

Put Law-Making in Order

Years 5–6 | Ages 8–13 with support | 25 minutes

Number the seven cards from 1 to 7. They show a simplified successful path.

☐**Other house considers it**

The other house debates and passes it.

☐**An idea is proposed**

People suggest a change.

☐**It becomes an Act**

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

☐**First house considers it**

The bill is introduced, debated and passed.

☐**Royal Assent is given**

The Governor-General signs the bill.

☐**A bill is drafted**

The proposed law is written.

☐**Both agree on the same text**

Changes may need further agreement.

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.

Why must both houses agree on the same text?
