

Appendix 3-A

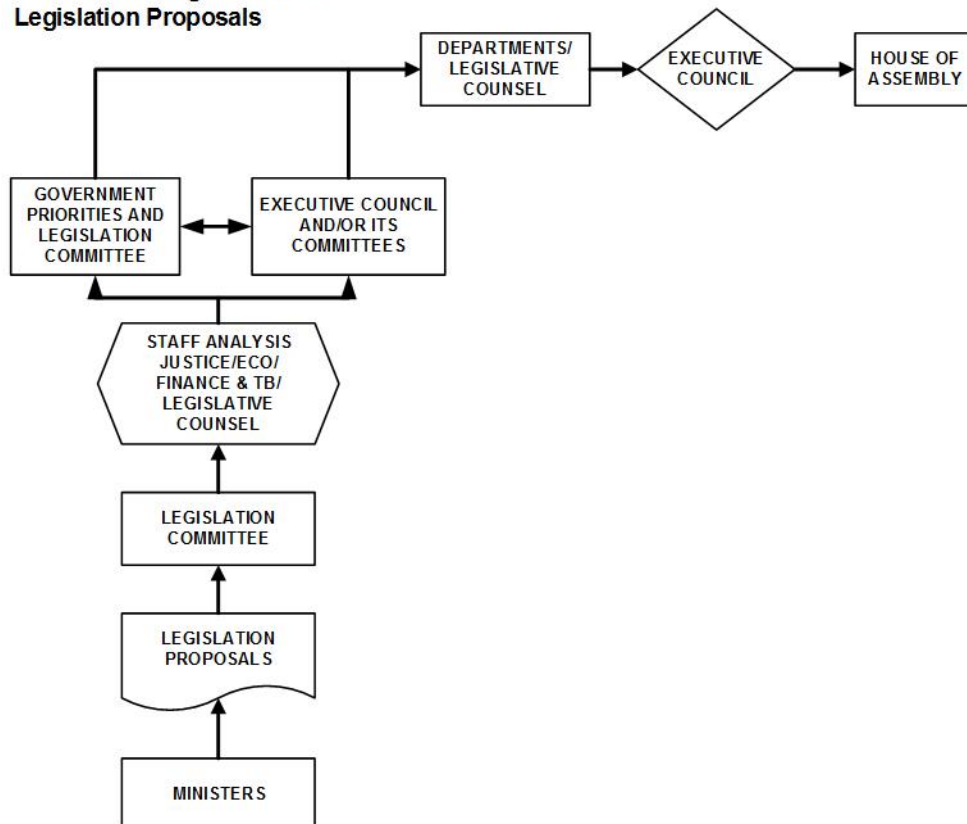
How Legislation is Prepared and Enacted

Legislative proposals are processed through the Executive Council's Government Priorities and Legislation Committee. The mandate of the Government Priorities and Legislation Committee is to provide a forum for discussion, deliberations and input to inform priority setting and policy development and to review proposals for draft legislation. The Government Priorities and Legislation Committee will provide input and considerations to inform and assist decisions of the Treasury and Policy Board and Executive Council.

The Government Priorities and Legislation Committee is composed of all members of the Executive Council. All non- Executive Council members of the Government Caucus shall be caucus participants on the Government Priorities and Legislation Committee.

All matters and things coming before the Government Priorities and Legislation Committee are subject to Cabinet privilege to the extent that they would be if they came before the Executive Council. Those members and caucus participants of the Government Priorities and Legislation Committee who are not also members of the Executive Council shall submit an Oath of Confidentiality.

Decision Making Process – Legislation Proposals



This chart illustrates how the decision-making process works for legislative proposals. Prior to each legislative session, the Government Priorities and Legislation Committee makes a call for legislative proposals to all departments. For each legislative proposal, the department submits a Memorandum to

Executive Council – Request for Legislation (Appendix 3-S) signed by the Minister and Deputy Minister in the form prescribed by the Government Priorities and Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee considers each Request for Legislation and determines whether to approve the request for drafting for the upcoming session.

Once a request is approved for drafting, a lawyer in the Office of Legislative Counsel is assigned to the file and working with the department, a draft bill is prepared. The draft bill then goes back to the Government Priorities and Legislation Committee for approval and scheduling for introduction of government bills.

The legislative agenda is tabled in the House of Assembly, and each bill goes through a process of three readings and debate. For more information about the House of Assembly and the Legislative Process, please go to <http://nslegislature.ca/>.

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