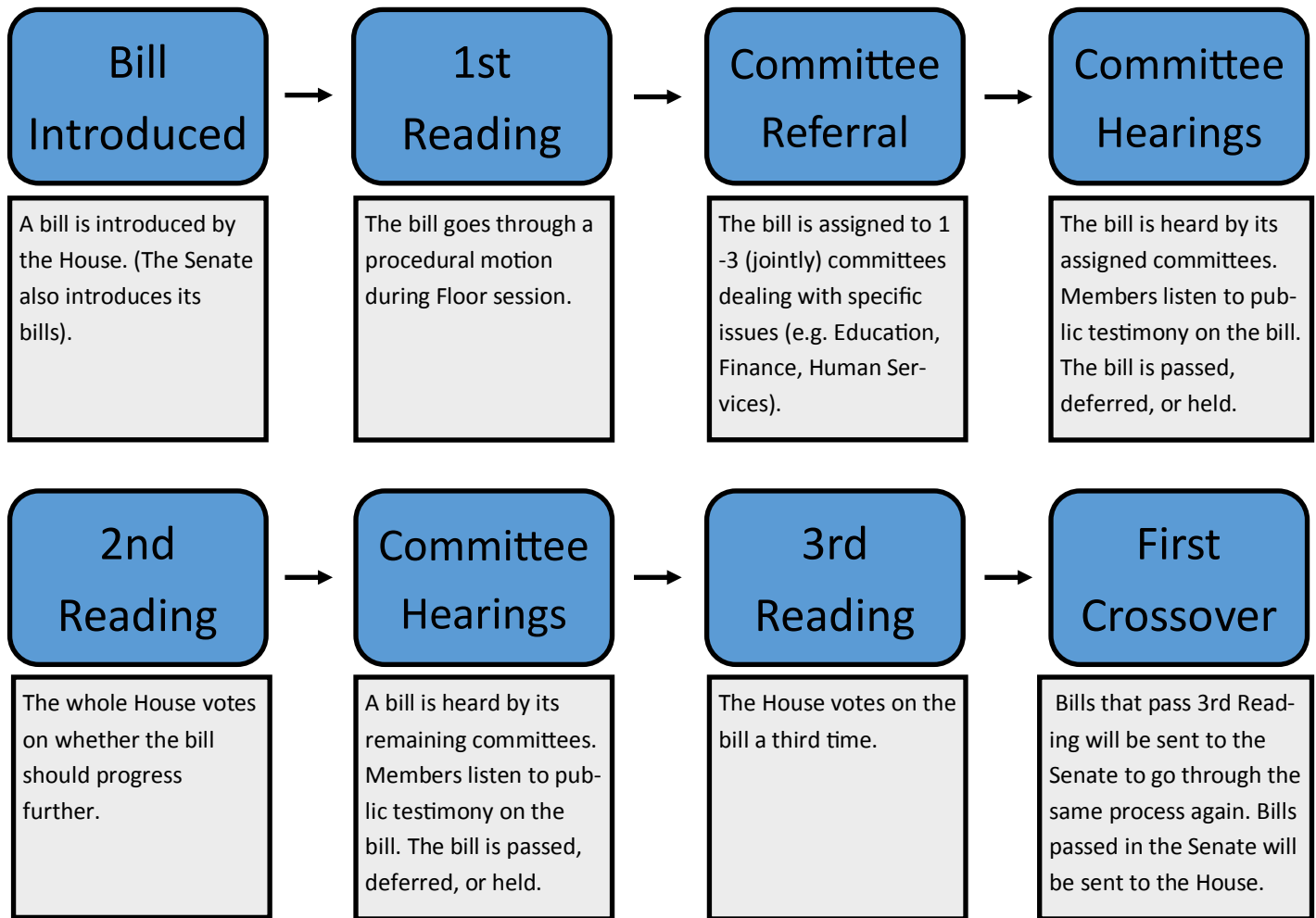


How a Bill Becomes a Law

Part 1: January - March



IMPORTANT DEADLINES (January - March 2016)

JANUARY 27	Bill Introduction —Final day for bills to be introduced in each chamber (House and Senate).
FEBRUARY 11	Triple Referral Filing —all bills referred to three or more committees must pass through their first committee so they can be in their second-to-last committee by the following day.
FEBRUARY 19	First Lateral —all bills referred to more than one committee must move to their final committee.
MARCH 4	First Decking —all bills under consideration for Crossover to other chamber must be in their final form 48 hours prior to Third Reading. Decking ensures adequate time for final review by legislators before voting.
MARCH 8	Members in both chambers will vote on Third Reading bills before First Crossover.
MARCH 10	First Crossover —Bills that pass Third Reading cross over to the other chamber (House bills go to Senate; Senate bills go to House).