

# STEPS TO PASS CHART OF HOUSE BILLS AND SENATE FILES IN THE WYOMING GIRLS STATE LEGISLATURE

1. Girls State Delegate researches and writes a bill, and sends it to Girls State Staff prior to attending Girls State.
2. Girls State Staff assigns the bill to a committee based on subject and workload of committee. Some bills may be combined with similar bills or remain unassigned due to other reasons.
3. Girls State Legislature convenes. The Chief Clerk of the first house reads title of the bill on first reading and the President/Speaker assigns the bill to a standing committee.
4. Depending on workload, the standing committee may take up the bill. The standing committee can approve the bill by recommending that the bill "do pass" or if the bill is amended, recommending "do pass amended". The standing committee may also fail the bill by issuing a "do not pass" recommendation or by simply declining to take up or vote on the bill.
5. If the bill passes out of the committee, the Floor Leader in the first house may schedule the bill in the Committee of the Whole (COW). The bill may leave COW with a "do pass recommendation" with or without amendments. The bill may also fail to Pass Committee of the Whole, whereby it is considered "indefinitely postponed".
6. If the bill passes COW, it is taken up in the first house for second reading (the final roll call vote) the next day. The bill can pass the first house with or without amendments, or it may fail. If it passes, the bill is to sent to the second house for consideration.
7. The Chief Clerk of the second house reads the title of the bill on first reading and the President/Speaker assigns the bill to a standing committee.
8. Depending on workload, the standing committee in the second house may take up the bill. The standing committee can approve the bill by recommending that the bill "do pass" or if the bill is amended, recommending "do pass amended". The standing committee may also fail the bill by issuing a "do not pass" recommendation or by simply declining to take up or vote on the bill.
9. If the bill passes out of the committee, the Floor Leader in the second house may schedule the bill in the Committee of the Whole. The bill may leave COW with a "do pass recommendation" with or without amendments. The bill may also fail to Pass Committee of the Whole, whereby it is considered "indefinitely postponed".
10. If the bill passes COW, it is taken up in the second house for second reading (the final roll call vote) the next day. The bill can pass the second house with or without amendments, or it may fail.
11. If the bill passes the second house in the same form that it passed the first house, the bill is sent to the Governor of Girls State for her signature. The Governor may approve a bill or veto it. If the bill is vetoed, both houses can override only if there is at least 2/3rds vote in each house.
12. If the bill passes the second house in a different form than it passed the first house, it is sent back to the first house to seek their concurrence by majority vote to the changes in the second house. If the first house concurs in the changes made by the second house, the bill proceeds to the Governor for signature. If the first house fails to concur in the changes made by the second house, then each house must appointment a three-member conference committee to meet with the committee members in the other house to work out the differences between the two versions of the bill. Both houses must approve any proposed changes to the bill. When both houses pass identical versions, the bill is sent to the Governor for veto consideration.