# ADVOCACIAN ROLLAND

### WHAT IS ADVOCACY?

- \* INFLUENCING DECISION-MAKERS
- \* CHAMPIONING AN ISSUE
- \* ACTION DIRECTED





### WHAT CAN IT DO?

GOAL: INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICY, OPINION, AND/OR PRACTICE.

WHEN COMMUNITY MEMBERS, LOCAL INTEREST GROUPS, OR COALITIONS ADVOCATE TOGETHER, COMMUNITIES ARE STRENGTHENED AND THE PEOPLE ARE EMBOWERED.

# HOW TO ADVOCATIF

# SIGN, CONTACT, MEET







# **INEFFECTIVE ADVOCACY TACTICTS**

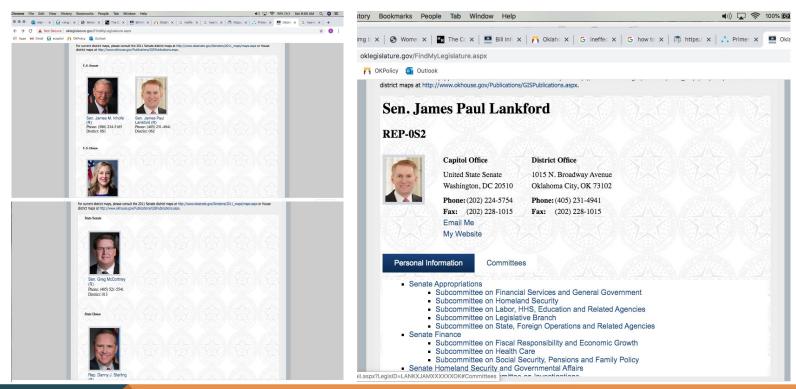






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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- **❖** 101 MEMBERS
- ❖ TWO-YEAR TERMS
- ❖ REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED SINCE 2004
- ❖ 46 FRESHMAN IN THE 57<sup>TH</sup>
- \* HOUSE SPEAKER CHARLES MCCALL

### SENATE

- **♦** 48 MEMBERS
- **❖** FOUR-YEAR TERMS
- ❖ REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED SINCE 2008
- ❖ 10 FRESHMAN IN THE 57<sup>TH</sup>
- ❖ PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE GREG TREAT

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION



IN EVEN YEARS, THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS AT NOON ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN FEBRUARY AND IS REQUIRED TO ADJOURN NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE LAST FRIDAY IN MAY. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING ELECTION YEARS, THE LEGISLATURE CONVENES IN JANUARY ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY TO DETERMINE THE OUTCOMES OF STATEWIDE ELECTIONS.

SPECIAL SESSIONS CAN CONVENE BY THE CALL OF THE GOVERNOR OR AT THE REQUEST OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE SENATE AND TWO-THIRDS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

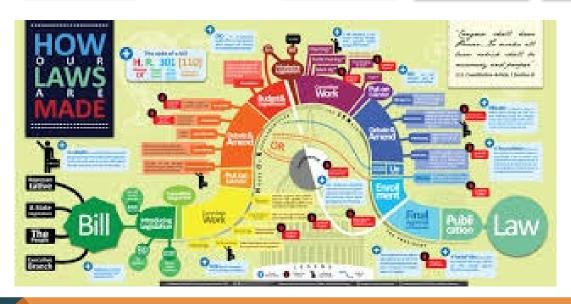
### WHERE DO BILLS COME FROM?

- \* REQUEST OF A GOVERNMENT AGENCEY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- \* REQUEST OF AN INTEREST GROUP
- \* REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
- \* REQUEST OF A CONSTITUENT
- \* NATIONAL MODEL LEGISLATION
- ❖ LEGISLATOR'S INTEREST
- **❖** INTERIM STUDY



# THE PATH OF A BILL

First Second Committee Committee Third Chamber Reading Assignment Hearing Reading Vote



### THE PATH OF A BILL

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED BY LEGISLATOR; "READ" INTO THE HOUSE OR SENATE JOURNAL; PROCEDURAL; USUALLY IN THE FIRST DAYS OF SESSION

**SECOND READING:** REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE; DAY FOLLOWING FIRST READING

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:**

DETERMINED BY CHAMBER LEADERSHIP; SENATE 14 FULL STANDING, 6 APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES; HOUSE 22 FULL STANDING, 10 APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES **COMMITTEE HEARING:** CHAIR PLACES BILL ON THE AGENDA; DEBATE; VOTE; DO PASS OR DIES IN COMMITTEE

**THIRD READING;** PLACED ON GENERAL ORDER; CHANGES CAN BE MADE

**CHAMBER VOTE:** 51 VOTES IN THE HOUSE; 25 VOTES IN THE SENATE; TWO-THIRDS REQUIRED IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE

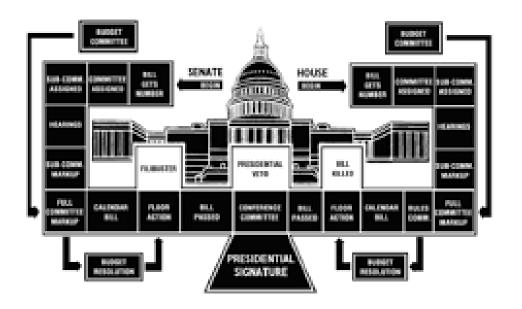
PROCEEDS TO THE OPPOSITE CHAMBER: THE BILL FOLLOWS THE SAME PATH IN THE OPPOSITE CHAMBER

### SENT TO THE GOVERNORS

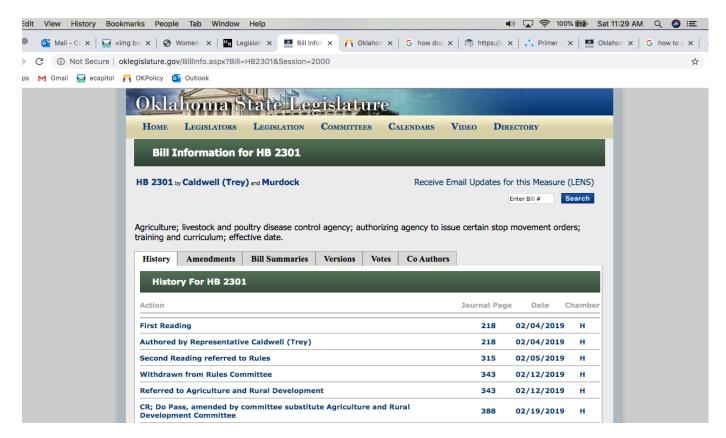
**DESK:** SIGNED INTO LAW WITHIN 5 DAYS; BECOMES LAW WITH NO ACTION WITHIN 5 DAYS; VETO THE BILL

## FEDERAL PROCESS

### How does a Bill become Law?

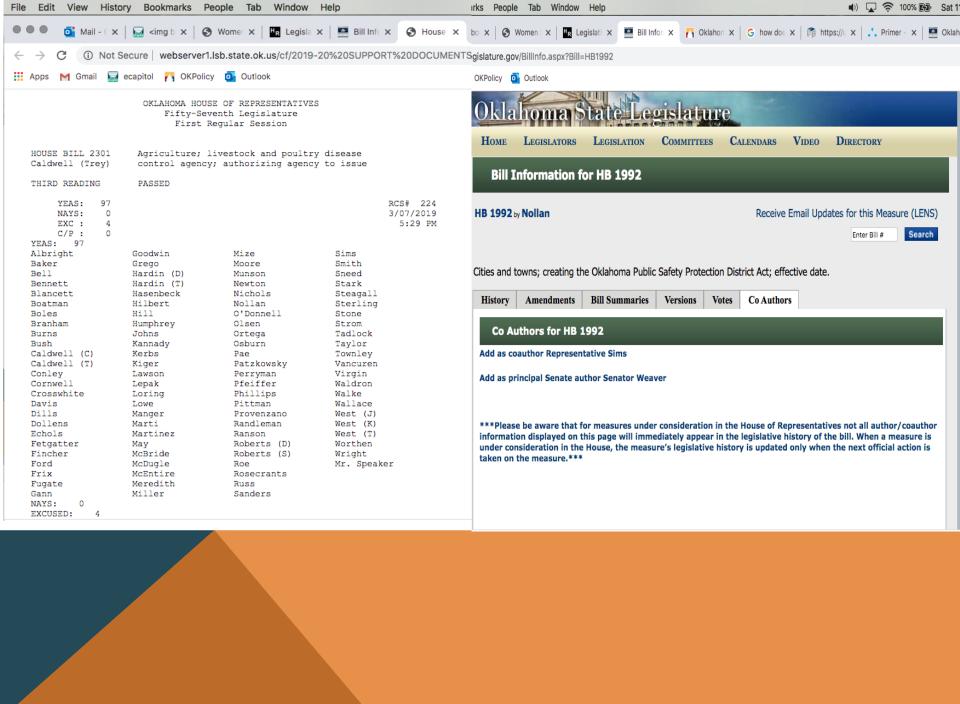


### TRACKING LEGISLATION



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