How does an idea become a law in Minnesota?

Thousands of ideas start this process...

Filtering Process:
- Bill Introduction
- First Hearing
- Committee Deadline #1 (passes all policy committees in one body)
- Committee Deadline #2 (passes all policy committees in the other body)
- Committee Deadline #3 (passes finance committees)

A Few Notes:
- Some bills may get combined into an Omnibus bill: a mega bill, made up of many bills put together by the chair of the committee.
- The Conference Committee is made up of 3 to 5 members of both the House and Senate. Members must have voted for the bill and are assigned by legislative leadership.
- A version of the bill in which differences between the House and Senate versions have been worked out.

House Floor:
134 Seats
__ DFL, __ GOP

Senate Floor:
67 Seats
__ DFL, __ GOP

Floor debate, more amendments made, vote

Conference Committee:
- Negotiate differences between bills

House Floor:
Senate Floor:
Conference Committee Report:
- No more changes, just debate and a vote

Bill Heading to the Governor:

Governor:

Veto:

Law:

...only a few hundred of the ideas become laws!