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State Senate

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If passed by both Houses, the bill goes to the Governor for sign or veto. If he holds the bill for 10 days, it becomes law without signature. All signed bills become law after 90 days.

If the Governor vetoes bill, an override requires 2/3 vote by both chambers.