HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW IN MASSACHUSETTS

1. **Bill Filed in the House or Senate**
2. **Committee holds Executive Session (Take Vote)**
   - Yes → **Bill is dead**
   - No → **Floor Debate in 1st Chamber**
3. **Floor Debate in 1st Chamber**
   - Vote on Engrossment
   - Yes → **Ordered to a Third Reading in 1st Chamber**
   - No → **Bill is dead**
4. **Ordered to a Third Reading in 1st Chamber**
5. **Sent to 2nd Chamber for Second and Third Reading, Debate, and Vote**
   - Yes → **Back to 1st Chamber for vote on changes**
   - No → **Bill is dead**
6. **Back to 1st Chamber for vote on changes**
7. **Conference Committee appointed to iron out differences (if necessary)**
8. **Sent to Governor**
   - Yes → **Enactment in House and Senate**
   - VETO
9. **House & Senate can override veto by a 2/3 majority vote**
   - Yes → **Bill BECOMES LAW**
   - No → **Bill is dead**