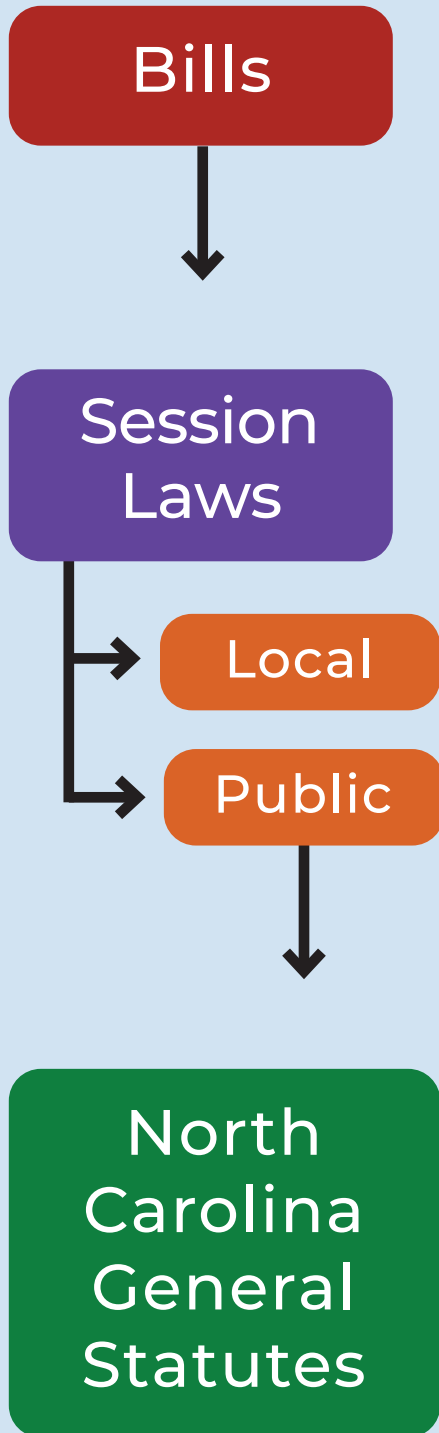


North Carolina Legislative Process



BILLS

- May be introduced in either chamber
- Numbered Sxxx (originating in Senate) or Hxxx (originating in House)
- Considered and finalized by one or more legislative committees
- Must pass both chambers with majority vote before ratification

SESSION LAWS

- Ratified bills and resolutions that have become law
- Governor may sign a bill, veto it or let it become law without signature
- Vetoed bills are not session laws unless veto is overridden
- Bills receive new number (e.g., S.L. 2023-xx) upon becoming session laws and are published in the order they were ratified
- Two types
 - Public laws affect every NC citizen (traffic, tax, criminal, etc.)
 - Local laws affect citizens of 15 or fewer counties (not subject to veto)

STATUTES

- Collection of statewide laws in effect at time of publication
- Arranged by subject into
 - Chapters
 - Articles
 - Sections
- Session laws create new statutes or amend or repeal existing ones
- Each section includes history notes
- Print statutes also include editors' notes, case annotations, an index and more