The Legislative Process in Arizona

Bill is introduced In House

Bill can be introduced by a legislator or a group of legislators.

Bill receives first read

Bill is assigned a number and referred to committee(s)

Committee(s) Consider (s) bill

The committee holds a public hearing and may allow public testimony

Committee(s) act(s) on bill

The committee can pass, amend or hold a bill

Bill goes to committee of the whole

COW can debate, amend, pass or hold bill

Third Reading is held

Roll call is taken. Each member present votes on bill

Arizona Senate

Bill goes to Senate

Bill goes through similar process in Senate

Senate acts on bill

Unamended bill sent to Governor

Amended bill sent back to House of Representatives

House Considers Senate amendments

House refuses Senate amendments

House agrees w/amendments, sends bill to Gov.

Conference Committee formed

Representatives from both houses meet to compromise though Simple or Free Conference Committee

Both houses adopt compromise

Gov considers bill

Governor can sign or veto bills. If no action is taken, it becomes law. The legislature may override a veto with a two-thirds vote.

Bill Becomes Law