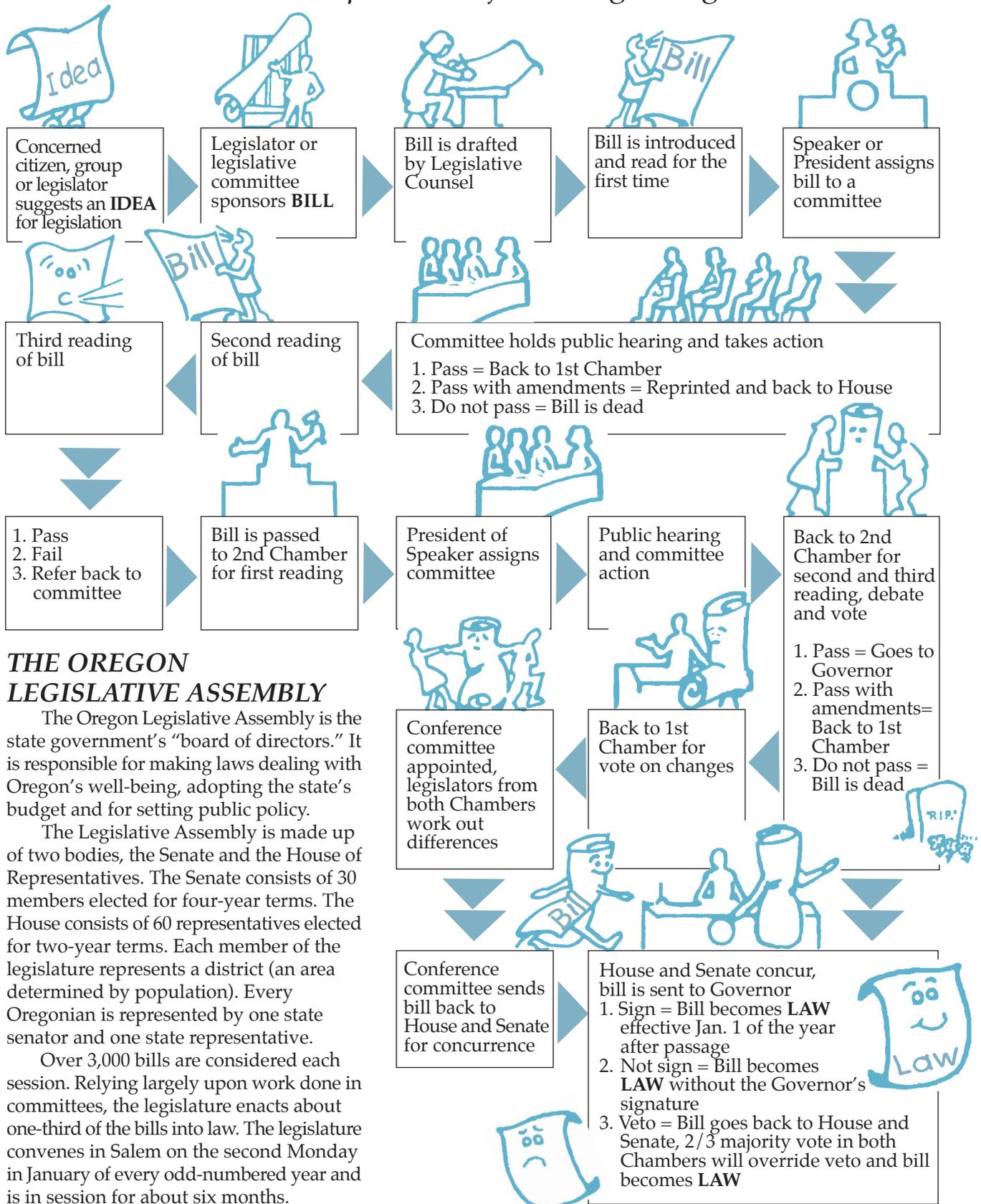


# How an IDEA becomes LAW

## A Simple View of the Oregon Legislative Process



### THE OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Oregon Legislative Assembly is the state government's "board of directors." It is responsible for making laws dealing with Oregon's well-being, adopting the state's budget and for setting public policy.

The Legislative Assembly is made up of two bodies, the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate consists of 30 members elected for four-year terms. The House consists of 60 representatives elected for two-year terms. Each member of the legislature represents a district (an area determined by population). Every Oregonian is represented by one state senator and one state representative.

Over 3,000 bills are considered each session. Relying largely upon work done in committees, the legislature enacts about one-third of the bills into law. The legislature convenes in Salem on the second Monday in January of every odd-numbered year and is in session for about six months.