HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW – A (SOMEWHAT SIMPLIFIED) ROADMAP TO PASSAGE IN NEW YORK STATE

START WITH A PROPOSAL FOR A BILL

*A bill can be amended at any time during this process - and often is - as the sponsor receives both positive and negative feedback. This can delay or derail the bill.

Bill is introduced by a member of the Senate or Assembly, or both

Bill is referred to committee with relevant subject matter jurisdiction

Bill is placed on a committee agenda for a vote

Bill is reported to the floor

Bill is placed on the calendar and aged for 3 days ("calendar reading")

Bill is placed on the 'active list' to be voted on by the full house

Bill passes with a majority vote

After Bill passes BOTH houses, it is delivered to the Governor by the house that first passed the bill

Bill is signed or no action is taken (generally, 10 day deadline for Governor to act)

Bill is chaptered and becomes a law

FINISH WITH A LAW

Public Hearing held to discuss the bill

DETOUR

Bill is referred to another committee (w/ or w/o positive report)

Bill is 'laid aside' by the sponsor

STOP

Bill is 'held' for consideration

No action taken and the bill 'dies' in committee

Bill doesn't pass and 'dies'

DEAD END

ALTERNATE ROUTE

Bill is vetoed

Veto is overturned by 2/3 majority vote in each house

Bill is defeated

Bill sits on 3rd calendar reading indefinitely

YIELD