



Library legislation basics

Focusing on all things Indiana!

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The BASICS

- Legislative Process in the Indiana General Assembly
- Who are your state legislators?
- Your 30-second elevator speech
- Advocacy from the Front Lines-YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
- Following along during the IN legislative session

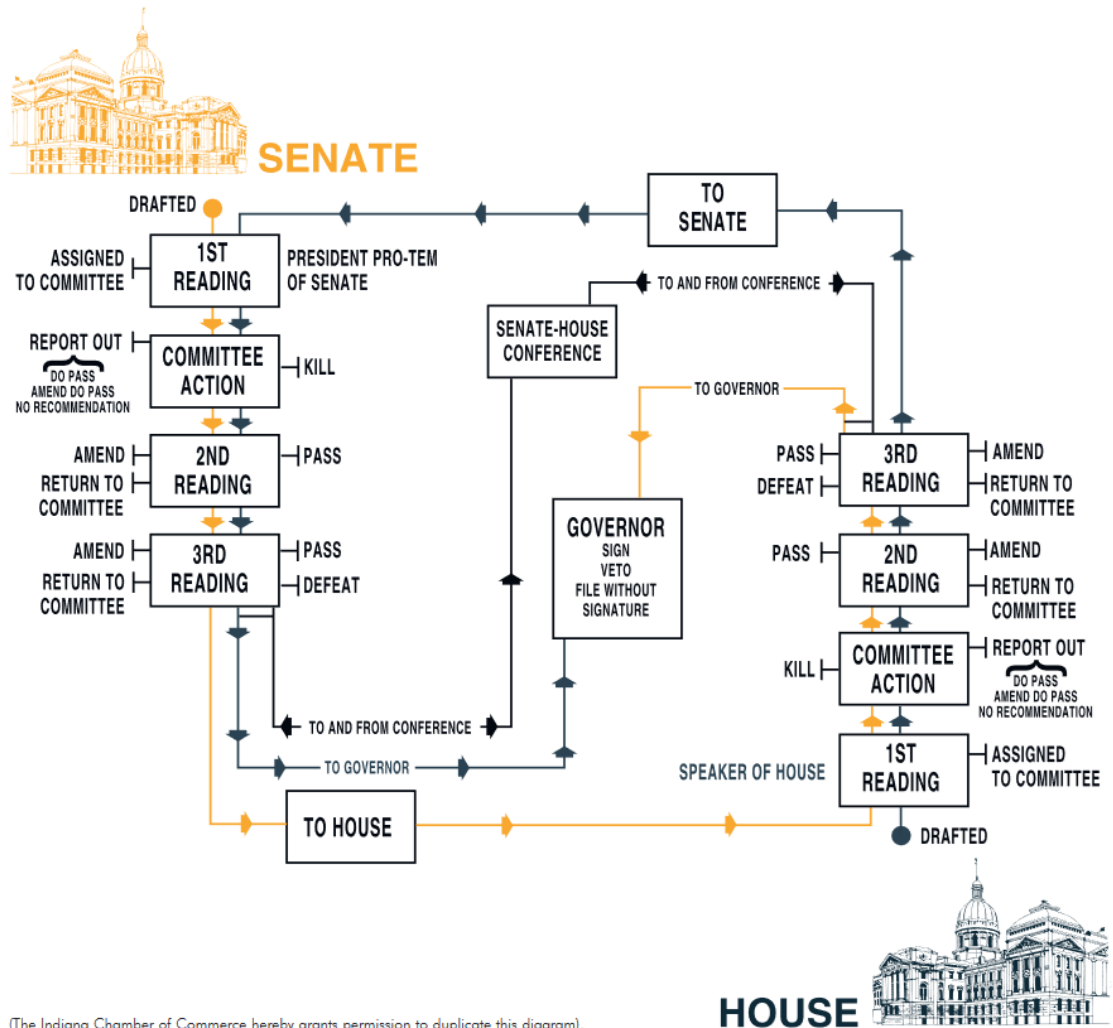


Indiana General Assembly

- 2 parts of the General Assembly: House and Senate
- 100 Representatives (serve 2-year terms)
- 50 Senators (serve 4-year terms)
- District maps available at: iga.in.gov/information/
- Even years = Long Session (budget years)
- Odd years = Short Session

Legislative process of the IN General Assembly

<https://www.indianachamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/HowABillBecomesLaw2018.pdf>



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WHO are your state legislators?

- Find your legislator:
iga.in.gov/information/find-legislators
- Depending on where you work and live, you might have multiple legislators that you know and/or have relationships with but you will have 1 Representative and 1 Senator that represents you and where you reside
- Legislative Mapping Survey for ILF:





Our personal experiences...



Advocacy from the Front Lines YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- How do I know who to talk to?
- What do I talk about?
- Key information to know about your library
- When should I tell someone about a conversation?
- You really can make a difference!



Your 30-second elevator speech

Spurs decision makers to action!

Short, Specific and Memorable!

Practice, Practice, Practice! (...makes perfect!...)

THE MESSAGE: What do you need your audience to know?

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THE STORY & KEY DATA: Connect the message to your work, use quick facts/data and a story!

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THE ASK: Consider WHO you are talking to, what they care about, what kind of impact can they make?
Make a specific request.

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YOUR ELEVATOR SPEECH!



Following along during the legislative session

ILF Advocacy Committee works very closely with our lobbying firm, Taft Public Affairs Group

ILF issues the *Library Advocacy Update* weekly newsletter during session for anyone who subscribes (membership not required)

Read about ILF Advocacy updates on website: <https://inlf.memberclicks.net/advocacy>

ILF Membership includes:

- Bi-weekly Zoom updates during the legislative session
- Taft Reports & Bill Tracking List

Look for “Calls to Action” on library listservs

Follow ILF Social Media

Pay attention to your local news outlets

Mark your calendars! — Library Statehouse Day is Tuesday, January 23, 2024!



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