



Idea for Change

An individual or group is motivated to make their community better.



Coalition Building

A group of concerned and/or affected people, businesses, and organizations work together to create a shared vision for a legislative proposal.



Congressional Sponsor Recruitment

The coalition identifies and recruits a Senator or Representative to introduce the bill in Congress.



Introduction into Congress

Sponsor in either the House or the Senate introduces the bill for consideration.



Committee Consideration

The bill is sent to one or more committees of jurisdiction. Committees generally hold a hearing, amend the bill, then vote on the bill. If the committee passes the bill, it is sent to the full House or Senate for a vote.



Floor Debate or Unanimous Consent

Bill goes to the floor of the House or Senate for floor debate prior to a vote. Bills that are not controversial bypass the floor debate process and get approved by unanimous consent.



Vote

Bills must pass in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.



Presidential Signature/Veto

The President signs the bill into law or vetoes the bill and sends it back to Congress.