ignite

1 Citizens or a legislator have an idea for a bill.

2 The bill is introduced to one chamber (or both!)*

HOUSE OR SENATE

3 The bill is sent to a committee. Committee discusses. Citizens testify. Committee votes.

I ♥ it! OR I DON'T.

FUN FACT:
A bill must pass through step 2–4 in both chambers with 50% +1 of the vote.

4 Sent back to chamber(s) to discuss & amend (maybe!) 2x.

CAN WE GET to AGREEMENT?

HOUSE SENATE

Y N

Y N

RIP RIP RIP

Uh-oh! Bill dies.

5 I CAN SIGN IT OR VETO!

GOVERNOR

If the chambers have different versions of the bill, it's sent to conference committee.

Y N

Y N

VETO

5½ If ⅔ House and ⅔ Senate vote yes...

Y N

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Y N

a NEW LAW is BORN!

HOW IDEAS BECOME LAW in MN

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*This process happens only during legislative session each year. In the state of Minnesota, legislative session is typically held from mid-January to late May. Sometimes, special sessions will be convened afterward to complete any important tasks that were not accomplished during the regular session.