**How a Bill Becomes a Law**

**Step 1:**

Either the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ starts the process by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bill. Both branches must ultimately look at the bill before moving it to step 2.

**Step 2:**

Both parts of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are divided into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (every member is part of one). One of these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ looks at bill and either \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Usually, the bill is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step 3:**

If a bill is lucky enough to survive step 2, it then is presented to the entire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it and ultimately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on it. Often, during this process, things are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bill.

**Step 4:**

The revised version of the bill from both branches of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is then moved to a joint committee (made up of members of both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). The general *idea* has now been approved by both branches, but they now need to decide upon a version of the bill in which the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the same.

**Step 5:**

As soon as the joint committee agrees upon a version of the bill that has the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they take it back to each branch where it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ again. In each branch, a simple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is needed for the bill to survive to the next step. In the Senate, in the case of a tie, the tie-breaking vote goes to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If the bill fails to pass either branch, it is then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step 6:**

If the bill passes in both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then it is sent on to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who can either \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it. If the bill sits on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desk for \_\_\_\_\_ days without anything happening to it, it then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step 7:**

If the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cancels (or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) the bill, it then has one last chance to survive. It goes back to both branches of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon one last time.

**Step 8:**

If it can get at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the votes in both branches, the bill will become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without being approved by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is called an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is very rare.