

Dear Friends,

I hope you and your family have stayed warm during this winter weather! I was able to make it down to Austin on Monday before the weather got too bad so while it wasn't a normal week at the Capitol, it was still a productive one.

I was especially grateful to connect online with over 60 retired educators from our District on Wednesday. We discussed the issues important to them and I reiterated my strong commitment to support our active and retired teachers.

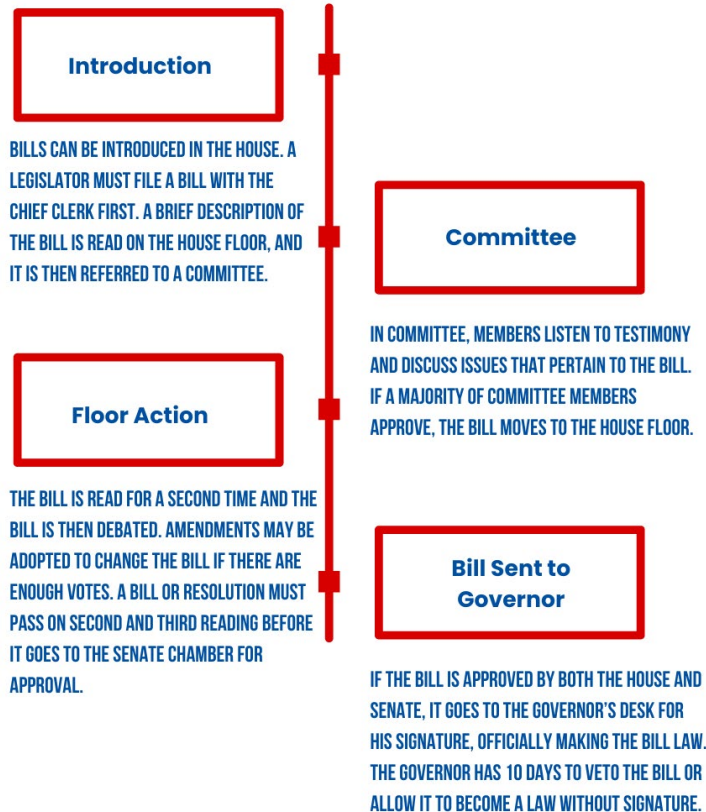


HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW IN TEXAS

As session rolls on, I wanted to make sure you were aware of the process of how a bill becomes law and how you can register to receive real-time updates on bills that are important to you.

The 140-day legislative process has many steps. From the introduction of a bill to its delivery to the Governor's desk, check out this flow chart so you know how a bill becomes a law in Texas. For even more information on this process, visit house.texas.gov/about-us/bill/.

How a bill becomes a law in Texas



I also encourage you to visit [Texas Legislature Online](http://TexasLegislatureOnline.com) and follow the steps to help track bills you are interested in during the Legislative Session. By signing up for legislative alerts, you have the opportunity to receive real-time updates as bills move throughout the lawmaking process. It is an incredibly useful tool available to the public and is one that we highly recommend to constituents.

We expect committee assignments to come out any day now and as soon as they do, I'll be sure to update you!

Until then, I hope you have a great (and warm) weekend!

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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