

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

A Guide to the Wyoming Legislature

HOW THE LEGISLATURE WORKS



WYOMING ELECTS **30** AND **60**

SENATORS

REPRESENTATIVES

LEGISLATORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR



ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE EVERY 2 YEARS.

EACH STATE

REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE:

- ✓ at least 21 years of age on or before the election date.
- ✓ a qualified elector and a U.S. citizen,
- ✓ a resident of the district from which elected for at least a year prior to the election.



REPRESENTATIVES SERVE 2 YEAR TERMS.

EACH STATE

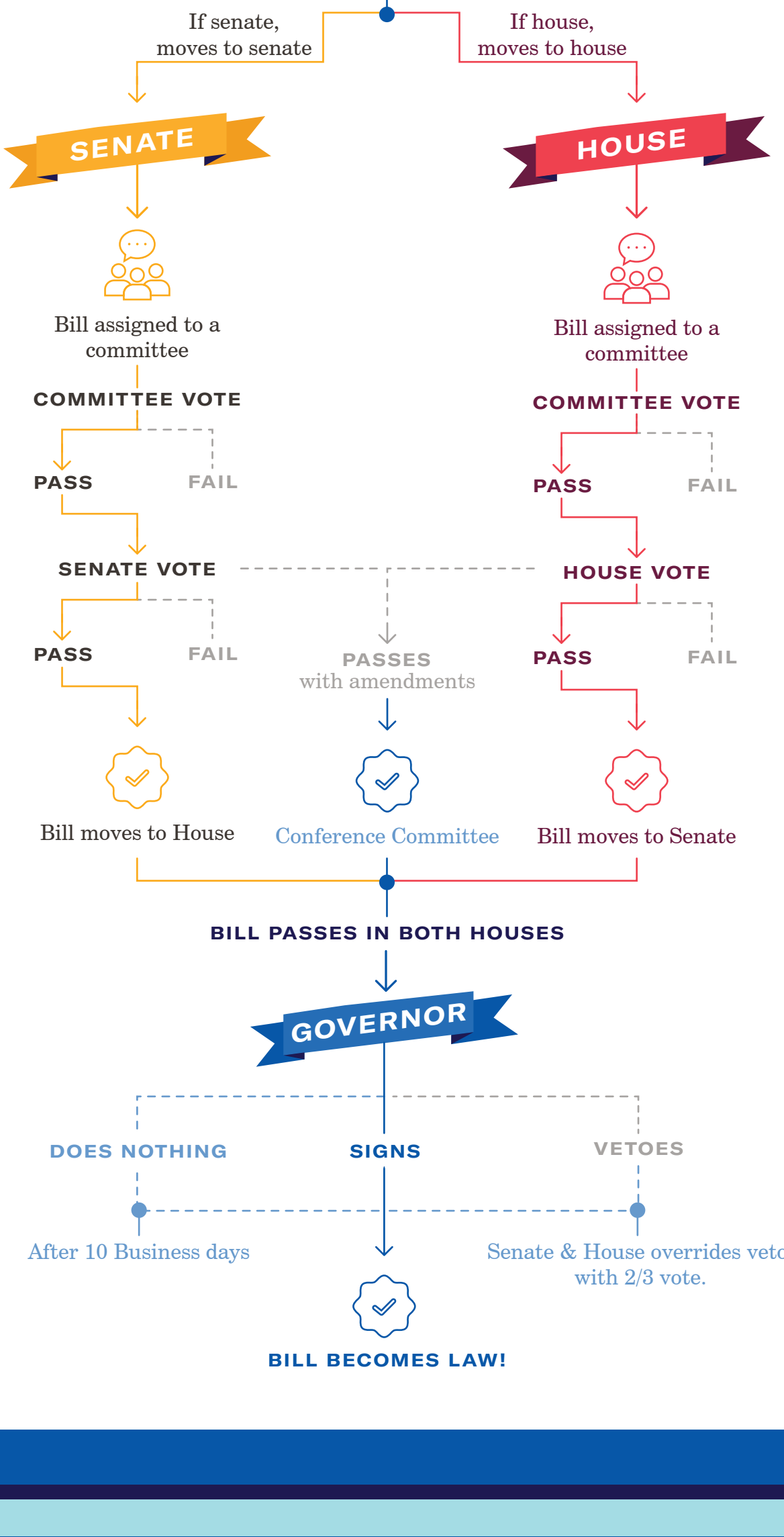
SENATOR MUST BE:

- ✓ at least 25 years of age on or before the election date,
- ✓ a qualified elector and a U.S. citizen,
- ✓ a resident of the district from which elected for at least a year prior to the election.



SENATORS SERVE 4 YEAR TERMS. HALF ARE UP FOR ELECTION EVERY 2 YEARS.

HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY



ELECTED OFFICIALS



CONSTITUENTS

If legislators don't hear from you, they assume you approve of their actions.



FIRST THINGS FIRST,
RESEARCH YOUR LEGISLATOR

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WAYS TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR



CALL THEM OR WRITE THEM



TIP 1

Know your district and name of your legislator

TIP 2

Plan out what you will say

TIP 3

Remember to mention the bill number (if there is one) and why you are calling or writing

TIP 4

Make it short and sweet and get to your point quickly

TIP 5

Tell a personal story they can connect to

TIP 6

Problem, solution, action (ie. "Vote yes on HB xxxx!")



MEET THEM IN PERSON



STEP ONE
Schedule your meeting



STEP TWO
Be flexible and patient



STEP THREE
Prepare and educate yourself and establish a clear goal



STEP FOUR
Follow up and say thank you!



CONNECT WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS
EARLY AND OFTEN

IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY



WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SPREAD THE WORD

Talk with friends and family on social media or in person. Don't be afraid to talk politics, it's important.

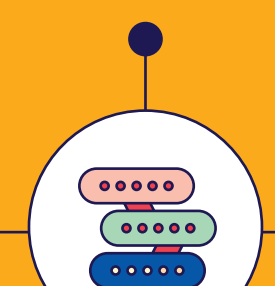


WRITE AN OP-ED



JOIN A CAUSE OR ORGANIZATION

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR LEGISLATIVE SPONSORED EVENTS



PUBLIC MARCH OR PROTEST

WHY IS SHARING YOUR STORY IMPORTANT?

START IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS



PERSONAL STORIES
MAKE AN IMPACT



OPEN THE DOOR
TO LASTING CHANGE

SHOWING UP IS VITAL. NO MATTER HOW YOU DO IT.

Your efforts, stories, and voices are what will chip away at the boulder of inequality.

For more tips, visit :
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