



Arizona Congress is bicameral – it has two chambers:

SENATE

1 member from each of the 30 jurisdictions



17 Republican members and 13 Democrat members make up the Senate in 2025, each serving 2-year terms

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 members from each of the 30 jurisdictions



33 Republican members and 27 Democrat members make up the House of Representatives in 2025, each serving 2-year terms

How Does A Bill Become Law?

1 BILL INTRODUCTION - FIRST READING

The bill's title is read aloud, and it is assigned to a committee (or multiple committees). In the Senate, the second reading happens before this step. If not assigned by the Speaker or President, the bill dies.

2 COMMITTEE HEARING

A committee reviews the bill, allowing public input. Committee chair may decide to not hear a bill, in which case, the bill dies. Members vote, and if approved, the bill moves forward.

3 CAUCUS DISCUSSION

Lawmakers from the same party meet to debate the bill and decide their position. However, individual legislators are free to vote differently from their caucus's position.

4 THIRD READING - VOTING

The bill either goes to a *consent calendar* for quick approval or it's debated by the *Committee of the Whole* and voted on. A bill needs 16 votes in Senate and 31 votes in the House to pass.

5 TRANSFER TO THE OTHER CHAMBER

The bill repeats the same steps in the other chamber. If it passes in the other chamber too, it gets passed on to the governor's desk.

6 GOVERNOR

The governor has three options: sign the bill, veto the bill, or do nothing (the bill becomes law without their signature). Note: The Legislature can override a veto with a two-thirds vote.

Key players: President of Senate, Speaker of House, Committee Chair, Governor.



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How to Find Committee Agendas?

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