

# Tips for Understanding the Legislative and Regulatory Process for Central Cancer Registries

Legislative and regulatory procedures can be lengthy and complex, but it is important for registry directors to develop a basic understanding of these processes to ensure cancer registry requirements are appropriate and enforceable. Amendments to laws require specific actions. Regulatory rules need another set of steps. Learn about both.



Contact your department's office of legal and regulatory affairs or your legislative liaison to request training on procedures specific to your state.

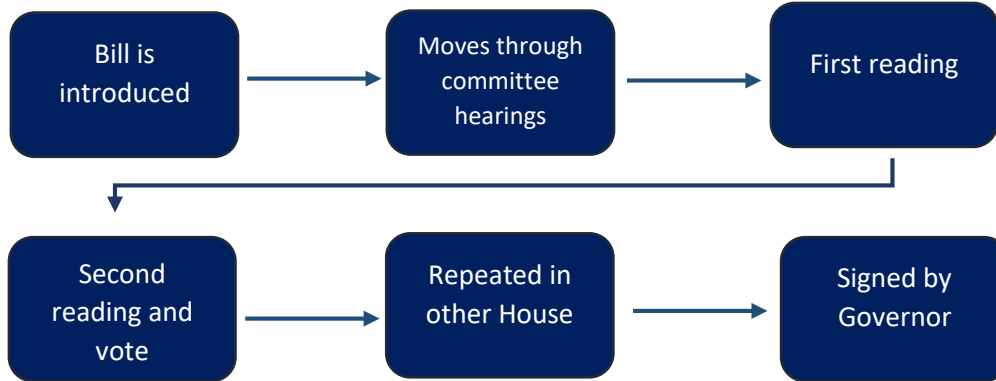


Registry staff may be prohibited from participating in the legislative process directly, but stakeholders or advocacy groups may act on the registry's behalf.

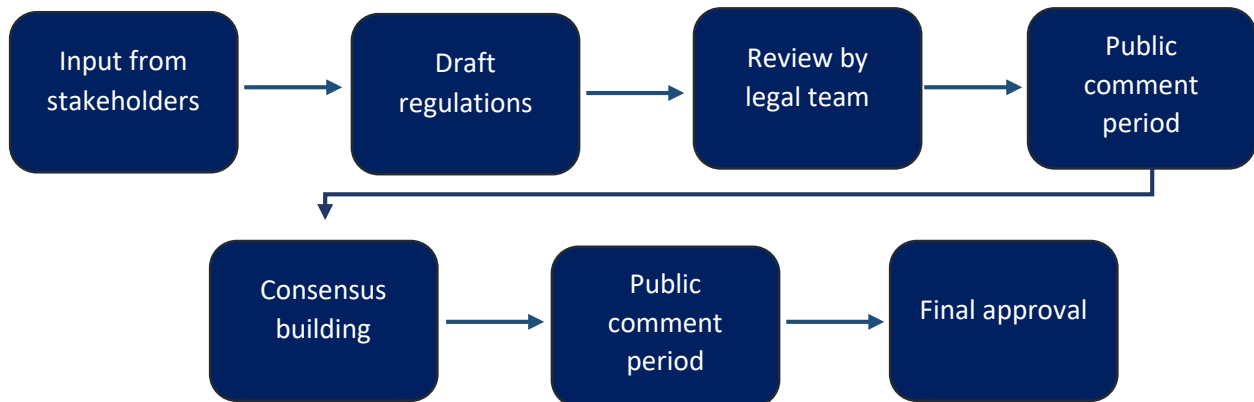


Work with stakeholders to review the [CaRI database](#) for language to include in the law.

## How to Change a Law



## How to Work with Regulations



*This tip sheet was developed based on contributions from central registries throughout North America. It is not meant to lay out a specific methodology, but rather as a starting point for more in-depth discussions, development of tools, and the establishment of new processes or practices within individual registries as appropriate.*

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