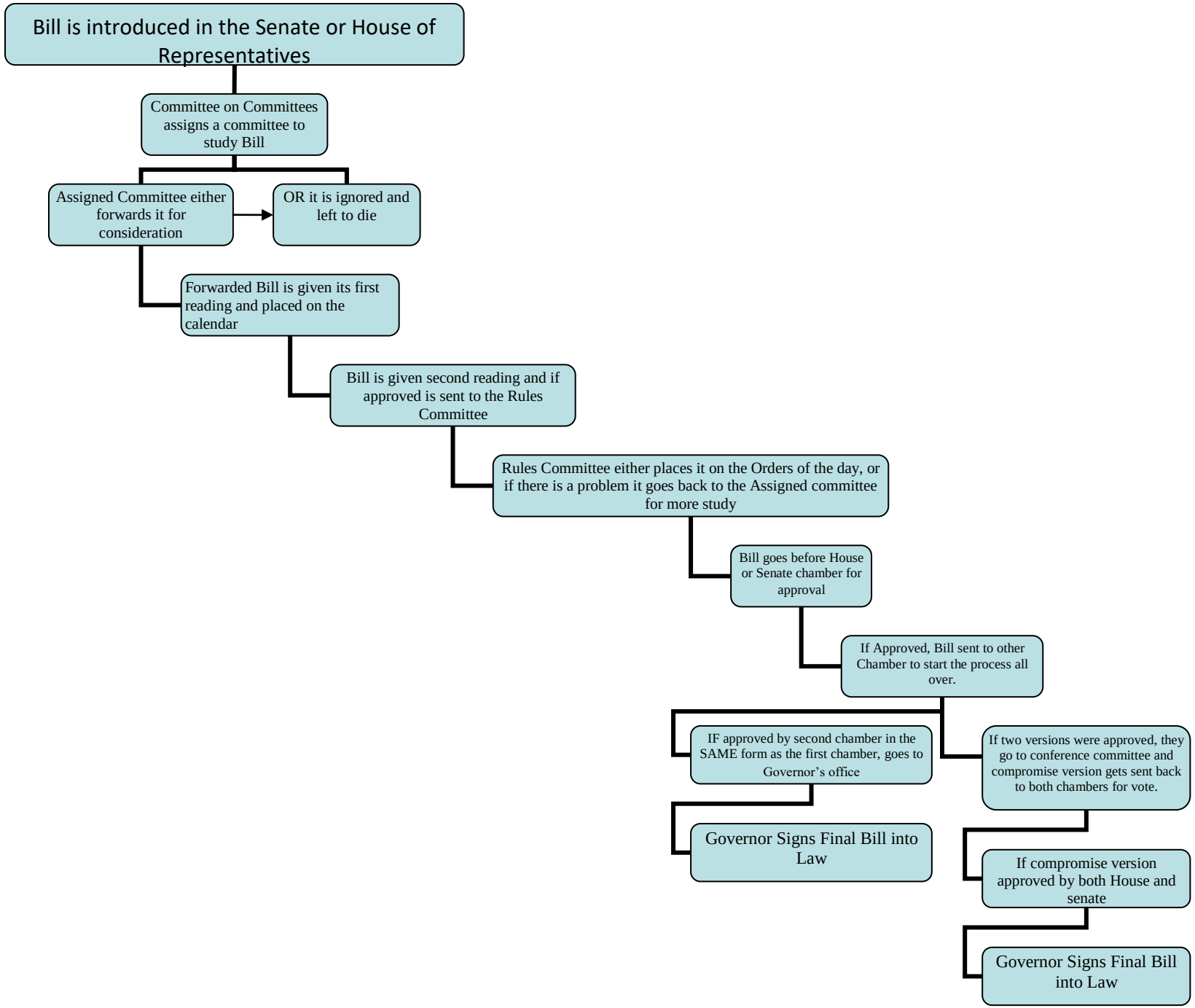
How a Bill Becomes a Law – Note, bill can die or be killed at any point during this process


Bill is introduced in the Senate or House of Representatives
Committee on Committees assigns a committee to study Bill
Assigned Committee either forwards it for consideration
OR it is ignored and left to die
Forwarded Bill is given its first reading and placed on the calendar
Bill is given second reading and if approved is sent to the Rules Committee
Rules Committee either places it on the Orders of the day, or if there is a problem it goes back to the Assigned committee for more study
Bill goes before House or Senate chamber for approval
If Approved, Bill sent to other Chamber to start the process all over.
IF approved by second chamber in the SAME form as the first chamber, goes to Governor's office
Governor Signs Final Bill into Law
If two versions were approved, they go to conference committee and compromise version gets sent back to both chambers for vote.
If compromise version approved by both House and senate
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