

HOW DOES A

BILL

BECOME A

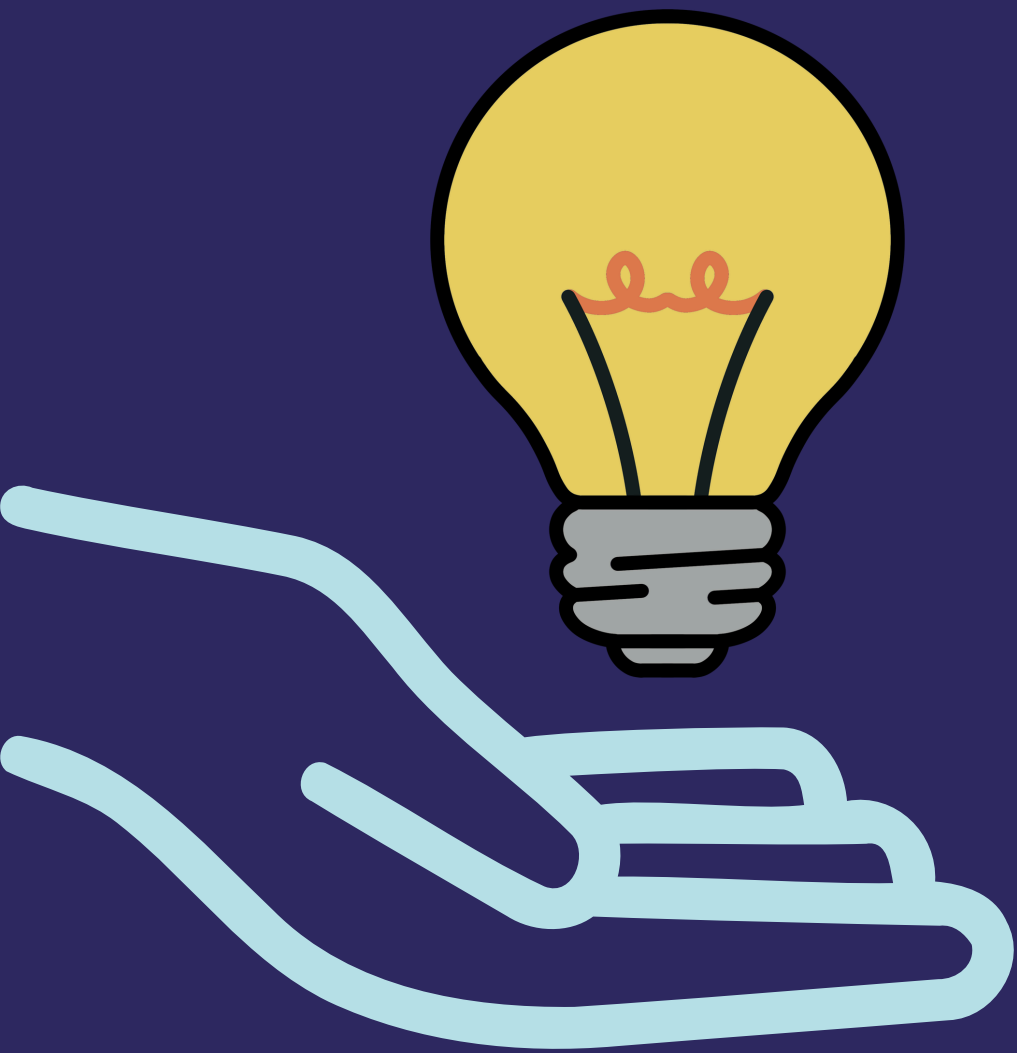
LAW?



AN **IDEA** IS
FORMED



**Anyone can come up with
an idea for legislation- a
person, an organization,
or a group of people**



A member of
congress can
introduce the
bill to either the
Senate or the
House of
Representatives

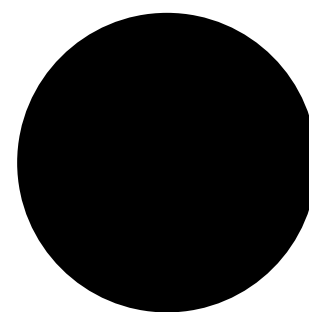
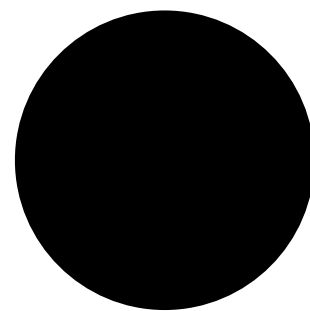
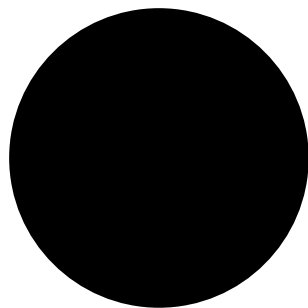
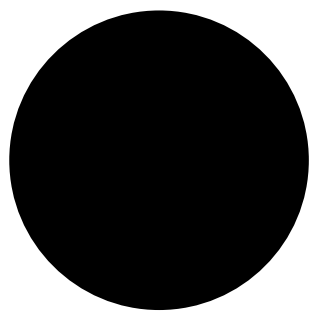
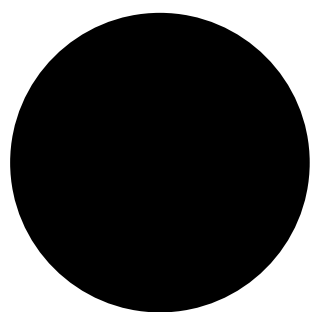
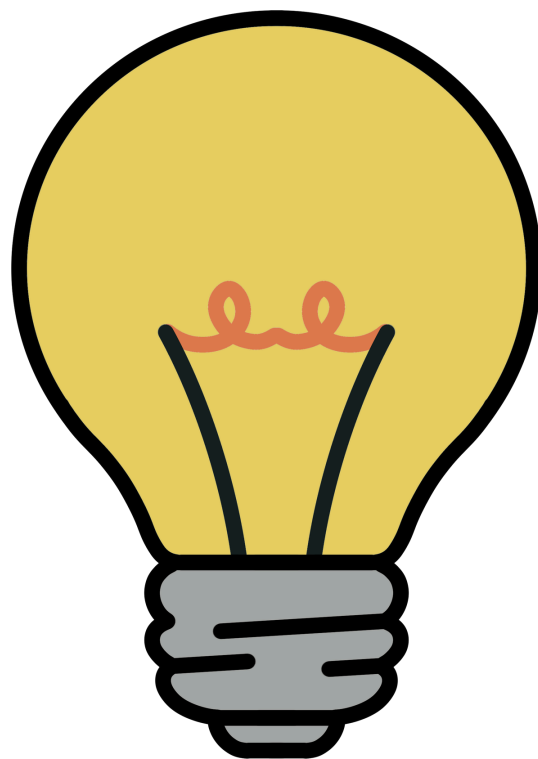
**CONGRESS
INTRODUCES
THE IDEA**



The bill is reviewed by a small committee that discusses the pros and cons, and decides one of the following options:

- Favorable
- Favorable, with amendment(s)
- Favorable, with committee substitute
- Unfavorably

SMALL COMMITTEE REVIEW



The bill is then passed to the

SENATE

where it is:



DEBATED



AMENDED



VOTED ON

The bill is then passed to the

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

where it is:

DEBATED



AMENDED



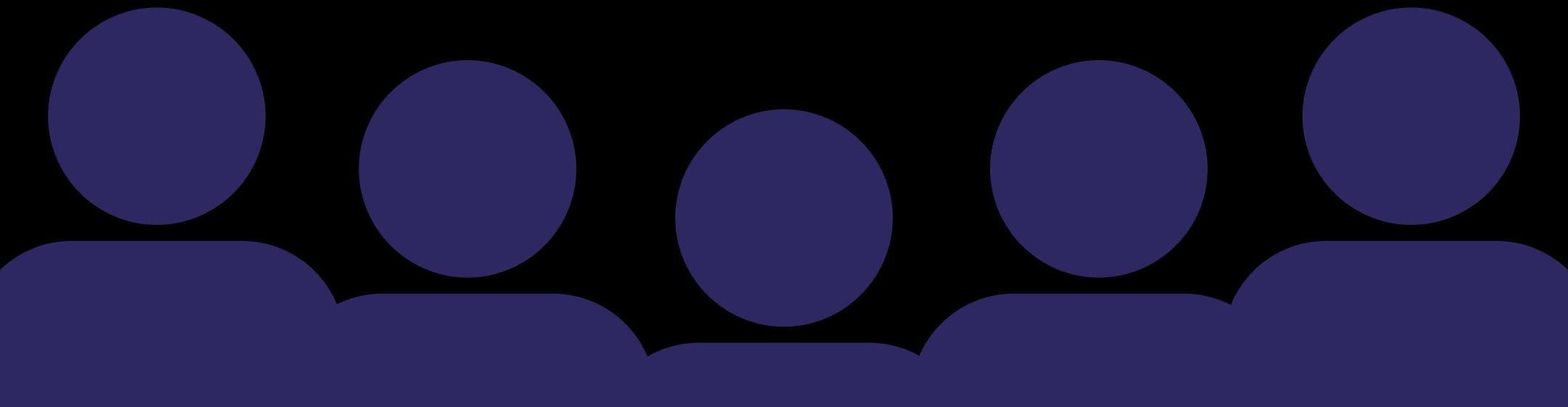
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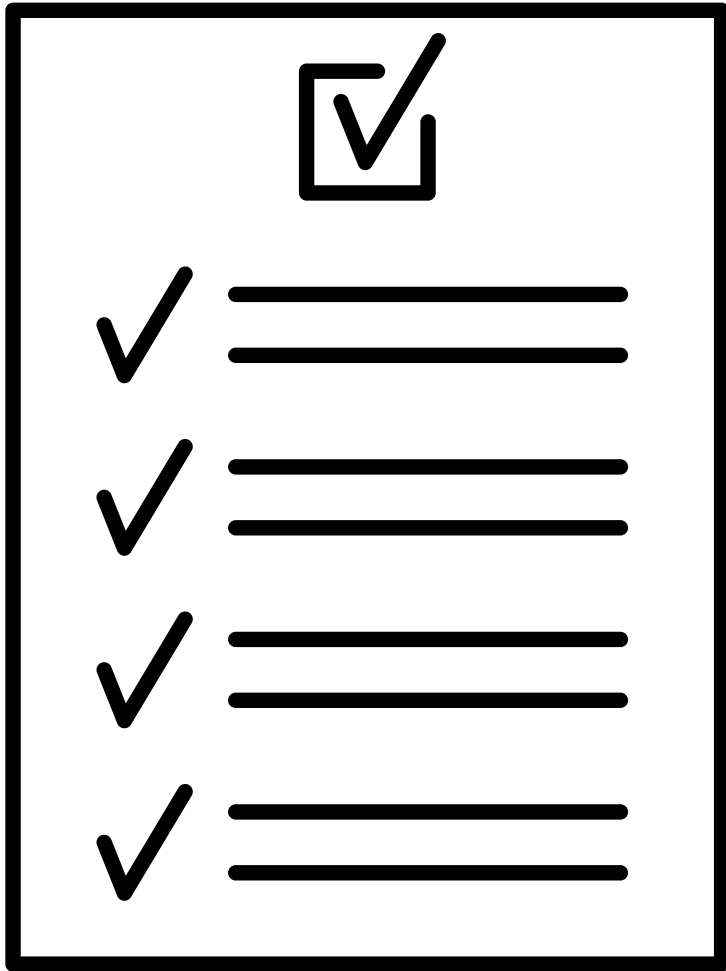


If the bill is approved, then both the House of Representatives and the Senate must

**CONFER
&
AGREE**

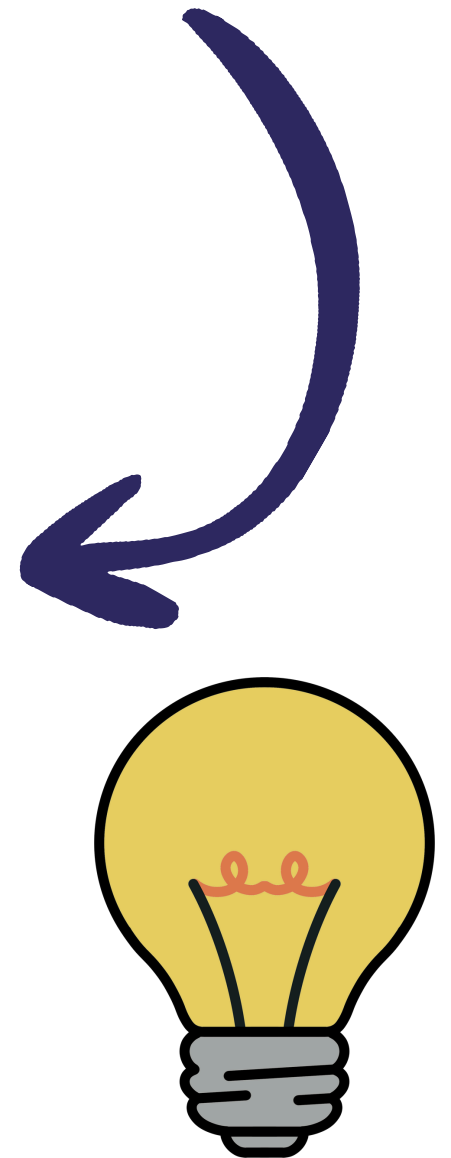
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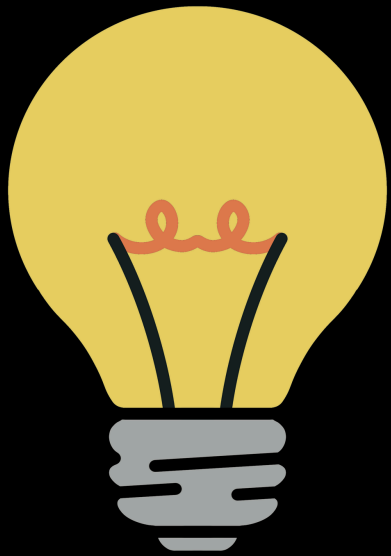




THE PRESIDENT SIGNS THE BILL INTO A LAW

However, even if the president does not approve the bill, it can still pass into law if the president's veto is overruled by a two-thirds vote from Congress





AND THAT'S JUST THE SIMPLIFIED PROCESS

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Visit www.usa.gov or your
state's Senate website



GOT YOUR OWN IDEA?

Research, gather evidence, and write a
letter to your Senator or Representative.
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