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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.

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Governors Word Search

Directions: Find the names of West Virginia's governors that are hidden in the puzzle below. The names may appear vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward, or backward. Circle the names as you find them.

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A B N O R S H Y N I W H I T E K T A
P C M N G O R D L E I F T A H O C R
A K O E L R A T P E S G T K O O S N
N R O T A W O C A P E R T O N N W C
F A R N S W O R T H C N Y L E L E O
L W E O S L L G T D N A E W N S H O
E V N R C A P P E O A Y F M O W T N
M N S B O K N O S N E V E T S W A P
I F N F C H E L O T T A P T N R M O
N E M A K A I F N M D B E F I U H L
G I O N M W B G E O N J A C K S O N
C O R N W E L L W L A S M I T H G O
C B G W O G R S C C L T D F A K L R
K T A E O R D O O W R E D N U G A R
H D N R A H O B B A A V R T U O S A
D L E L K R O C C A M E E I F H S B
S Q T R N I H C N A M F G P D W J I

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Atkinson

Barron

Boreman

Caperton

Conley

Cornwell

Dawson

Farnsworth

Fleming

Glasscock

Gore

Hatfield

Holt

Jackson

Jacob

Kump

MacCorkle

Manchin

Marland

Mathews

Meadows

Moore

Morgan

Neely

Patteson

Rockefeller

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Do You Know Your State Government?

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Governor	Name:
	Duty:
Secretary of State	Name:
	Duty:
State Treasurer	Name:
	Duty:
State Auditor	Name:
	Duty:
Attorney General	Name:
	Duty:
Commissioner of Agriculture	Name:
	Duty:
Senate President/ Lieutenant Governor	Name:
	Duty:
Speaker, House of Delegates	Name:
	Duty:
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Appeals	Name:
	Duty:
State School Superintendent	Name:
	Duty:

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Commissioner of Agriculture	Name:
	Duty:
Senate President/ Lieutenant Governor	Name:
	Duty:
Speaker, House of Delegates	Name:
	Duty:
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Appeals	Name:
	Duty:
State School Superintendent	Name:
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Writing a Bill

Directions: As you write your bill, consider the following:

1. Concentrate on issues that affect the whole country; think about who will be affected by the law.
2. Research the topic of your bill, including finding some possible solutions to the problem.
3. Decide what penalties, if any, should be imposed on those who disobey the bill when it becomes law.
4. Consider what resources will be needed to implement the law (e.g., people, money, equipment). If funding is needed to implement the law, where would you get the funds?

HR _____

(This bill will originate in the House of Representatives. Create a formal name of the bill that includes a brief description.)

_____ (Your Name) _____ (Date)

I. Short Title: This is the title that will be used to discuss the bill.

II. Requirements: What will the law do? Who will be affected, impacted, or involved? Each thing it will do should be listed separately.



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III. Funding: How will the law be funded?

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IV. Implementation: Who will see that the law is implemented? What government agency will oversee the law?

V. Penalties: What happens to those who do not obey the law?

VI. Effective Date: When will the law go into effect?

