How A Bill Becomes A Law in Texas

Bill is introduced in the HOUSE
Led by House Speaker Dennis Bonnen

- H.B. 100
- Bill is referred to a House Committee by the Speaker, where it may be amended.
- If the bill passes through the committee, it goes to calendars committee for scheduling for House floor debate.
- H.B. 100
- Bill is brought to the House floor for debate where it may be further amended.
- If passed by majority vote, the bill is sent to the Senate.

Bill is introduced in the SENATE
Led by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

- S.B. 100
- Bill is referred to a Senate Committee by the Lt. Gov., where it may be amended.
- If the bill passes through the committee, Senators must agree by 3/5’s vote to send the bill to the Senate floor for debate.
- S.B. 100
- Bill is brought to the Senate floor for debate where it may be further amended.
- If passed by majority vote, the bill is sent to the House.

All Bills must pass through the Senate & the House to become law

Once a bill with agreed upon language is passed by the House and Senate, the bill is sent to the Governor.

The Governor may:
1. Sign the bill into law;
2. Allow the bill to become law without his signature; or
3. Veto the bill (A veto can be overridden if the bill received a 2/3’s vote in the House and Senate).