

State Legislative Processes

Colorado Process:

1. Committee hearings
2. 2nd reading (House and Senate Floors)
3. 3rd reading (House and Senate Floors)
4. Sent to governor for consideration

Nebraska Process:

1. Committee Hearing
2. General File (The first time the full Legislature has the opportunity to debate and vote on bills)
3. Enrollment and Review (Previously adopted amendments are incorporated into a bill)
4. Select File (Second debating and voting stage. This step allows another opportunity for amendment. Bills on Select File may be indefinitely postponed or advanced to the next stage)
5. Final Reading (Unicameral Floor)
6. Sent to governor for consideration

New Mexico Process:

1. Bill Introduction
2. Committee Review – Each bill is assigned for review in one or more committees in the House and the Senate. The committee can approve the bill, amend it, substitute it, forward it without recommendation, or kill the bill by tabling it or voting to Do Not Pass.
 - a. **Tabled** – A bill can be tabled indefinitely on a majority vote (5-3) of committee, or tabled temporarily on a split vote (4-4). A bill that has been tabled, can only be brought off of the table by a member that voted in the majority to table the bill. If tabled temporarily, it can be brought off the table for another vote by a member that previously voted to oppose bill.
 - b. **Committee Substitute** – If a bill is changed substantially by a committee, they will vote do not pass, but do pass as substituted. This will be the form of the bill that will move forward.
 - c. **Do Pass as Amended** – A committee can make minor amendments to a bill and they will vote do not pass, but do pass as amended.
3. House and Senate Floor Votes
 - a. **Concurrence** – If a bill passes one house and is amended and passed in the other house, the bill must go back to the original house for concurrence or a conference committee will be appointed to negotiate a final version of the bill.
4. Sent to governor for consideration

Wyoming Process:

1. Committee Hearing
2. General File
3. Committee of the Whole
4. Second Reading (House and Senate Floor)
5. Third Reading (House and Senate Floor)
6. Sent to governor for consideration