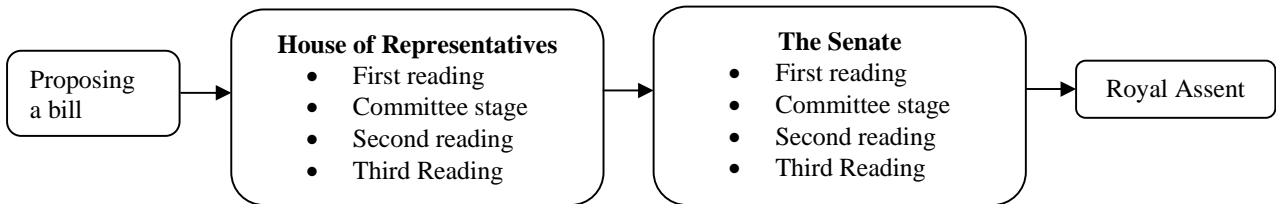
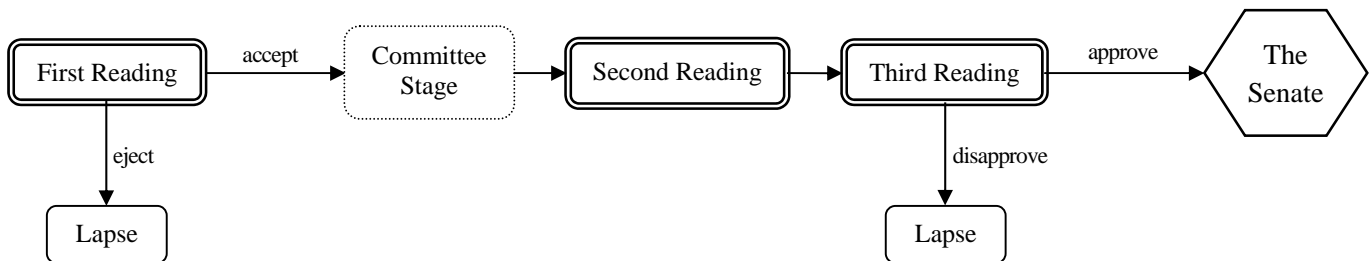


The Passage of a Bill



A bill, a proposal for a new law or a proposal to change an existing law, is presented for debate before the National Assembly. Any bill must start in the House of Representatives, then going to the Senate. When a bill has completed all its stages in the both Houses, it must have Royal Assent before it becomes an Act. Generally, laws come into force after being published in the Royal Thai Government Gazette.

The Consideration of a Bill in the House of Representatives



Consideration of a bill shall be made in three formal readings respectively.

First reading - the House considers and resolves whether to accept or reject the principle of the bill. The House may entrust a committee to consider before accepting the principle. In the case where the House resolves to reject the principle of the bill, the bill lapses.

Committee stage - the assigned committee considers the bill. Once committee stage is finished, the bill returns to the floor of the House.

Second reading - the House considers the bill already deliberated by the committee in order of the sections.

Third reading - the House resolves whether to approve or disapprove the bill without any debate. In the case where the House resolves to approve the bill at the third reading, the Speaker of the House proceeds to deliver such bill to the Senate. If rejecting, the bill is lapses.

