### **How a Bill Becomes a Law**

Part 3: April—May

# Option 1

3rd Reading

Chamber votes on the bill (House votes on Senate bills and vice versa) a third time.

No Amendments

Non-originating Chamber passes the bill with no amendments.

Governor

Bill is sent to the Governor for approval or veto.

# Option 2

3rd Reading

Chamber votes on the bill (House votes on Senate bills and vice versa) a third time.

Amended Bill

Non-originating chamber amends bill (e.g. Senate amends House version)

Disagreement

House disagrees with changes to the bill

Referral

Bill referred to conference committee.

#### Conference Committee

Members of the House and Senate meet to come up with a compromise on the differing bill language. Final Reading

Compromise is reached and bill passes final reading in both chambers.

Governor

Bill is sent to the Governor for approval or veto.

### Option 3

3rd Reading Amended Bill & Agreement

Non-originating chamber amends bill (e.g. Senate amends House version) and changes are agreed to by House. Final Reading

Compromise is reached and bill passes final reading in both chambers.

Governor

Bill is sent to the Governor for approval or veto.

Chamber votes on the bill (House votes on Senate bills and vice versa) a third time.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES (APRIL—MAY 2016)	
APRIL 18	<b>Second Lateral for Senate Concurrent Resolutions</b> — All Senate concurrent resolutions with multiple referrals must move to their final House committee by this date.
APRIL 22	Constitutional Amendment Bill Deadline—A proposed amendment's final form must be provided by written notice to the Governor at least 10 days prior to passing final reading by a 2/3rd vote in each chamber. Once adopted by the Legislature, the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters, in the form of a 'a yes or no' question on the ballot, for ultimate decision.
APRIL 25	<b>Second Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions</b> —Deadline for passing amended concurrent resolutions in the non-originating chamber in order to "cross back" to the originating chamber.
APRIL 28	<b>Final Decking of Non-Fiscal Bills</b> —Deadline for submitting all non-fiscal bills under consideration for final reading by both chambers .
APRIL 8	<b>Final Decking of Fiscal Bills</b> —Deadline for submitting all fiscal bills under consideration for final reading by both chambers.
MAY 3	Members in both chambers will vote on Final Reading bills.
MAY 5	Adjournment Sine Die—Final day of the legislature.