

Statutes and Regulations

The process of government by which bills are considered and laws enacted by the United States and California State Legislature is commonly referred to as the *legislative process*. All legislation begins as an idea or concept. The process begins when a legislative member decides to author a bill with an idea or concept.

Statutes



Each bill that is passed by each house of the legislature and approved by the President or California Governor becomes chaptered and is statute or law. In California, the laws are grouped by subject matter in a comprehensive collection called the [California Codes](#) (e.g., Health and Safety Code, Public Resources Code). Similarly, the laws are grouped by subject matter by Titles (e.g., Title 7, Agriculture) in the [United States Code](#).

Regulations

A regulation is a policy or procedure that implements, interprets or makes specific a law that the implementing agency enforces or administers. The law must grant the implementing agency the authority to adopt regulations, and both the federal and state must follow rigid procedures that provide opportunity for public participation before regulations are finalized, adopted, and become effective.