HOW LAWS ARE PASSED IN KING COUNTY

Proposed legislation may be introduced by:
- Councilmembers
- Voters, by Initiative Petition

Clerk of the Council:
- Places ordinances before the Council
- Notifies public
- Numbers the ordinance

The Council:
- Assigns legislation to committee
- Holds public hearings
- Passes or defeats motions and ordinances
- Can re-refer legislation to committee
- Can hold legislation for further consideration
- Can amend legislation

When passed by the Council, legislation is sent to the County Executive.

County Executive:
- Can approve legislation
- Can VETO legislation
- Can allow an ordinance to become law without signature

When the County Executive approves legislation it becomes law.

Ordinance becomes Law

Committee Staff:
- Assign legislation to staff
- Research
- Study legislation
- Make Recommendations

Council Standing Committees:
(made up of Councilmembers)

* Voters may also bypass the Council process by placing an ordinance on the ballot by a referendum petition.