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Chapter 2: State and Local Government in West Virginia
Section 2: The Three Branches of State Government

How a Bill Becomes a Law

Directions: A bill may be introduced in either house of the Legislature. For this activity, assume that the bill is introduced in the West Virginia Senate. Use the information from your textbook and at http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Educational/Bill_Becomes_Law/Bill_Becomes_Law.cfm to answer the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

1. How is a bill prepared for introduction in the Senate? _____

2. Where is a bill first discussed? _____
3. What happens to a bill that is approved by a committee? _____

4. What are the purposes of the three readings of a bill? _____

5. What happens to a bill that is passed by the Senate? _____
6. What happens if the House passes a different version of a bill? _____

7. What happens to a bill that is passed by both houses in exactly the same form? _____

8. What if the governor does not sign a bill that has been passed by both houses of the Legislature?

9. Suppose that the governor vetoes a bill that has been passed by both houses of the Legislature. Can this bill be reconsidered? If so, how? _____

10. On a separate sheet of paper, draw a flow chart that illustrates how a bill becomes law in the Legislature.