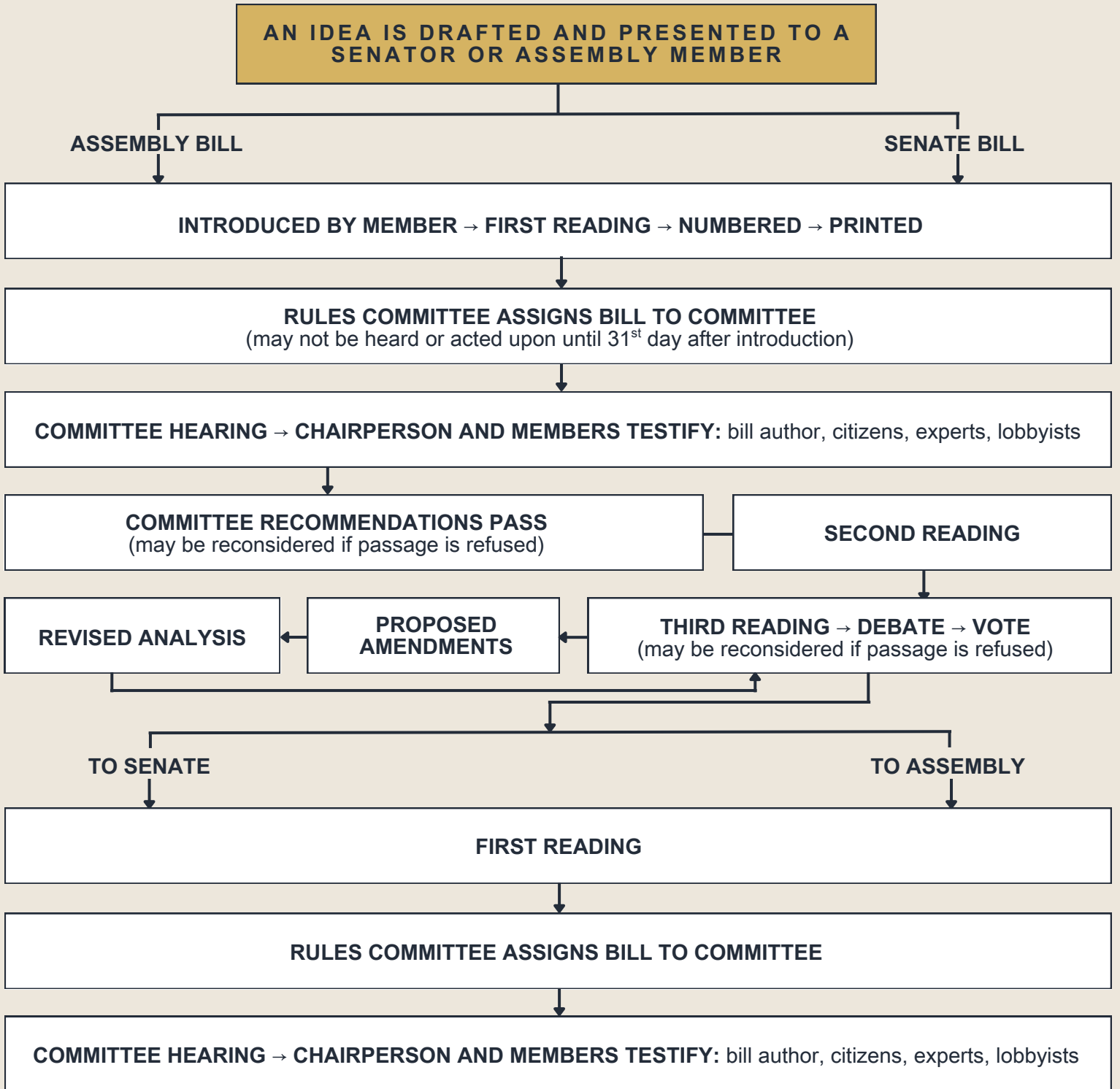


LIFE CYCLE OF A BILL

A bill must successfully pass through a number of steps before it becomes a law. Only a fraction of the bills introduced by Senators and Assembly Members ever reach the legislative floor for a vote. Even after a bill is approved in both chambers, the Governor reserves the power to veto it. Transforming bills into laws is an essential function of our state government.

Although the procedure can become more complicated, this chart shows the essential steps for passage of a bill.



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