How a Bill Becomes a Law

All laws start as an idea from citizens.

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Georgia's Legislative Branch

- Consists of the **Senate** and the **House of Representatives**.
- The purpose of the General Assembly is to **make laws**.
- 236 members serve two-year terms
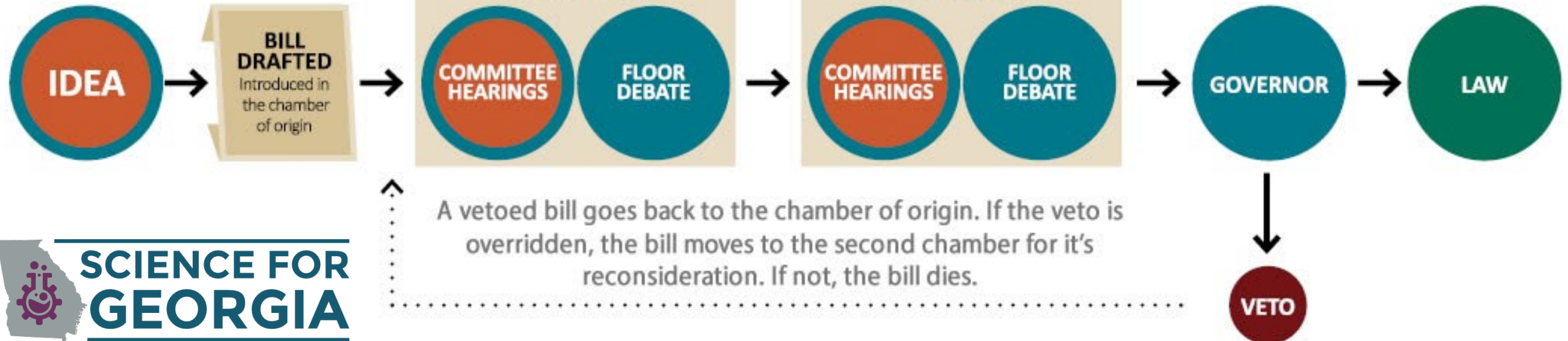- Members directly **elected by constituents** of their district.

General Assembly: Write the laws

Executive (Governor): Enforce the laws

Judicial: Interpret the laws

GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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IDEA → BILL DRAFTED Introduced in the chamber of origin →

1ST CHAMBER COMMITTEE HEARINGS | FLOOR DEBATE →

2ND CHAMBER COMMITTEE HEARINGS | FLOOR DEBATE →

GOVERNOR → LAW

VETO

A vetoed bill goes back to the chamber of origin. If the veto is overridden, the bill moves to the second chamber for it's reconsideration. If not, the bill dies.

How to Effectively Contact your Legislator

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Legislators work for YOU!

YOUR ideas are valuable. Make sure they listen to YOU.

Be Identified	Be Concise	Be Clear	Be Personal	Be Passionate	Be Respectful
Name + Zip Code + Relevant qualification.	Clear yes/no stand on issue.	One issue per contact. Three paragraphs max.	Story about relevance to you.	Show you care.	Don't threaten or scream.
I am Vicki Voter. I live in your district (30318). I have three children.	I am writing to express my support for Bill ##.	Air pollution is harmful to little lungs. This bill would address that.	My children play outside every day.	I want them to love sports, be outside, and grow up healthy.	I appreciate your attention to this important issue. Thank you for your time.

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