



THE LIFE OF A BILL

Follow your bill using the bill tracker on Guidebook.
If you are not presenting, then please follow the location on your lanyard.



AMENDMENTS

Before your bill is presented in committees, a delegate may fill out a form to amend their own bill. The amendment will be read prior to the bill author's opening summation.

Amendments by others may be given to the clerk up to 3 minutes prior to the end of debate. Amendments will then be presented for debate and all delegates in the room will vote on the passage of the amendment. Amendment forms are available at the front of the room. Delegates can modify their opening and closing statements throughout the process, but any changes to their bill must go through the amendment process.



COMMITTEES

Your bill starts here! After presenting, your fellow delegates rank it. If your bill receives a high enough ranking, you advance to the next stage and continue presenting in chambers. If your bill is not selected, participants should still participate in debate.



CHAMBERS

FRESHMAN FORUM



SENATE & HOUSE

If a freshman bill receives a high ranking in committee, it advances to the forum chamber for presentation. If voted to proceed, it is then presented in a House chamber. If a forum bill passes both chambers, they will move on to the Governor's Cabinet.

In chambers, your bill presentation is followed by a vote. If the majority votes "nay," your bill is not passed, and the process ends. If the majority rules "yes," then your bill passes and you move on to the opposite chamber to repeat the same process.



GOVERNOR'S CABINET

If your bill passes through committees and both assigned chambers, you will present it once more to the Governor and the Governor's Cabinet. After your brief presentation and a few questions, the room will deliberate and decide whether to sign your bill into law. Governor's Cabinet results are announced at the end of the weekend during the awards ceremony.