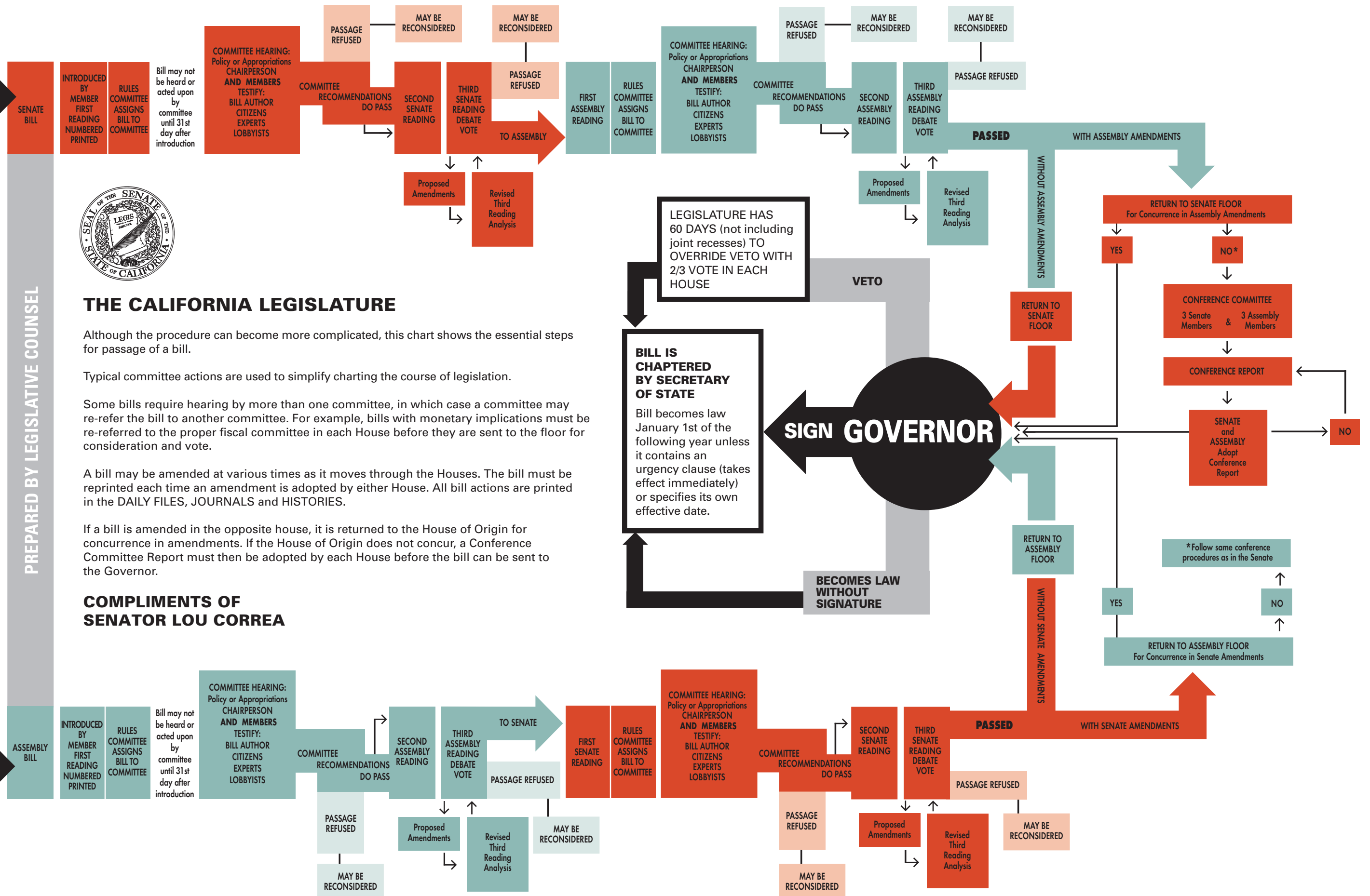


# THE LIFE CYCLE OF LEGISLATION – From Idea Into Law

**SENATOR**  
**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**  
**SUGGESTIONS FOR NEEDED LEGISLATION**  
**FROM AGENCIES, CITIZENS, GOVERNOR, LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES**



## THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Although the procedure can become more complicated, this chart shows the essential steps for passage of a bill.

Typical committee actions are used to simplify charting the course of legislation.

Some bills require hearing by more than one committee, in which case a committee may re-fer the bill to another committee. For example, bills with monetary implications must be re-referred to the proper fiscal committee in each House before they are sent to the floor for consideration and vote.

A bill may be amended at various times as it moves through the Houses. The bill must be reprinted each time an amendment is adopted by either House. All bill actions are printed in the DAILY FILES, JOURNALS and HISTORIES.

If a bill is amended in the opposite house, it is returned to the House of Origin for concurrence in amendments. If the House of Origin does not concur, a Conference Committee must then be adopted by each House before the bill can be sent to the Governor.

## COMPLIMENTS OF SENATOR LOU CORREA

LEGISLATURE HAS 60 DAYS (not including joint recesses) TO OVERRIDE VETO WITH 2/3 VOTE IN EACH HOUSE

**BILL IS CHAPTERED BY SECRETARY OF STATE**  
 Bill becomes law January 1st of the following year unless it contains an urgency clause (takes effect immediately) or specifies its own effective date.

**SIGN GOVERNOR**

BECOMES LAW WITHOUT SIGNATURE