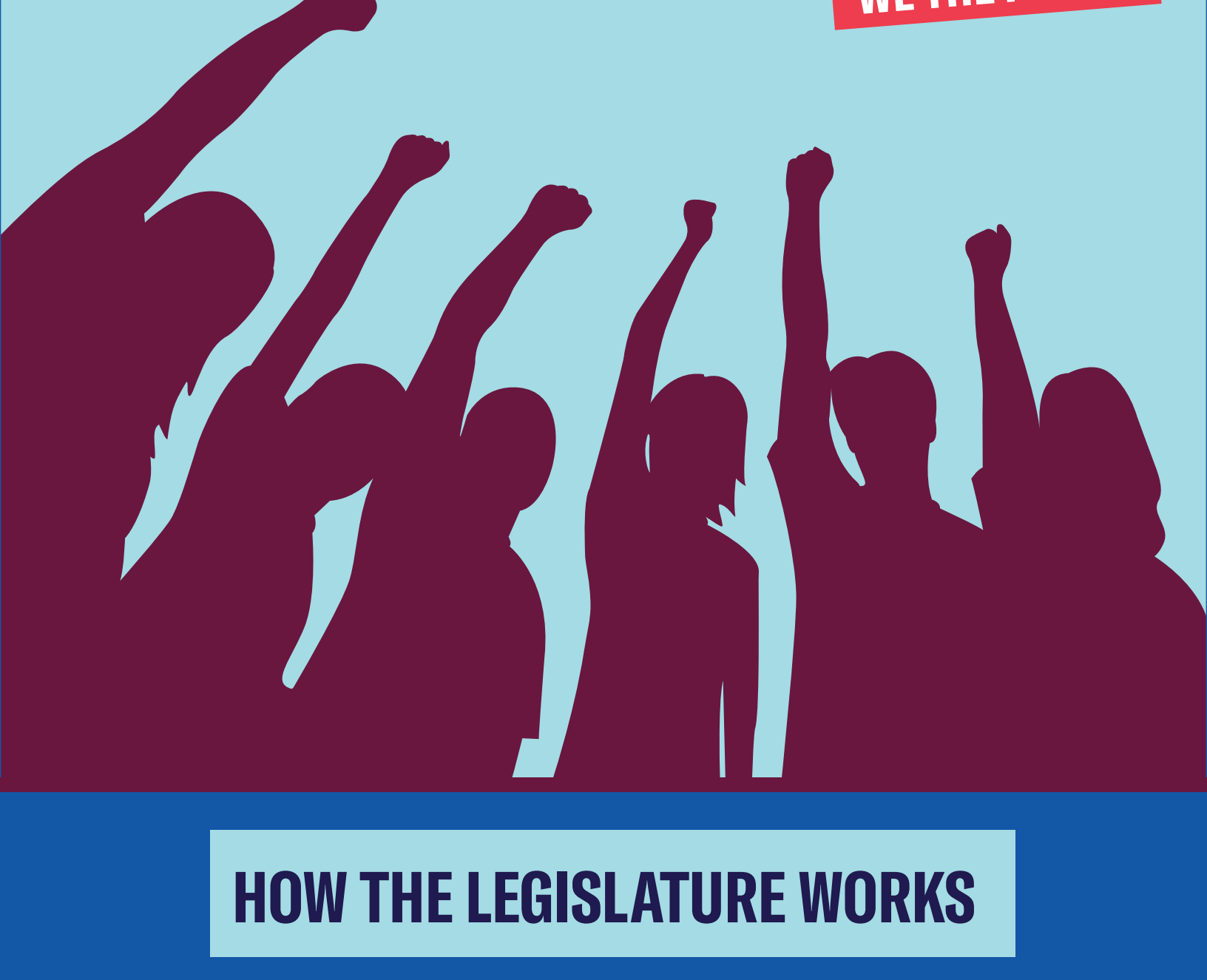
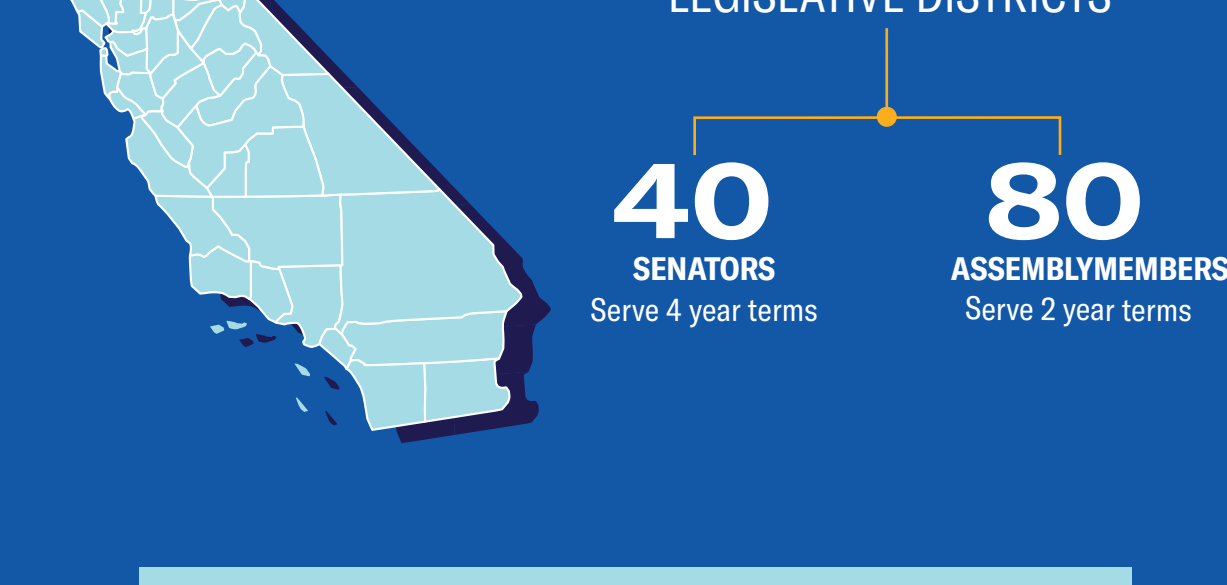


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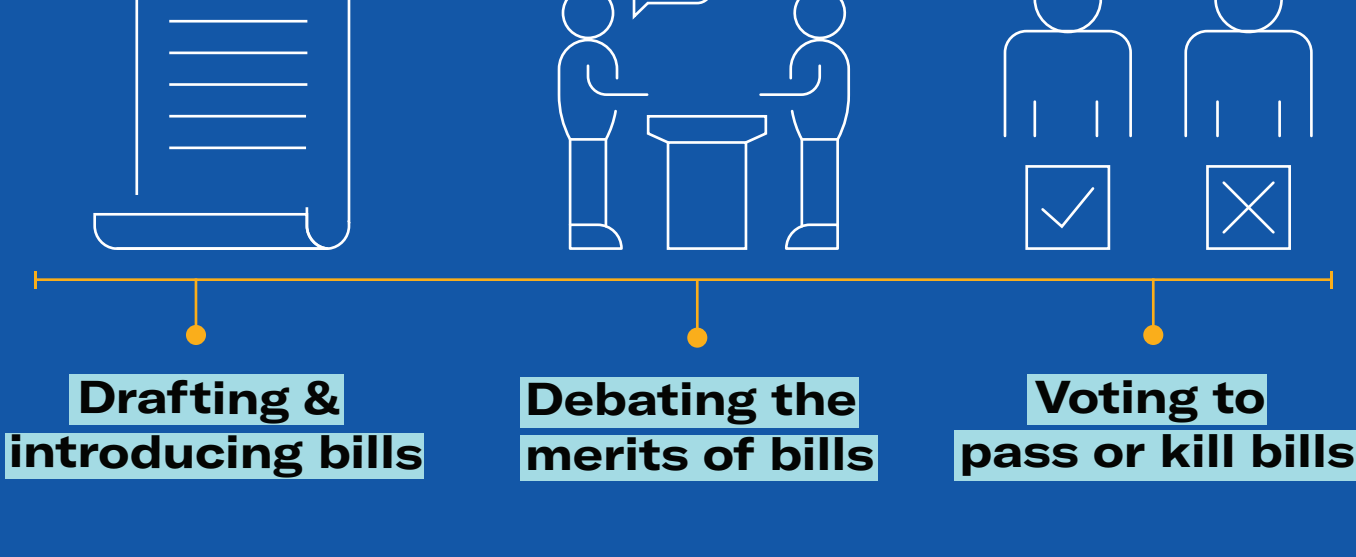
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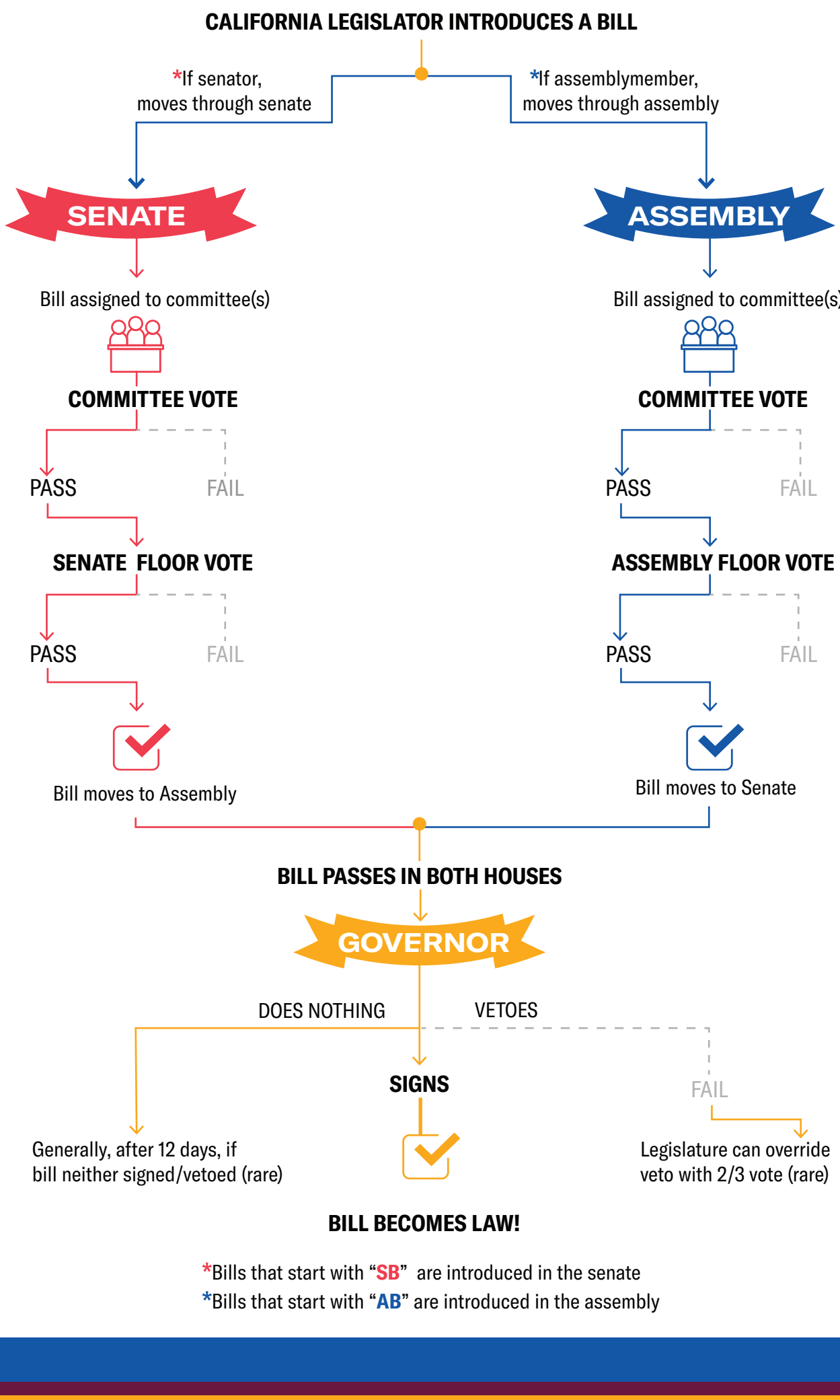
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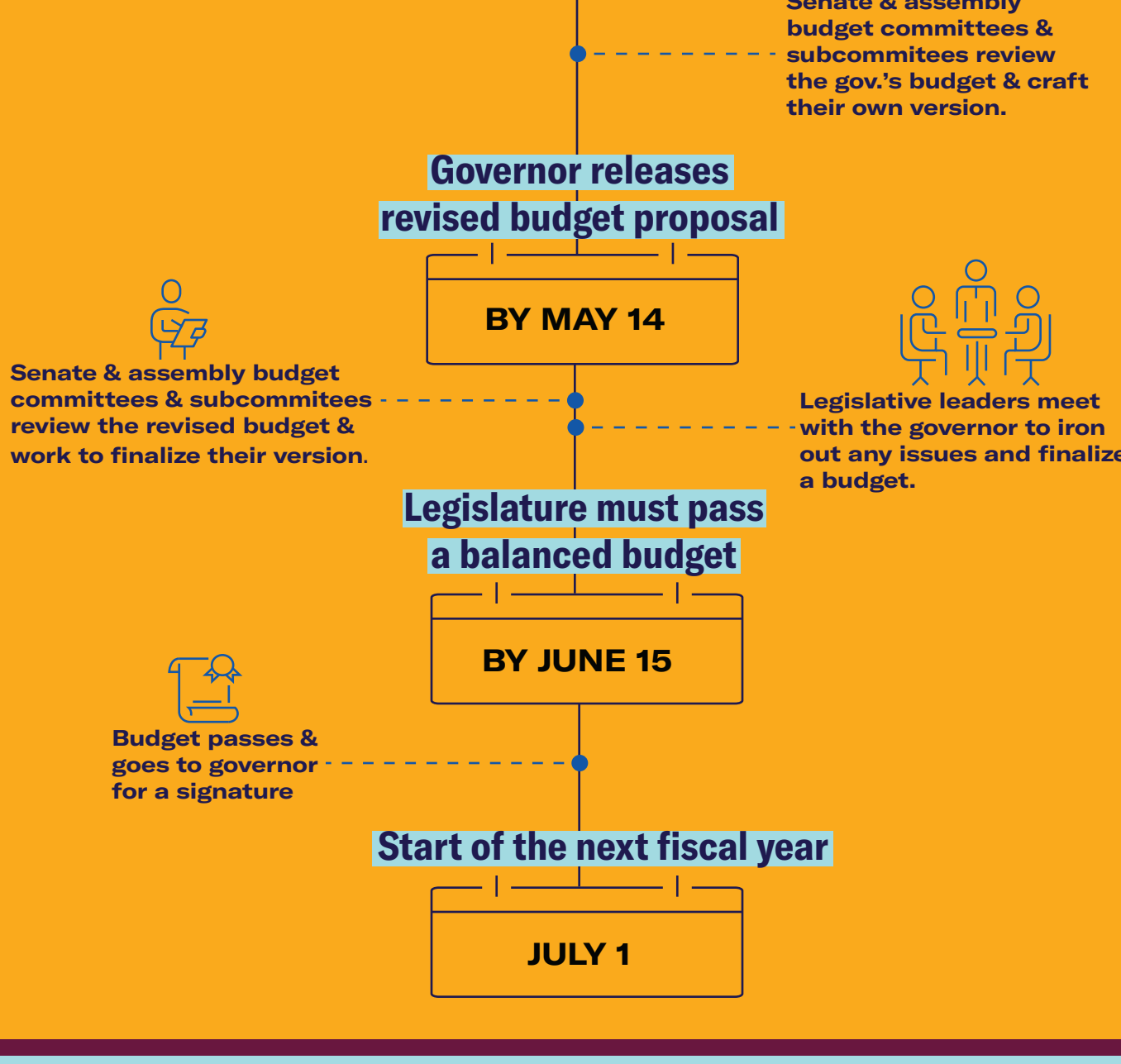
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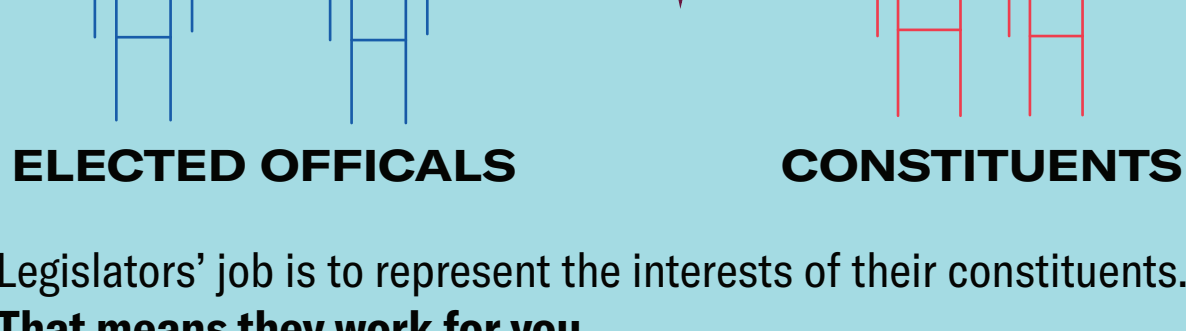
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THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY



Legislators' job is to represent the interests of their constituents. That means they work for you.

RESEARCH YOUR LEGISLATOR

www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers
www.senate.ca.gov/senators

Not sure who your legislators are?
> www.findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov

Here's how you can contact them:

CALL & WRITE THEM

- TIP 1** Know the name of your legislator.
- TIP 2** Plan out what you will say. Be prepared to provide your home address.
- TIP 3** Remember to mention the bill number & why you are contacting your legislator. (i.e. "Vote yes on SB xxxx!")
- TIP 4** Make it short and sweet.
- TIP 5** Tell a personal story, if you have one.
- TIP 6** Frame the problem, solution, & action.

MEET THEM IN PERSON

- STEP ONE** Schedule your meeting.
- STEP TWO** Be flexible and patient.
- STEP THREE** Prepare, educate yourself, & establish a clear goal.
- STEP FOUR** Make a clear ask (i.e. "Vote yes on SB xxxx") & take notes.
- STEP FIVE** Follow up & say thank you!

CONNECT WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS EARLY & OFTEN

Make sure you sign up for our e-mail action alerts at aclu.org for timely opportunities to contact your legislators.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

Your participation strengthens our democracy.