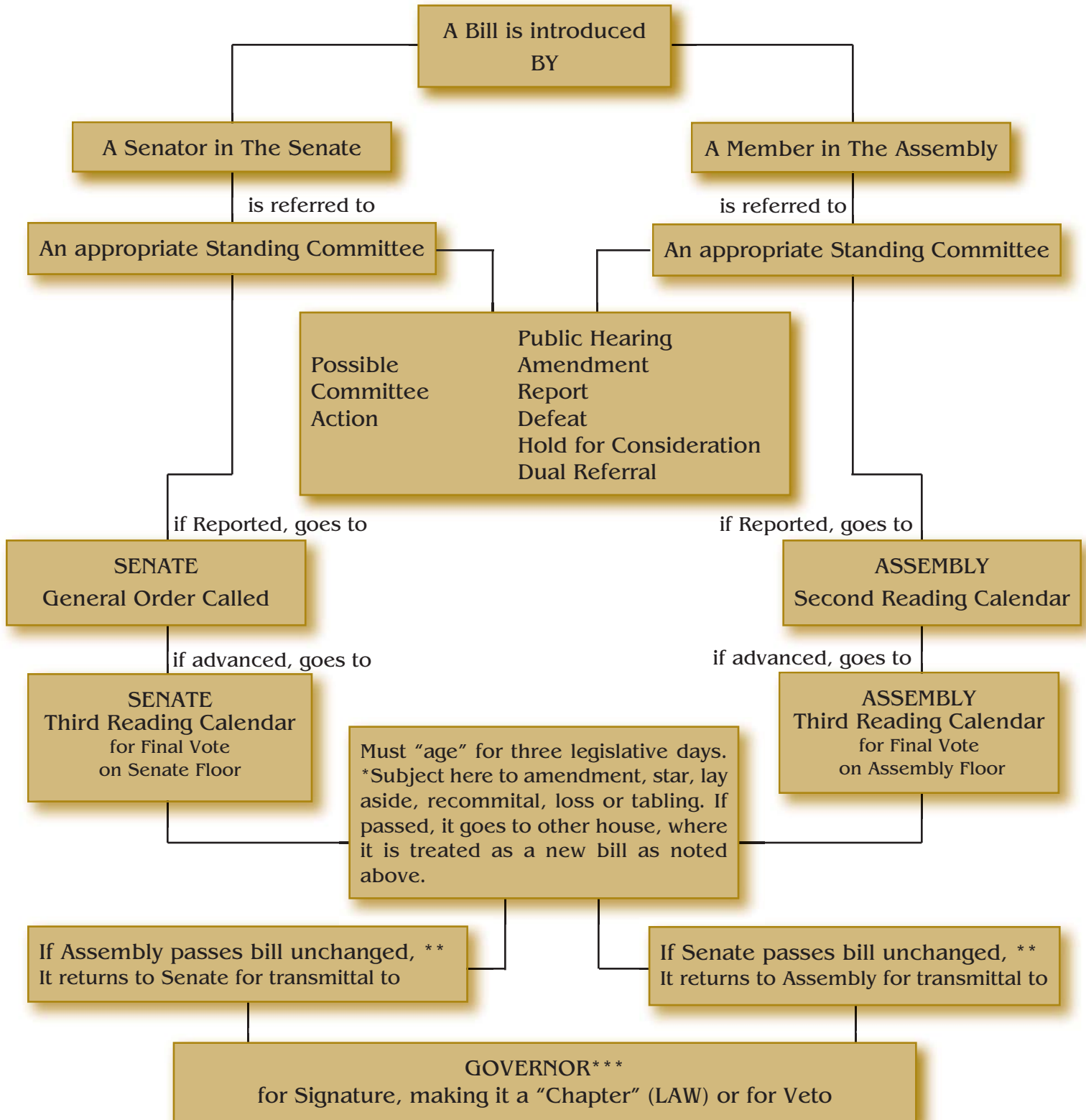


How a BILL Becomes a LAW in New York State



* The State Constitution requires the printed bill to be on Members' desks for three calendar legislative days. The procedures may only be shortened by "Message of Necessity" for immediate vote from the Governor.

** If changed, the house of origin must concur before it goes to the Governor.

*** Governor has 10 days, excluding Sundays, to act on bills sent by 10 days before adjournment. If Governor does not act in that time, the bills automatically becomes law. Governor has 30 calendar days after legislature adjourns to act on other bills; these bills may not become law without the Governor's approval ("pocket veto")