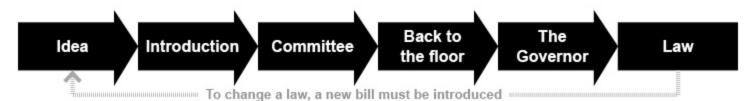
How a Bill Becomes a Law in Wisconsin

(adapted from https://legis.wisconsin.gov/about/follow)



Legislator creates a draft of a bill they would like to introduce. Bill is given a number, read, and most often sent to a relevant committee for analysis. Other legislators can sign on as co-sponsors*. Bill is discussed in committee. Public hearings may be held. Committee chair decides whether to schedule a vote and report the bill. If no vote, the bill "dies in committee."* Bill is read, amendments are discussed and may be added. Bill is read again; if it passes it is sent to the other house and the process is repeated.* Once passed by both houses, bill is sent to Governor for signing, veto, or partial veto (a veto can be overridden).*

Once signed, bill becomes an act; changes are added to statutes (law). Modification of a law now requires the process to begin again (new bill).

*Points where contact from WPA members might help lead to positive outcome