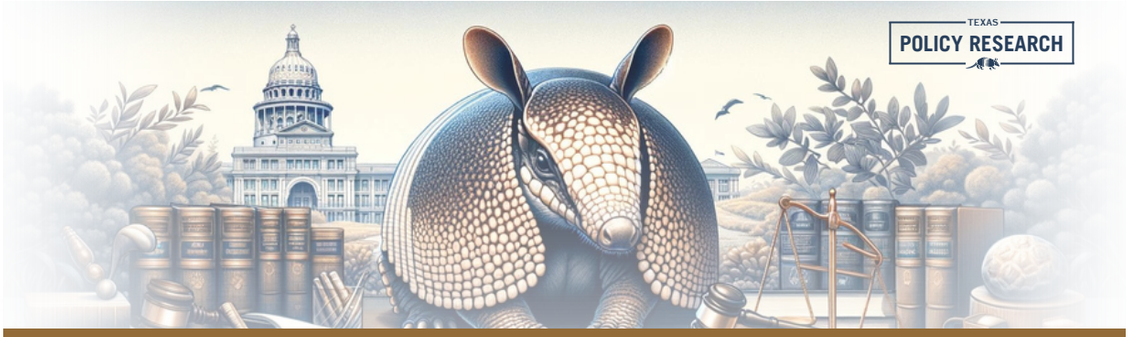

Process for House Bills - Texas Legislature

Texas House of Representatives

Filed & First Reading
Bill is filed, assigned a number, read for the first time, and then directed to a committee by the Speaker of the House

Committee Action
Committee has option to hold hearings and vote on bill

- No Amendment. Substitute or Amendment
- Vote fails. No hearing or left pending

Printing & Distribution
Committee report printed and distributed and sent to appropriate calendar committee

Floor Consideration
Requires placement on House Calendar

Second Reading
Second Reading, debate, amendment, and passage to third reading

Third Reading
Third Reading, debate, amendment, and final passage by the House

Engrossed
If bill passes on third reading, it is engrossed and any amendment is incorporated

Texas Senate

Received & First Reading
Engrossed bill is received from the House, read, and referred to committee by the Lieutenant Governor

Committee Action
Committee has option to hold hearings and vote on bill

- No Amendment. Substitute or Amendment
- Vote fails. No hearing or left pending

Printing & Distribution
Committee report printed and distributed and added to the regular order of business

Floor Consideration
Requires placement on the intent calendar and 5/9 vote to suspend the regular order of business

Second Reading
Second Reading, debate, amendment, and passage to third reading

Third Reading
Third Reading, debate, amendment, and final passage by the Senate

- If Amended
- If Not Amended

Senate Amendments
Printed and distributed

- House refuses to concur
- House concurs

Conference Committee
If a conference committee is appointed, each chamber names 5 members to the committee

Conference Committee Report
CCRs printed and distributed

- CCR not adopted by one or both chambers
- CCR adopted in House & Senate

Enrolled
By House Clerk

Signed
By Speaker of the House and Lieutenant Governor

Sent to Governor

- Vetoes Bill
- Signs Bill
- Takes No Action

- Bill Dies
- Veto Override
- Bill Becomes Law