCAL NOTE
Filed	
Edition 1	
Edition 2	
Edition 3	Actuarial Retirement
Edition 4	
Edition 5	Fiscal Note Actuarial Retirement
Edition 6	
Ratified	

Last Action:	Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 1/14/2020
Sponsors:	L. Johnson; Lambeth; Saine; McGrady (Primary) Sasser
Attributes:	Public; Contains Appropriations; Contains Local Appropriations; Text has changed; Roll Call; Requests Study
Counties:	No counties specifically cited
Statutes:	105, 106, 108A, 111, 113A, 115B, 115C, 115D, 116, 116D, 120, 121, 122A, 124, 126, 128, 130A, 131D, 135, 136, 138A, 14, 143, 143B, 143C, 144, 146, 147, 148, 150B, 153A, 159G, 15A, 160A, 162A, 163, 163A, 166A, 17C, 18C, 19A, 20, 28A, 55, 57D, 58, 63, 64, 66, 7A, 7B, 90, 96, 97 (Chapters); 105-113.4C, 105-114, 105-120.2, 105-122, 105-129.110, 105-129.70, 105-129.71, 105-129.74, 105-129.75, 105-130.1, 105-130.4, 105-130.4A, 105-130.4B, 105-130.5, 105-131.7, 105-153.2, 105-153.5, 105-153.8, 105-154,
Keywords:	ADMIN. HEARINGS OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION DEPT., AGING, AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE DEPT., AIRCRAFT, ANIMALS, AOC, APPOINTMENTS, APPROPRIATIONS, ARMED FORCES, ARTS, ATTORNEYS, AUDITING & AUDITS, AUTHORITIES, AVIATION, BICYCLES, BIDS & BIDDING, BIOTECHNOLOGY, BOARDS, BRIDGES, BUDGET & MANAGEMENT OFFICE, BUDGETING, BUILDINGS, CALENDAR, CANCER, CAPITAL SPENDING, CEMETERIES, CENSUS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, CHILD

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What's a Veto Override?

DATE	CHAMBER	ACTION	DOCUMENTS	VOTES
1/14/2020	Senate	Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate		
1/14/2020	Senate	Withdrawn From Cal		
1/14/2020	Senate	Placed on Today's Calendar		
1/14/2020	Senate	Withdrawn From Com		
10/31/2019	Senate	Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate		
10/31/2019	Senate	Withdrawn From Cal		
10/30/2019	Senate	Placed On Cal For 10/31/2019		
10/30/2019	Senate	Withdrawn From Cal		
10/29/2019	Senate	Placed On Cal For 10/30/2019		
10/29/2019	Senate	Withdrawn From Cal		
10/28/2019	Senate	Placed On Cal For 10/29/2019		
10/28/2019	Senate	Withdrawn From Com		
9/11/2019	Senate	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate		
9/11/2019	Senate	Veto Received from House		
9/11/2019	House	Veto Overridden		PASS: 55-15
7/1/2019	House	Placed On Cal For 07/08/2019		
7/1/2019	House	Cal Pursuant Rule 44.2		
6/28/2019	House	Received from the Governor		
6/28/2019		Vetoed 06/28/2019	Veto Document	
6/27/2019		Pres. To Gov. 6/27/2019		
6/27/2019		Ratified		
6/27/2019	House	Ordered Enrolled		
6/27/2019	House	Conf Report Adopted 3rd	CCS: PCCS30485-LRxr-3	PASS: 64-49

Exploring Legislative Website

- <https://www.ncleg.gov/>
- Both the State House and the Senate now allow listening live and watching live for many sessions and committee meetings
- The “find who represents me” link is critical
- Member profiles can be very useful
- The legislative calendar is critical
- Subscribe to emails from certain committees you might want to get meeting notices from



Bill Becomes Law

- <http://strongernc.org/ncga-how-a-bill-becomes-a-law/>
- <https://nchouse117.com/how-laws-are-made/#/ms-1/5>

Questions
