

Restore Justice Foundation

Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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Campaign and Advocacy

Every idea aspiring to become a law in Illinois has to go through at least SIX and sometimes SEVEN hurdles:

It is **extremely rare** for a bill that has opposition to pass without amendments. A good sponsor will work with opponents, supporters, and stakeholders to make smart amendments that strike the best middle ground.

A bill that does not get through these 6 7 steps over the course of a session (from January through May each year) is considered dead for the year and will have to begin again. Once a bill has failed to get out of committee, it is dead for the year.

A bill is just an idea! If it starts with HB or SB (or HR or SR) it is NOT YET A LAW. Laws begin with PA.

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