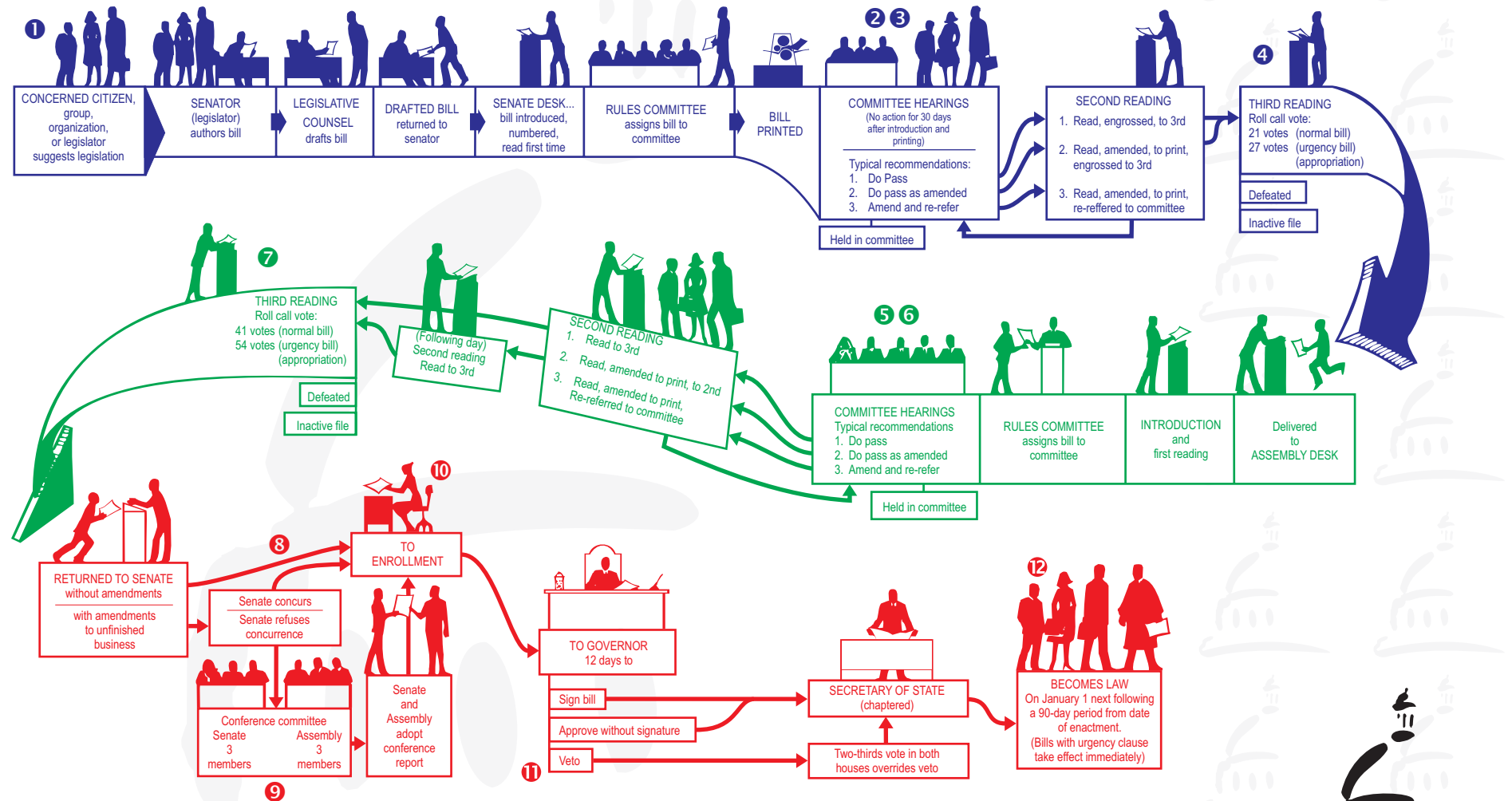


# How a Bill Becomes Law

(A simplified example of the path a bill takes through the California Legislature)



## 12 Major Legislative Enactment Stages

### Introduction and Consideration in the House of Origin

1. Proposal development and formal introduction
2. Policy committee consideration
3. Fiscal committee consideration
4. Floor debate

### Consideration by the Second House

5. Policy committee consideration
6. Fiscal committee consideration
7. Floor debate

### Return to the House of Origin

8. Concurrence on amendments adopted in the 2nd house

### When Concurrence Fails: Conference

9. Joint house conference committee

### Enrolled (Governor) consideration

10. Governor action: approval by signing or inaction, or veto

### Veto Override

11. A veto can result in a 2/3rd's override by the legislature

### Bill Becomes Law

12. Effective date subject to Government Code § 9600

NOTE: This chart depicts the flow of a bill originating in the Senate; except for minor differences the process is similar if originating in the Assembly.

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