This chart outlines the process for enacting a bill into law in Missouri by tracing the path of a bill introduced in the House of Representatives.

INTRODUCED IN HOUSE. READ ON INTRODUCTION. ORDERED PRINTED.

A BILL INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE WOULD FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURES EXCEPT THAT SENATE AND HOUSE ACTION WOULD BE REVERSED.

BILL IS READ SECOND TIME AND REFERRED TO THE PROPER COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARINGS. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS ARE HEARD. COMMITTEE CONSIDERS BILL: MAY OFFER AMENDMENTS OR A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE BILL.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE AND ANY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS.

BILL PLACED ON PERFECTION CALENDAR.

BILL IS BROUGHT UP FOR DEBATE AND A VOTE (PERFECTION) BY THE FULL HOUSE.

IF PASSED, THE BILL IS ORDERED PRINTED AS PERFECTED.

BILL IS PLACED ON THE THIRD READING CALENDAR.

FINAL PASSAGE OF THE BILL BY THE HOUSE IS BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

IF SENATE DOES NOT RECONSIDER THE AMENDMENTS AND APPROVE THE BILL IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM, THE BILL IS SENT TO A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS AND ANY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS.

READ SECOND TIME AND REFERRED TO THE PROPER COMMITTEE.

BILL IS READ FIRST TIME.

IF THE BILL PASSES BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE IN IDENTICAL FORMS, THE BILL IS ENROLLED AND SENT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS CONSIDERATION.

IF BILL PASSES IN A DIFFERENT FORM AND THE HOUSE AGREES TO THE CHANGES, THE BILL IS RETURNED TO SENATE FOR RECONSIDERATION.

IF HOUSE REJECTS CHANGES, THE BILL IS RETURNED TO SENATE FOR RECONSIDERATION.

IF SENATE REJECTS THE REPORT, THE PROCESS IS REPEATED.

IF BOTH HOUSES AGREE, THE BILL IS ENROLLED AND SENT TO THE GOVERNOR.

IF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REACHES AN AGREEMENT, THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IS SENT TO BOTH HOUSES FOR A VOTE.

IF EITHER REJECTS THE REPORT, THE PROCESS IS REPEATED.

IF THE GOVERNOR SIGNS THE BILL, IT BECOMES LAW.

IF THE GOVERNOR VETOES THE BILL, THE BILL BECOMES LAW WITH THE APPROVAL OF 2/3RDS OF BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE.

Final vote on bill by the Senate is by roll call.

This time, however, the bill may be amended during debate at third reading.

A bill introduced in the Senate would follow the same procedures except that Senate and House action would be reversed.

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