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How Does an Idea Become a Law in Florida??

Use the red numbers and red text in the State Lawmaking Prezi to help you complete this flow chart showing the steps that a bill takes to become a law in Florida!

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1. A concerned citizen, advocacy group, government agency, or legislator has an idea to make the State a better place...



2. If the legislator/s decides it's a good issue, then the idea is drafted into a legislative bill.



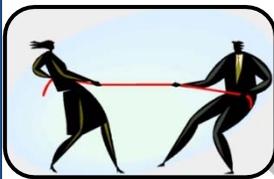
3. The new bill is filed, given a "First Reading," and assigned to a committee or several committees.



4. In each committee, the bill is debated and amended if changes are needed. If approved in one committee, the bill moves onto to the next assigned committee.



5. If all committees approve the bill, then the bill is placed on the calendar to be heard on the floor. When it comes up on the calendar, it's debated, amended, and then voted on by the entire chamber!



6. If it passes one chamber, a "companion bill" must make its way through the other Chamber and follow the same process! The bills go back and forth between Chambers until a consensus is reached.



7. Once both Chambers pass an identical form of the bill, it proceeds to the Governor. The Governor can do one of three things...



1. He/she can simply sign the bill into law;
2. He/she can decide to veto the bill
3. The Governor can also choose not to sign the bill at all.



8. If the Governor signs it, the bill sits for seven days without his/her signature, or the House and Senate both override the veto by a 2/3 majority, then...



THE IDEA HAS FINALLY BECOME A STATE LAW IN FLORIDA!