How A Bill Becomes Law in Illinois

FIRST HOUSE
- Bill drafted by Legislative Reference Bureau
  - Introduced
  - Read 1st time (perf.), referred to Rules Committee
  - Assigned to substantive committee
  - Hearing. Amendment(s) may be added
  - Recommended "do pass" or "do pass as amended"
  - Recommended "do not pass" or not recommended
    - Full house votes to discharge
    - Full house doesn't discharge
      - Read 2nd time. Floor amendment(s) may be proposed*
      - Read 3rd time. Voted on
        - Fails
          - Bill dead
        - Passes
          - Sent to second house
    - Concurs in second-house amendment(s)
      - Sent to Governor
    - Refuses to concure in second-house amendment(s)
      - Returned to second house
  - Sent to Governor
  - Returned to second house
- Conference committee recommends a compromise version of bill. If both houses agree with it, bill goes to Governor

SECOND HOUSE
- Bill drafted by Legislative Reference Bureau
  - Introduced
  - Read 1st time (perf.), referred to Rules Committee
  - Assigned to substantive committee
  - Hearing. Amendment(s) may be added
  - Recommended "do pass" or "do pass as amended"
  - Recommended "do not pass" or not recommended
    - Full house votes to discharge
    - Full house doesn't discharge
      - Read 2nd time. Sent to 3rd reading with committee amendment(s) or floor amendment(s)*
      - Read 3rd time. Voted on
        - Passes
          - Sent to first house for concurrence with second-house amendment(s)
        - Fails
          - Conference committee appointed
            - Refuses to recede from amendment(s)
              - Returned to Governor
            - Recedes from amendment(s)
              - Sent to Governor
              - Conference committee recommends a compromise version of bill. If both houses agree with it, bill goes to Governor
  - Concurs in second-house amendment(s)
    - Sent to Governor
  - Refuses to concure in second-house amendment(s)
    - Returned to second house

GOVERNOR
- Places any kind of veto on bill
  - Approves bill
    - Approves bill
      - Returned to first house
        - Bill becomes law
  - Denies bill
    - Total veto
      - Doesn't override
        - Bill dead
      - Overrides
        - Item or reduction veto
          - Doesn't restore amount cut
            - Bill is law in form Governor wanted
          - Restores amount cut
            - Bill becomes law in changed form
          - Item or reduction veto
            - Amendatory veto
              - Votes to override
                - Does neither
                  - Concurs
                    - Takes same action as first house
                      - Bill becomes law in form originally passed
                - Does
                  - Overrides
                    - Returned to Governor
                      - Governor certifies that concurrence meets his objections
                        - Bill becomes law in changed form
                - Doesn't override
                  - Sent to other house
                    - Sent to other house
                      - Sent to other house

*Amendments proposed on the floor must go to the Rules Committee for approval before being considered.