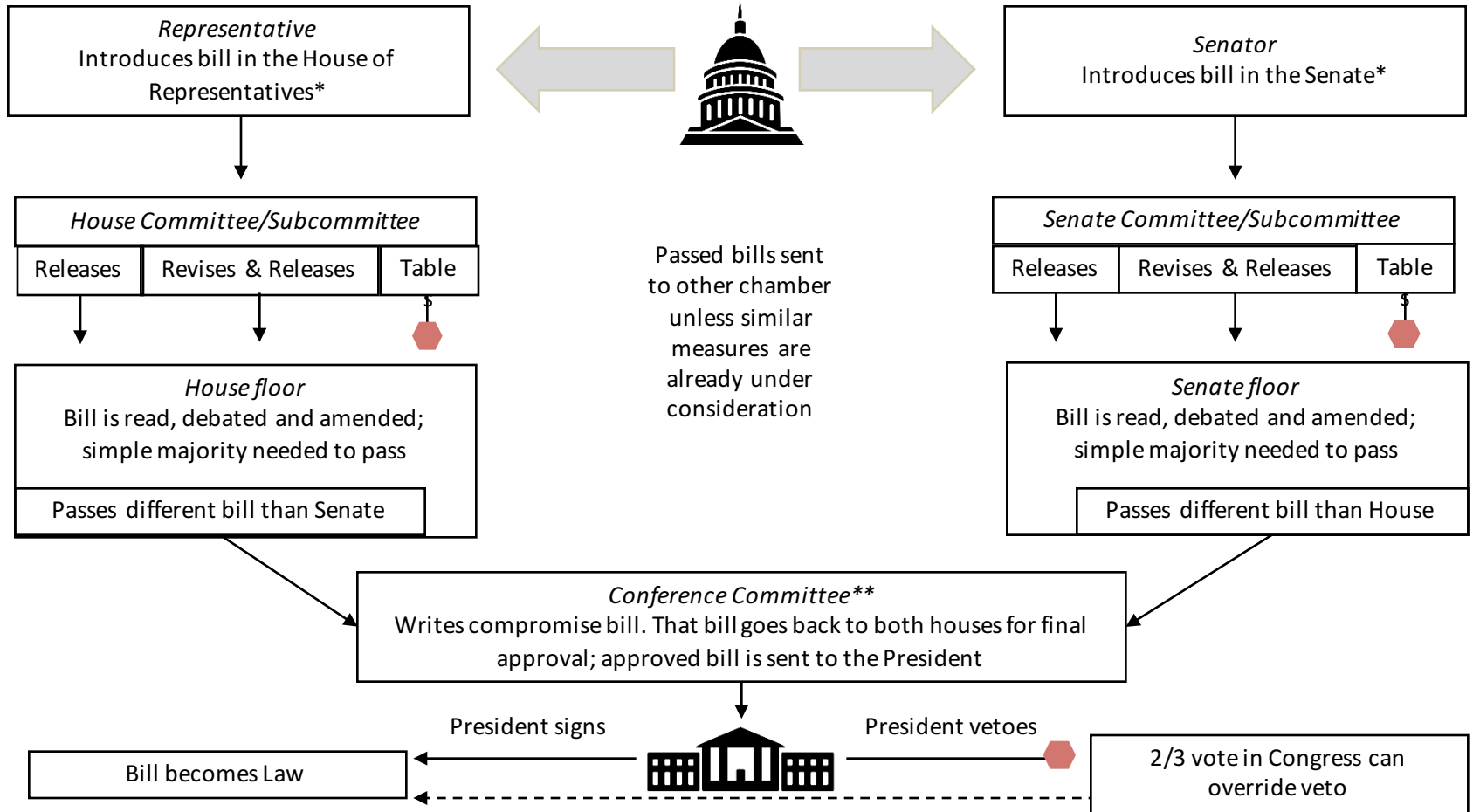




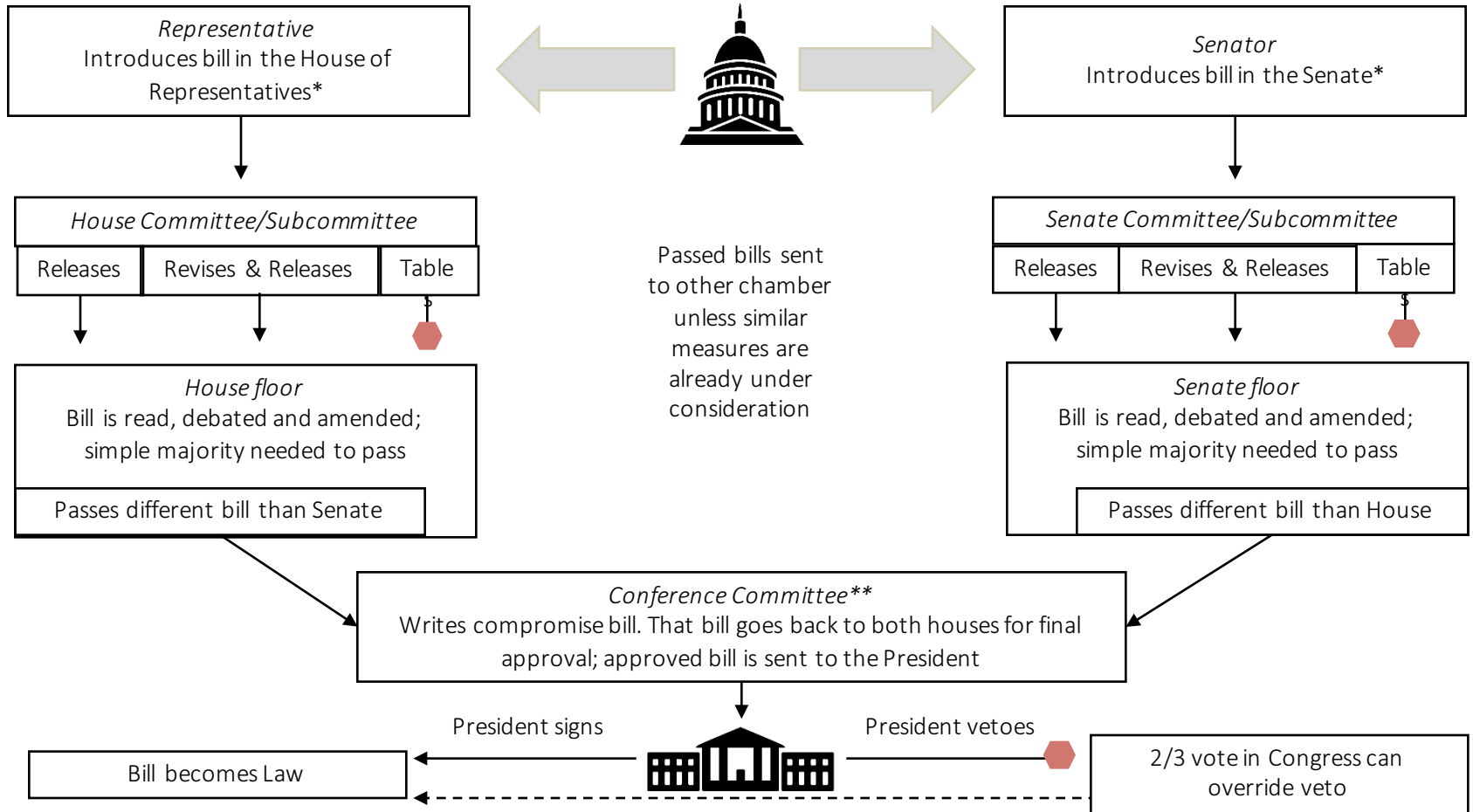
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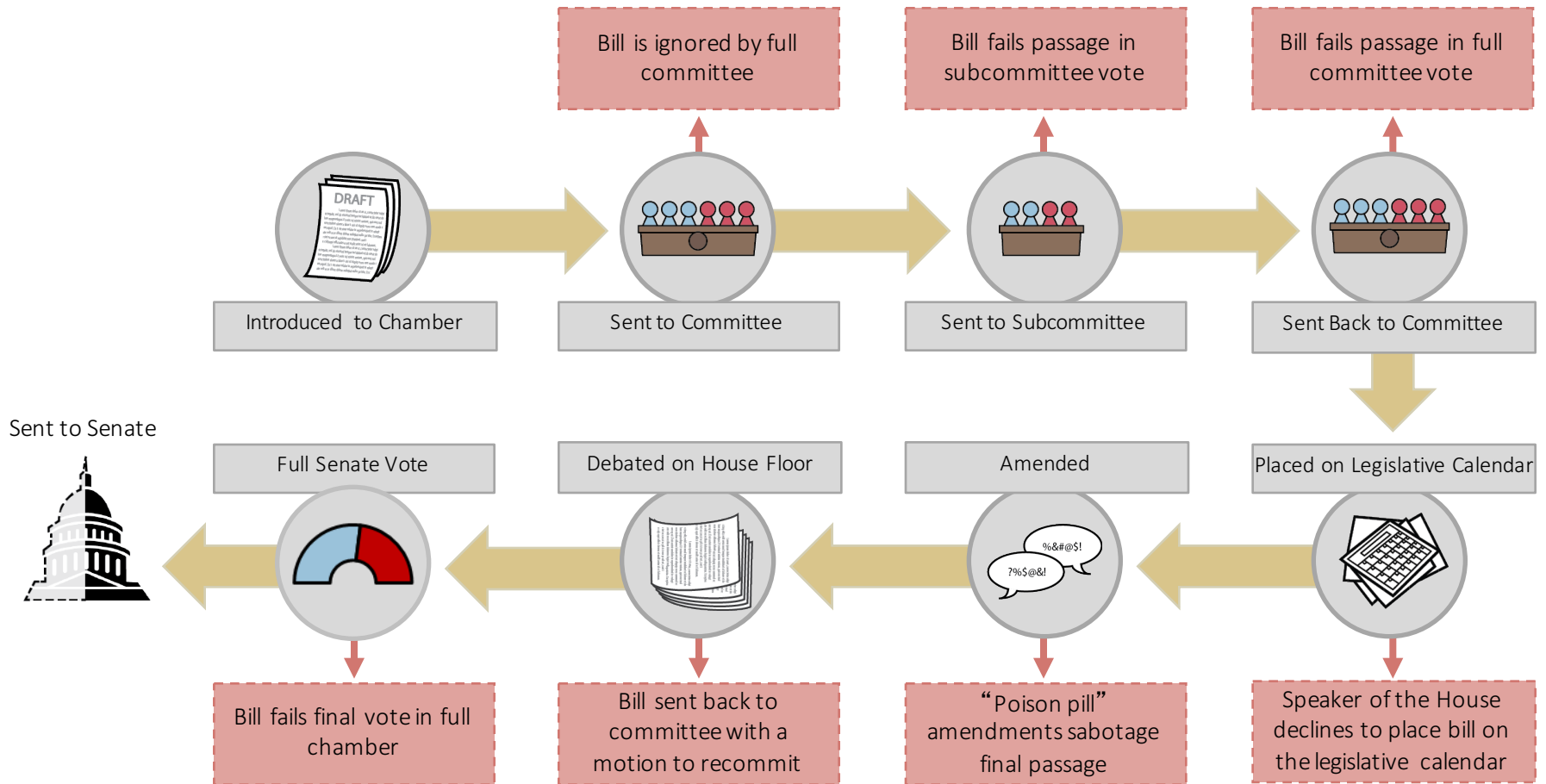


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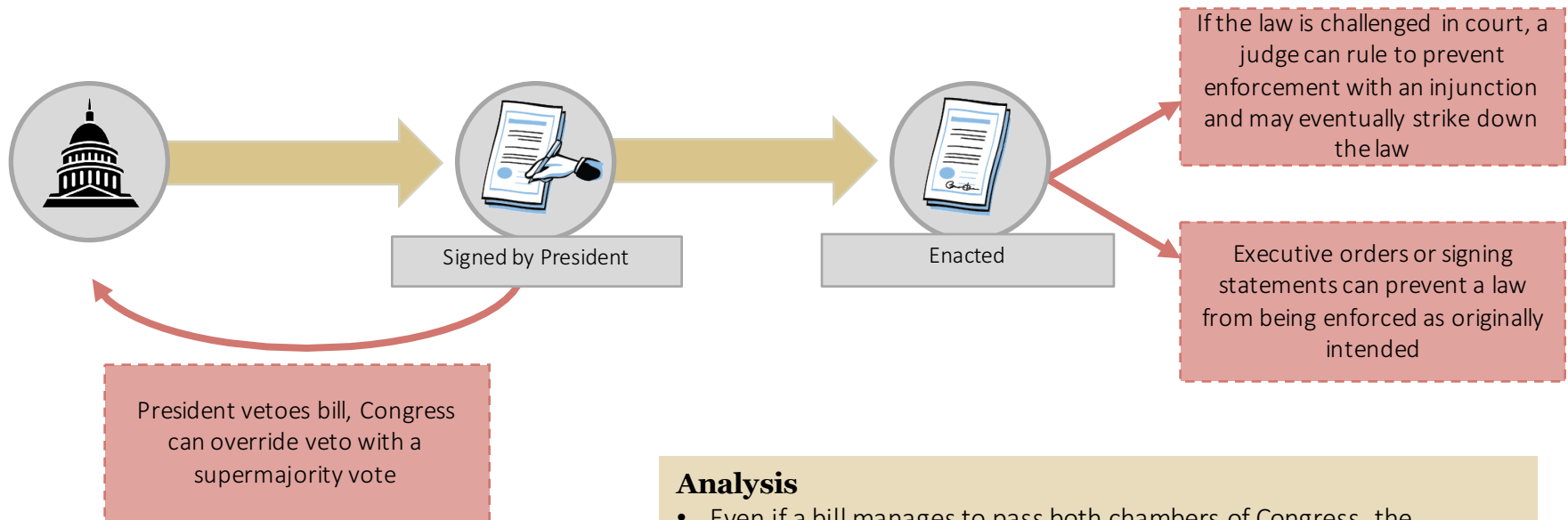
## The Legislative Process and Obstacles in the House



The Senate relies on unanimous consent to operate efficiently; therefore, individual Senators have the power to delay or prevent a bill's passage by creating additional procedural hurdles, including filibusters.

# Bills Continue to Face Hurdles After Passage

## Process and Obstacles for Enacting and Enforcing Laws



### Analysis

- Even if a bill manages to pass both chambers of Congress, the President can use vetoes, executive orders, or signing statements to prevent the bill from being enacted or enforced
- Opponents of the bill, including those outside of the legislative process, can prevent the law from being enacted by mounting a successful legal challenge

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