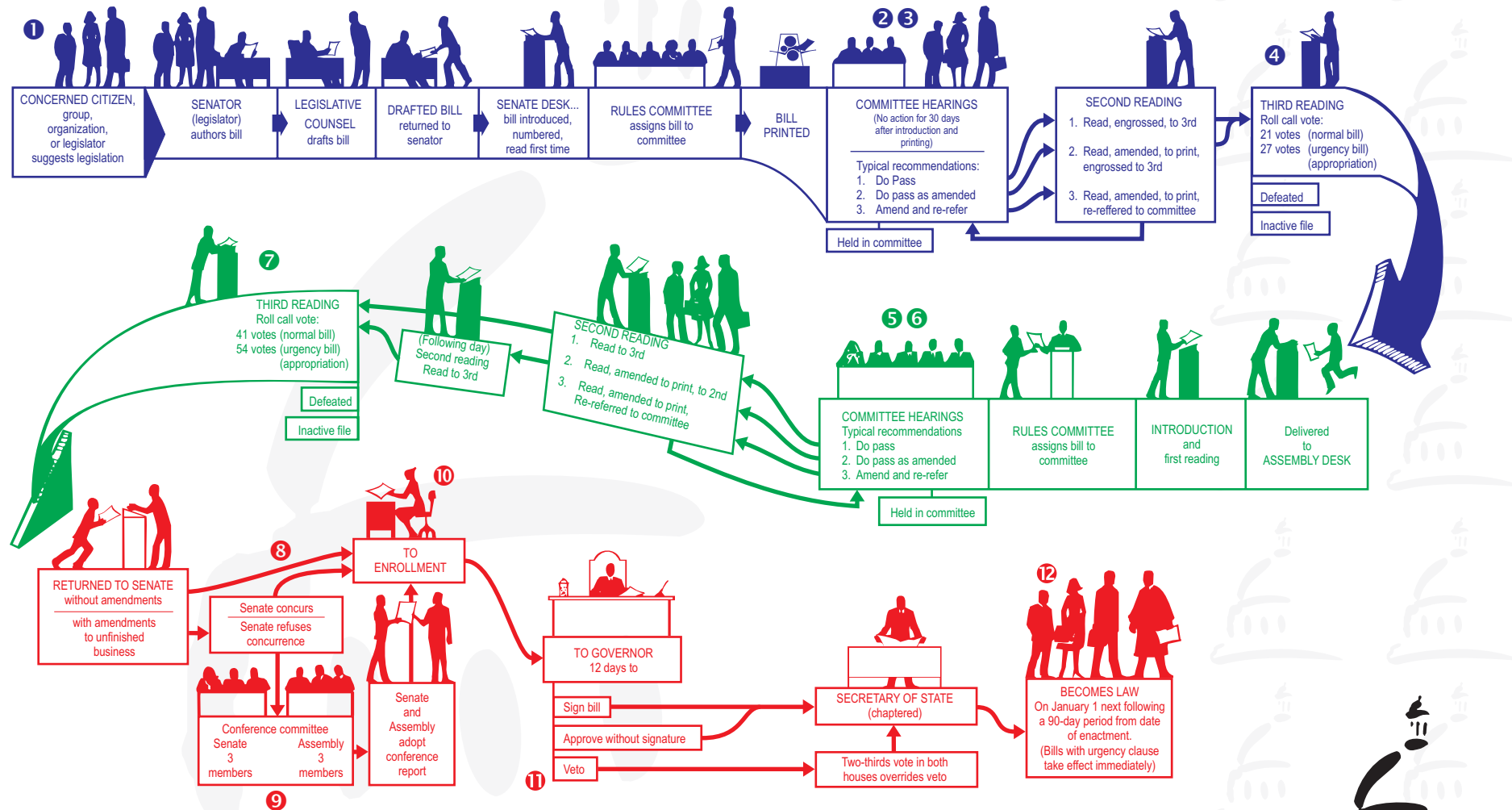


How a Bill Becomes Law

(A simplified example of the path a bill takes through the California Legislature)



12 Major Legislative Enactment Stages

Introduction and Consideration in the House of Origin

- Proposal development and formal introduction
- Policy committee consideration
- Fiscal committee consideration
- Floor debate

Consideration by the Second House

- Policy committee consideration
- Fiscal committee consideration
- Floor debate

Return to the House of Origin

- Concurrence on amendments adopted in the 2nd house

When Concurrence Fails: Conference

- Joint house conference committee

Enrolled (Governor) consideration

- Governor action: approval by signing or inaction, or veto

Veto Override

- A veto can result in a 2/3rd's override by the legislature

Bill Becomes Law

- Effective date subject to Government Code § 9600

NOTE: This chart depicts the flow of a bill originating in the Senate; except for minor differences the process is similar if originating in the Assembly.

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