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**How a Bill Becomes a Law**

*Complete the steps below as you watch the short BrainPop video about How a Bill Becomes a Law.*

(**Note**: Senate + House of Representatives = Congress = Legislative Branch)

Every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in America starts as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Lots of ideas come from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or Representatives in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but some start with regular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (they can write to their representative, and explain their idea). If their representative does NOT think it’s a good idea, the **Bill Can Die**

If the Representative or Senator thinks it’s a good idea, they may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bill and introduce the bill to Congress. Bills can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in either the Senate or The House of Representatives.

For a bill to become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it must first pass through a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (group of representatives who specialize in certain types of laws). The committee discusses the bill and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on it – **Bill Can Die.**

If the committee agrees on the bill, it is sent to their full house of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (either Senate or House of Representatives). The entire House or Senate then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, debates, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the bill.

If \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than ½ of the House members vote \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the bill is passed on to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ House. (Majority is 218/435 in the House and 51/100 in the Senate)

If \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than ½ vote yes, **Bill Can Die.** Often times, the bill is sent back to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to see if they can “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” it.

Once a bill passes the vote in one House of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it goes to the other House, and the entire process is repeated – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, discussion, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and vote.

If bill passes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the House of Representatives and the Senate, it goes to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. President can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bill, **and it becomes a Law,** or the President can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bill. Once the bill is vetoed, it goes back to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **Bill Can Die**

Each House of Congress can decide whether they want to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bill, abandon the bill, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the President’s veto. To Override: 2/3 Majority Vote in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Houses (290 in House of Reps, 67 in Senate)

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