

Color Your Way

Through Indiana
Government



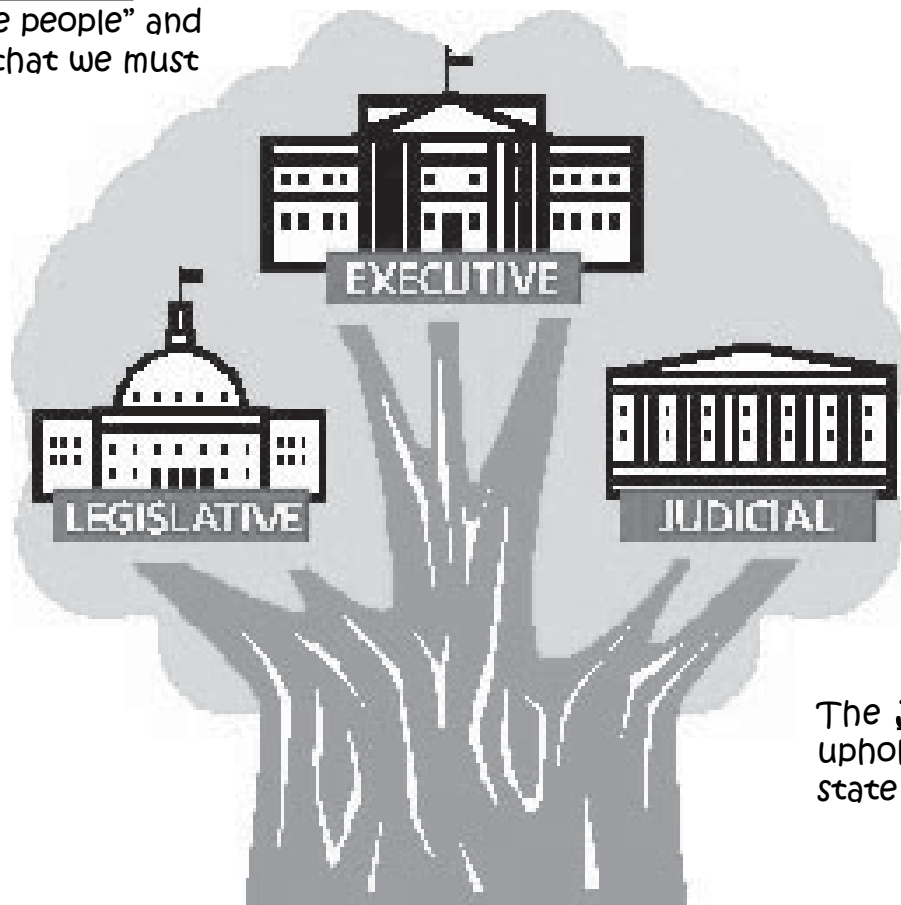
A coloring book from
State Representative Phil Hinkle



In Indiana, there are three branches of government:

The **Legislative Branch** is the “voice of the people” and writes the laws that we must follow.

The **Executive Branch** administers the state government and enforces state laws. This is where the Governor works!



The **Judicial Branch** upholds the laws of the state and our nation.

I work in the Legislative Branch. Let me tell you more about it...

In the Legislative Branch,
there are two bodies that make
Indiana's laws:



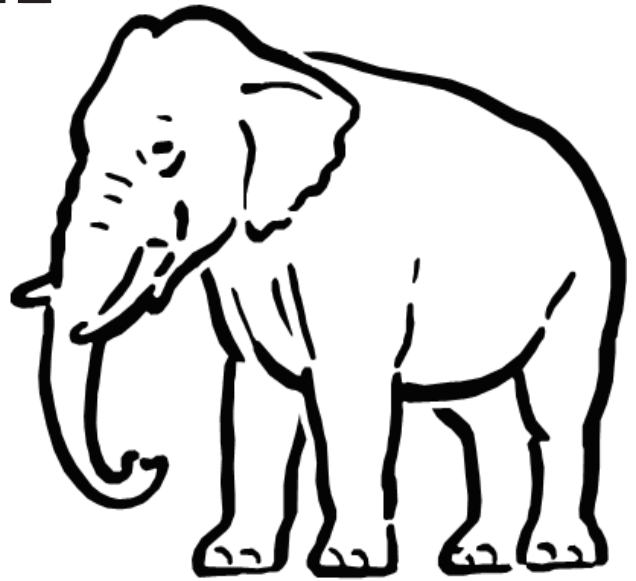
**House of
Representatives**
(100 members)

**State
Senate**
(50 members)

There are 2 major parties in each legislative body:

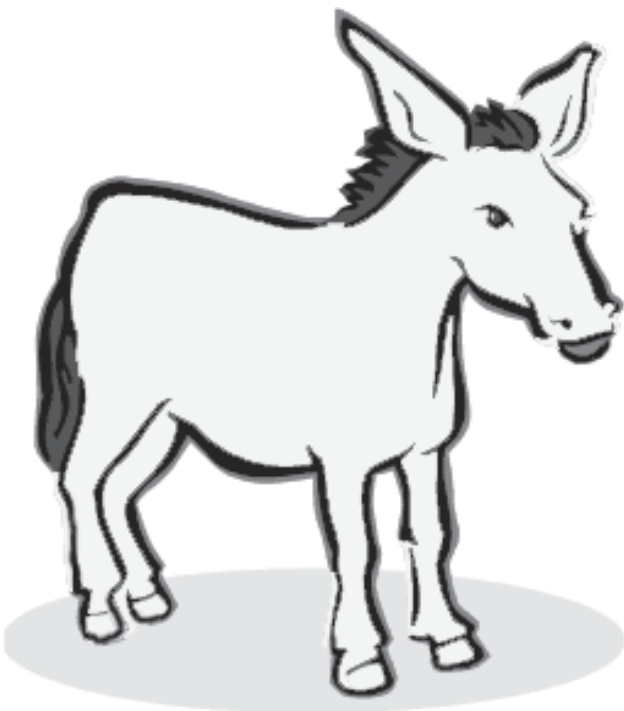
Republican

The Republican symbol is the elephant.



Democrat

The Democrat symbol is a donkey.

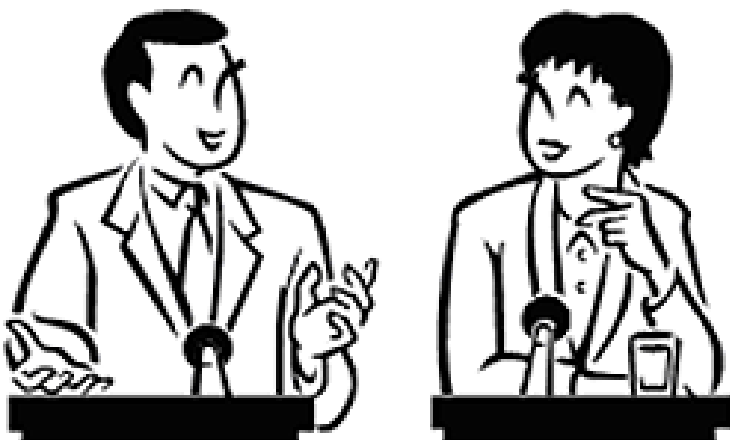


“How does a bill become a law?”

Legislators listen to ideas from the people in the community and write bills to help them.



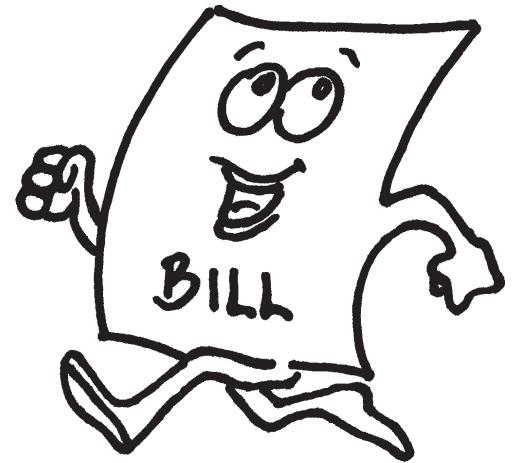
They present the bills to the House and the Senate.



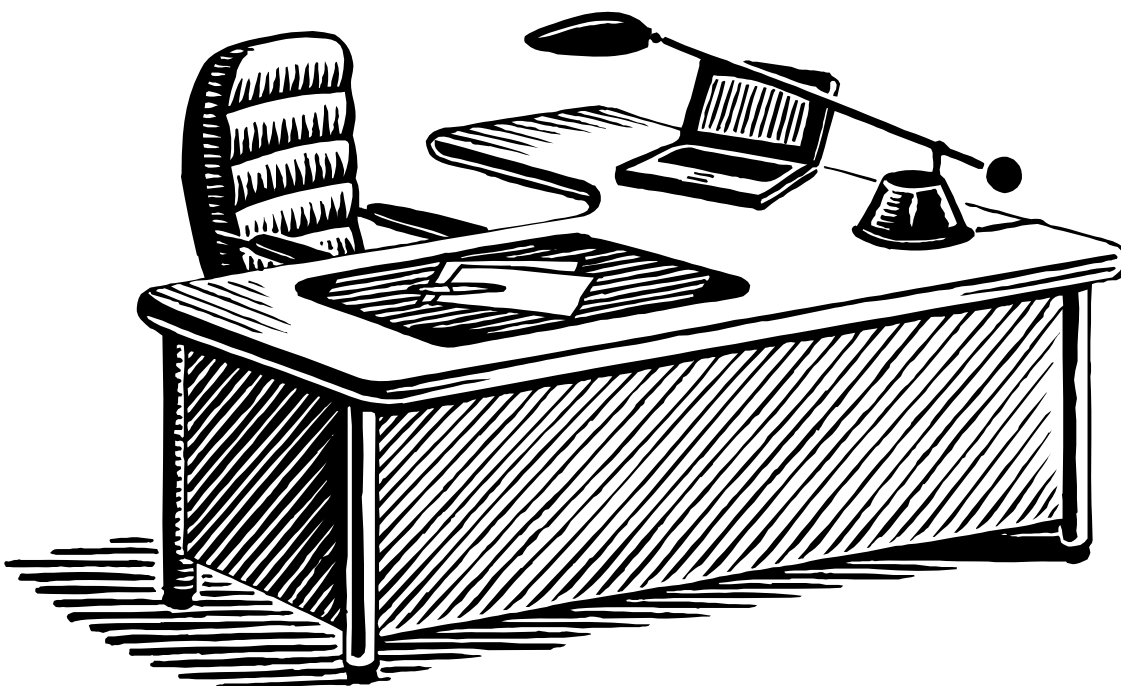
After a bill is heard 3 times, the legislators debate it and vote on it one final time.

The bill repeats the entire process in each assembly.

Once a bill is passed by both legislative bodies,



it is sent to the Governor's desk for his approval.



The Governor will either
sign the bill...



...or veto the bill. If
the Governor vetoes
the bill, it will not
become a law.

If the Governor signs the bill,
it's a law.



And that's how
laws are made in
Indiana!

**I love getting letters, e-mails and
phone calls from parents, teachers
and kids in my district!**

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