

SS.7.C.3.9

Illustrate the law making process at the local, state, and federal levels.

Federal or State

- Bill is introduced in the Senate or in the House of Representatives
 - Bill goes to a committee
 - If committee approves the bill, it goes to the full House or Senate
 - If approved, the process is repeated in the other chamber
 - Both chambers must pass the exact same bill (word for word)
 - If there are differences, a "Conference Committee" will propose a compromise
 - that bill would have to be approved by both chambers
- If a bill is approved by both chambers, it goes to the president (federal) or governor (state)
 - president or governor can sign the bill or veto it

Local (city or county)

- The legislative branch is a city council, county commission, or similar elected body
 - Usually just one chamber; may or may not have a committee that must approve the bill first
 - Rules vary from one locality to another: Example – a city's mayor may or may not have veto power