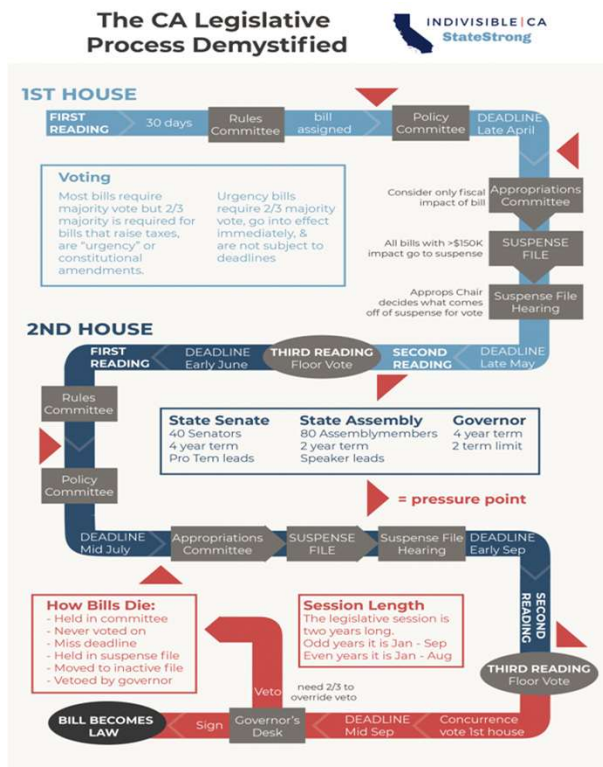


HOW LEGISLATION “WORKS” IN CA



- January – ideas as turned into legislation as Members begin introducing new bills (Legislative Calendar)
- The author/legislator sends the idea to the Legislative Counsel where it is drafted into an actual bill
- The bill is introduced, and the Rules committee assigns it to a policy committee in the house (Assembly or State Senate) where it was introduced.
- The bill will have its first reading on the floor then it may go to a Committee hearings. Then it must come back to the floor for a 2nd and 3rd vote before being referred to the other house.
- People testify in support or opposition to a bill when it is on the floor and can also submit letters to the committee's and legislators to advocate around the bill.
- The bill will go through a similar process in the opposite house, and then return to its house of origin. At this point it can be much changed.
- Once heard on the house of origin floor, if it is approved, it will then go to the Governor's desk to be considered.
- The Governor has a period of time to veto the bill or sign it. Those they do not address automatically become law.

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