

## Common Questions

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### What is a Chamber?

A chamber is the House or the Senate.

### What is a First Reading?

It is where the title of the bill is read by the entire House or Senate.

### What is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading?

It is where the entire House or Senate votes on any committee amendments and adds its own amendments to the bill.

### What is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading?

It is the final House or Senate vote on the bill.

### What is a Veto?

A veto is when the governor does not approve a piece of legislation.

### What is a Pocket Veto?

A pocket veto is a special power in certain states that allows the governor to veto a bill just by taking no action on it.

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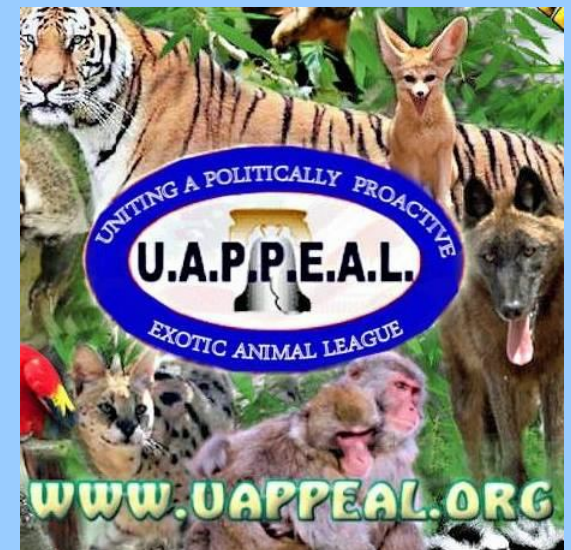
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Mission: To protect the right of responsible exotic and alternative animal ownership by lobbying to prevent unfair regulation, discouraging the casual acquisition of exotic animals through education, and furthering animal welfare through the responsible placement of animals in need.

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# HOW A STATE BILL BECOMES A LAW



## How a State Bill Becomes A Law

All state legislatures have the following steps, though the order may differ.

1. Introduced
2. 1<sup>st</sup> reading
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
4. Committee
5. Subcommittee (optional)
6. Committee hearings/ amendments
7. Passed by full committee
8. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading
9. Repeat 1-8 in other chamber

Note: *Nebraska, skip to step 14 since there is only one chamber.*

Note: *For companion bills, each chamber may pass their own bill instead, often simultaneously.*



10. If second chamber has:

- a. No amendments – (skip to 14)
- b. Amendments – must be approved by first chamber

11. If originating chamber:
  - a. Approves – (Skip to 14)
  - b. Doesn't approve - conference committee
12. Conference committee comes up with compromise
13. Both chambers vote to approve
14. If approved, sent to governor.
15. The governor can:
  - a. Sign the bill into law
  - b. Veto the bill
    - i. Both chambers can override with majority vote
  - c. Take no action
    - i. If in session – becomes law
    - ii. If not in session and pocket veto exists – automatic veto

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