

Law-Making Cut and Paste

Years 5–6 | Ages 8–13 with support | 30 minutes

Cut the seven cards. Arrange them on the pathway mat on page 2.

Both agree on the same text

Changes may need further agreement.

A bill is drafted

The proposed law is written.

It becomes an Act

It is now a law; its start date can be later.

An idea is proposed

People suggest a change.

Royal Assent is given

The Governor-General signs the bill.

Other house considers it

The other house debates and passes it.

First house considers it

The bill is introduced, debated and passed.

A simplified successful pathway. Bills may be changed, delayed or rejected. Many can start in either house; some financial bills must start in the House of Representatives.

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Place or glue one card in each box. Read the whole pathway aloud.

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Circle the Royal Assent stage after your sequence is complete.