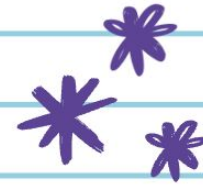




**Legislative
Basics**

Presenter



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Goals

Goal #1

Find out who represents YOU

Goal #2

Become familiar with how the process works

Goal #3

Learn to communicate effectively

How do I know who represents me?

There are two great resources:

- vote.utah.gov
- le.utah.gov

Let's look at both of these.

Each governmental entity also has their own website and social media accounts, they may also have a newsletter.

vote.utah.gov



This website is your best resource for all things election related. You can check to make sure you are registered to vote and find candidate information here.

vote.utah.gov

- How can I vote?
- Track my mail or provisional ballot
- Learn about candidates & issues
- Interactive Data Hub
- Voter Registration Portal
- Petitions

LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES & ISSUES

There is no current election information to display.

Your address information:

Precinct: 25CH04
(Use another address)

How can I vote?

[Learn about the candidates and issues](#)

[Track my ballot](#)

[Find my voter registration](#)

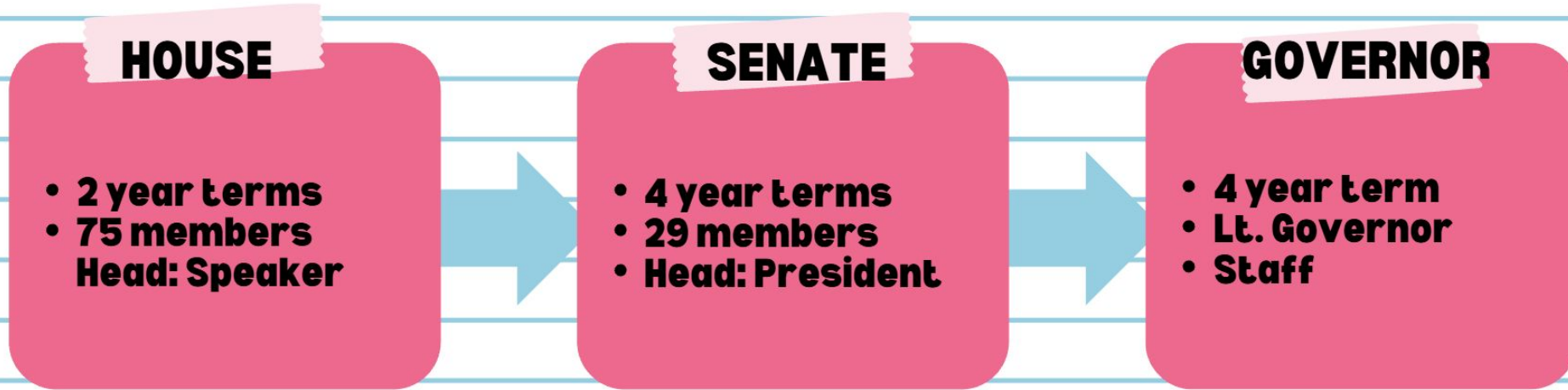
[Register to vote or update voter registration](#)

[Update Ballot Mailing Address](#)

[Contact my elected officials](#)

[Voter ID Requirements](#)

Levels of State Representation



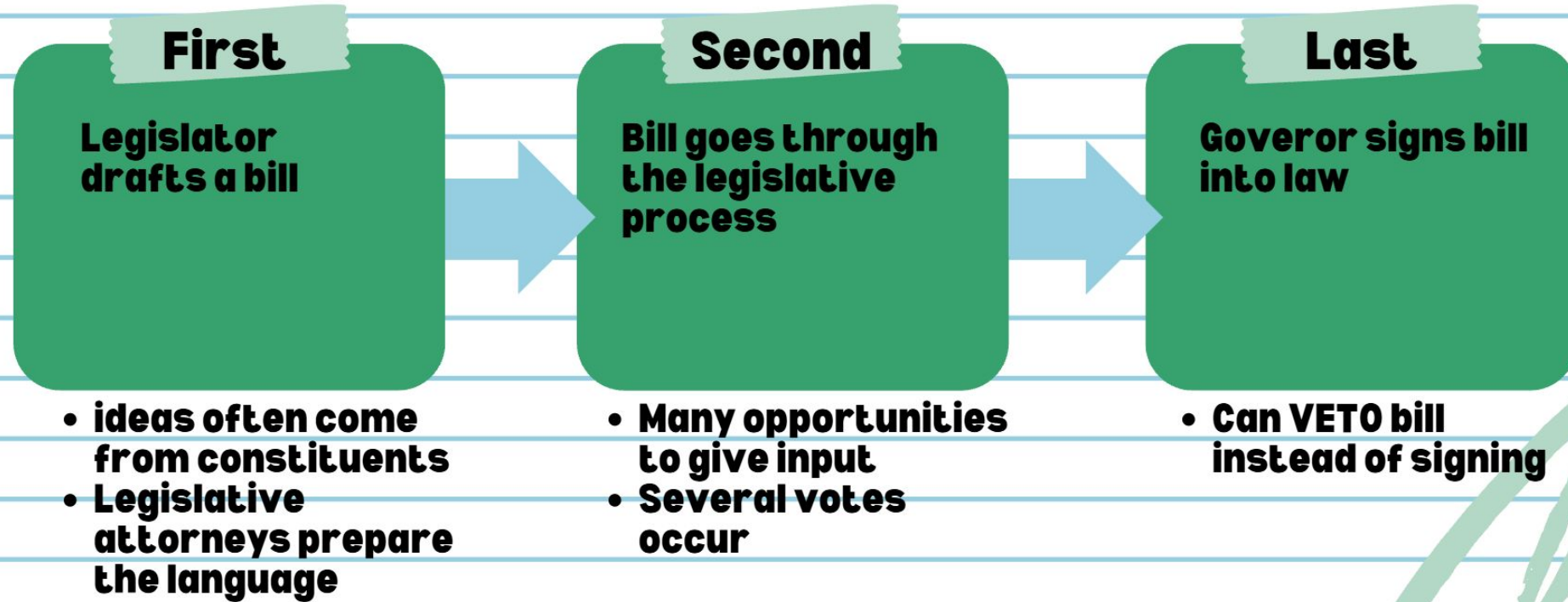
Our Utah Legislature is made up of approximately 80% Republicans and 20% Democrats. We have only one third party legislator: Senator Emily Buss, District 11

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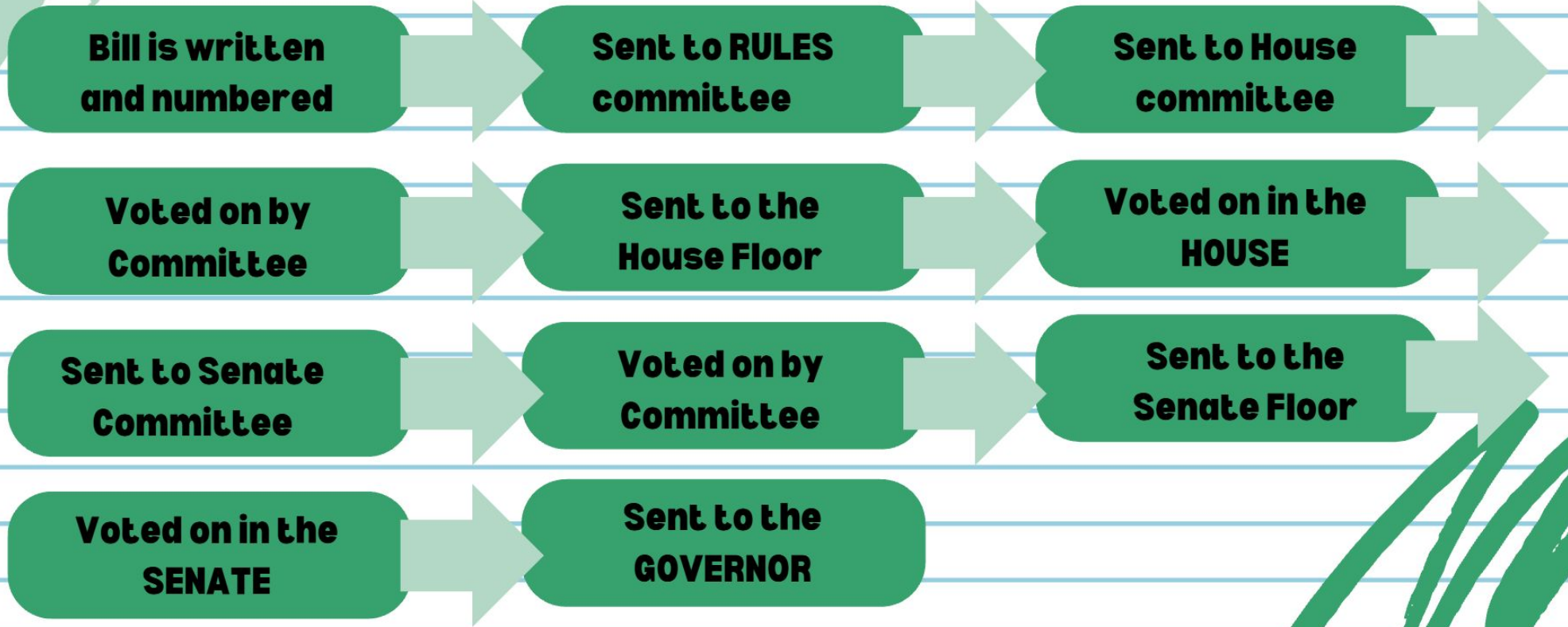


**This is the official website of the Utah State Legislature.
Be sure to bookmark it! There is a wealth of great
information here.**

How does the process work?



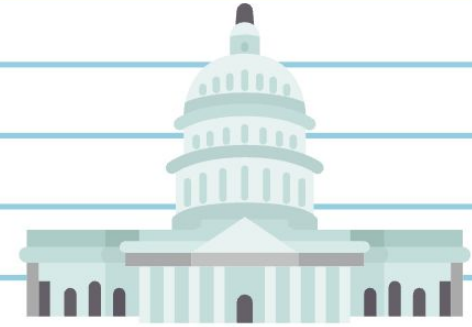
The Legislative Process for HOUSE bills



A SENATE bill will start in the Senate and then go to the HOUSE

WHEN can I give input?

Most legislation happens during the official legislative session, which runs from January to March.



Committees

- Email
- Speak to whole committee
 - In Person
 - Online

Whole Body

- Email
- Text
- Speak directly to legislator

Governor

- Email
- Text
- Leave message at office

HOWEVER, select committees are formed as INTERIM committees and meet monthly for the whole year. These committees discuss and study topics which become the basis for many bills that are run in the next session. Interim meetings are a really good time to give feedback on these important topics.

How can I communicate effectively?

Remember these things:

- **Representatives are just people.**
- **They don't know everything.**
- **They want your input.**
- **Their time is limited.**

Find out how they prefer to communicate with you- email, text, call or in person!



Don't be afraid to reach out!



**Identify
yourself**



**Keep it Short
& Polite**



**Develop a
relationship**

**You do not have to know every detail of the subject
you are concerned about. Give them your
thoughts and what parts are important to you.**



Communication ideas:

**Sign up for their
Newsletter**

Phone Calls

Text

**Follow on Social
Media**

**Comment in a
Meeting**

**Ask for a Capitol
Tour**

Email

**Say Hello at an
event**

**Invite them
to your event**

**Civic Engagement
Nights**

**Ask them to meet
with you**



**Thanks for
coming!**

Connect with us on social media



FACEBOOK

- Utah PTA
- Utah PTA Advocacy
- Utah PTA Super Secondary
- Utah PTA Excellent Elementary
- Utah PTA Treasurers
- Utah PTA Reflections
- Utah School Community Councils
- Utah PTA Teachers
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