

Storyboard: How a Bill Becomes a Law

Frame	Description	Dialogue	Action	Image
1	A legislator comes up with an idea for a new law.	Legislator: "I think this will really help our constituents."	The legislator is seen drafting the bill.	The legislator sitting at a desk, writing on a piece of paper.
2	The legislator introduces the bill in the House or Senate.	Legislator: "I propose this new bill for consideration."	The legislator is seen presenting the bill to their colleagues.	The legislator standing in front of the House or Senate, holding the bill.
3	The bill is referred to a committee for review.	Committee Chair: "We will thoroughly review this proposal."	The committee members are seen discussing the bill.	The committee sitting around a table, with the bill in the middle.
4	The committee may hold hearings, mark up the bill, or table it.	Committee Chair: "Let's hold a hearing on this bill."	The committee is seen holding a hearing or marking up the bill.	The committee in a hearing room, with witnesses and experts present.
5	If approved by the committee, the bill goes to the Rules Committee (in the House) or to the floor (in the Senate).	Rules Committee Chair: "We will set the rules for debate on this bill."	The Rules Committee is seen setting the rules for debate.	The Rules Committee sitting around a table, discussing the bill.
6	The bill is debated on the floor. Amendments may be added.	Legislator: "I propose this amendment to the bill."	Legislators are seen debating and adding amendments to the bill.	Legislators standing and sitting in the House or Senate, engaged in debate.

7	The bill is voted on. If passed, it is sent to the other chamber.	Legislator: "All in favor of this bill, say 'aye'."	Legislators are seen voting on the bill.	Legislators raising their hands or pressing buttons to vote.
8	The other chamber goes through a similar process. They may approve the bill as is, reject it, ignore it, or amend it.	Legislator: "We have received this bill from the other chamber for consideration."	The legislators in the other chamber are seen reviewing, debating, and voting on the bill.	The other chamber of Congress, with legislators engaged in discussion.
9	If both chambers pass different versions of the bill, a conference committee is formed to reconcile the differences.	Conference Committee Chair: "We must reconcile the differences between these two bills."	The conference committee is seen discussing the differences between the two versions of the bill.	The conference committee sitting around a table, with both versions of the bill in front of them.
10	Both chambers vote on the final, unified bill. If passed, it is sent to the President.	Legislator: "We vote on the final version of this bill."	Legislators are seen voting on the final version of the bill.	Legislators raising their hands or pressing buttons to vote.
11	The President signs the bill into law or vetoes it. If vetoed, Congress can override the veto with a two-thirds vote.	President: "I sign this bill into law." OR "I veto this bill."	The President is seen signing the bill or vetoing it.	The President signing the bill into law or crossing it out with a pen.
12	If the bill is vetoed and sent back to Congress,	Legislator: "We must override the President's veto."	Legislators are seen voting to override the veto.	Legislators raising their hands or

	they can attempt to override the veto.			pressing buttons to vote.
13	If the veto is overridden by a two-thirds majority in both chambers, the bill becomes law.	Narrator: "The veto has been overridden. The bill becomes law."	The new law is seen being implemented.	A scene showing the effects of the new law on society.
14	If the President signs the bill or the veto is overridden, the bill becomes law and is enforced by the government.	Narrator: "And that's how a bill becomes a law."	The new law is seen being enforced by the government.	Various scenes of the government enforcing the new law.