How a bill becomes law

First reading
MPs debate and vote on the bill. If the vote is lost, the bill goes no further. If successful, it is sent to a select committee.

Second reading
The House debates the select committee report and votes on the bill. If the vote is lost, the bill goes no further. If successful, the bill is ready for the committee of the whole House.

Third reading
Final debate and vote. If the vote is lost, the bill goes no further. If successful, the bill has been passed.

Bill signed by Governor-General and becomes an Act.