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| **How a bill becomes a law in Canada** |

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| First Reading.Bill introduced by a Cabinet minister or a private member. |

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| Second Reading.Bill introduced again and debated in general.First vote taken. Was it approved? |

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| Committee Stage.Bill usually sent to select committee, standing committee, or committee of the whole House.Bill studied in detail, and changes are often made; each section may be voted on separately.Was it approved? |

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| Third Reading.Bill briefly debated. Third vote taken.Was it approved? |

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| Bill is dropped. |

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| Senate, first reading. Bill is introduced to the Senate. |

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| Senate, second reading. Bill introduced again and debated in general. First Senate vote taken.Does it pass? |

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| Bill becomes a law. |

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| Bill is dropped. |

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| Committee Stage. Bill usually sent to select committee, standing committee, or committee of the whole Senate.Bill studied in detail, and changes are often made; each section may be voted on separately.Does it pass? |

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| Bill is sent to the Governor General to sign into law. Does he/she sign it? |

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| Bill is dropped. |

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| Senate, third reading. Bill briefly debated. Third Senate vote taken.Does it pass? |

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| Bill is dropped. |

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