

# NEW YORK STATE: HOW DOES LEGISLATION WORK?

### **A Bill Gets Proposed**

State Bills are proposed by one or more Assembly sponsors and one or more State Senate sponsors who are joined by co-sponsors. The Bill is then reviewed by committees before being passed to their full House for a vote.

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### **Voting**

In most cases involving State legislation, a bill needs at least half the members of both the Senate and the Assembly to vote "yes" for it to pass. There are times, however, when a bill needs more than half the members to vote "yes" for it to pass. The bill must pass both the Assembly and the Senate before the Governor can consider it.

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In New York City, bills are proposed and a public hearing is held on the proposed legislation.

After committee debate and public testimony, the bill may be amended.

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The committee meets to vote on the final version of the bill. If passed in committee, the bill is sent to the full Council for more debate and a final vote.