



SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES 18TH CONGRESS

WELCOME!

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW?



BILLS : (Senate Bill Number or S,.SBN)

These are general measures, which if passed upon, may become laws. A bill is prefixed with S., followed by a number assigned the measure based on the order in which it is introduced. The vast majority of legislative proposals --recommendations dealing with the economy, increasing penalties for certain crimes, regulation on commerce and trade, etc., are drafted in the form of bills. They also include budgetary appropriation of the government and many others. When passed by both chambers in identical form and signed by the President or repassed by Congress over a presidential veto, they become laws.

Reading of Bills and Joint Resolutions

Bills and resolutions shall be filed with Office of the Secretary (Bills and Index Service) whether the Senate is in session or not.(Rule of the Senate. 23 Sec. 64,65)

Bills and joint resolutions shall be read at three times:

On First Reading, when they are read for transmittal to the corresponding committee.

On Second Reading, when they are sponsored and submitted for consideration of, and amendment by, the Senate.

On Third Reading, when after having been approved on 2nd Reading, they are submitted with or without amendments for the approval of the Senate

STAGES OF FILING OF BILL (1)



RESEARCH

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SERVICE (LRS)
(TECHNICAL PEOPLE/RESEARCH TEAM)

RESEARCH PAPER, POLICY STUDY

COUNSELING

LEG. PARLIAMENTARY COUNSELING (LPCS)

OPINIONS, INTERPRETATION OF RULES

BILL DRAFTING

LEG. BILL DRAFTING SERVICE(LBDS)

DRAFT OF THE BILL

FILING OF BILL (2)

RECEIPT OF BILL

LEG. BILLS AND INDEX SERVICE (LBIS)

BILLS AS FILED (REPRODUCED COPY)

CALENDARING for
CONSIDERATION

OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
(IN COORDINATION WITH LBIS)

ORDER OF BUSINESS (OB)
(Rule 18, Sec. 49)
CALENDAR FOR BUS. (CB)
(Rule 18, Sec. 46)

FIRST READING

READING OF THE BILL

PRESIDING OFFICER (SP)
(In coordination with LBIS)

LTR REFERRAL TO THE APPROPRIATE
COMMITTEE (Ex. Trade or Banks)

Appropriate Committee:

- ▶ Study, research, analyses of the bill by (LCSS) the Assigned Committee Secretary of Ctte Support Service together with the Senator's Technical Staff to come out with research papers, study papers matrices, analyzes
- ▶ Submission of position papers, conducts hearings and meetings
- ▶ Recommendation/Action on the bill --- with the Senator's Technical Staff and the Committee Support Service (LCSS) --- Committee Report (CR)
- ▶ CR submitted favorable --- LCSS --- for Plenary Debate

SECOND READING

Receipt of the CR Leg Bills and Index Service

Numbering of CR

Calendar of
Business Office of the Majority Leader
(with Bills and Index Service)

Calendar of Bus (CB)
include the bills for 2nd Reading

PLENARY SESSIONS/SESSION PROCEEDINGS/DEBATES:

- SPONSORSHIP SPEECH, DEBATES, AMENDMENTS, APPROVAL
- AMENDED COPY OF THE BILL, CERTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS
- COPY OF THE APPROVED 2ND READING
- ENGROSSMENT/PRINTING OF THE BILL BY LBIS
- COPY OF THE BILL FOR 3RD READING (FINAL COPY)
- EXPLANATION OF VOTES, VOTING, APPROVAL APPROVED
COPY OF THE BILL



THIRD READING

TRANSMITTAL OF BILLS TO THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
(HOR)

(WITH BILLS AND INDEX SERVICE)

Consideration of the bill by the
House of the Representatives
(HOR)



- ▶ If there are no amendment, bill is approved
- ▶ If there is: Conference Committee meeting is formed jointly by Senate and House of Representatives (Designates conferees, communication informing the Senate).
- ▶ Conference Committee Report is prepared (both house) Approval of Conference Committee Report.

Enrollment of Bill

Leg. Bills and Index Service

Enrolled copy of the Bill

Presidential Action



- ▶ Approval of the Bill by the President
- ▶ Enrolled copy of the Bill = Republic Act (RA) Assigned Number or VETO the Bill-return the copy of the Bill and His veto message.

Sources:

The Constitution of the Philippines

Rules of the Senate

Guide to Senate

www.senate.gov.ph

Thank you and GOD BLESS!

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