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## THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Federal agencies use a rule or regulation to implement laws after Congress writes them and the President approves them. Regulations bring legislation to life and outline what individuals, businesses, or other organizations can or cannot do.



You can use POLITICO Pro's Regulatory Compass to follow the entire rulemaking process and our Agency Directory to learn more about the officials and staffers who draft and edit regulations.

- Congress writes a bill.

  If both the House &
  Senate approve the bill,
  it is sent to the President.
- The President approves or vetoes the bill. If the bill is approved, it is called an act or statute.

The act is codified in the US Code, the official compilation & codification of permanent federal statutes.

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- Congress authorizes certain federal agencies to create regulations that bring the law to life.
- Federal agencies propose a rule to carry out the intent of the law.
- The Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) within the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) reviews the agency's proposed rule.

The proposed rule is posted in the Federal Register where it is open to public comment for around 60 days.

Any member of the public can submit a comment online, by mail, email, or fax. Typically, lobbyists, trade associations, corporations, and non-profit organizations comment on rules to further their advocacy agendas.

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The federal agency that proposed the rule reviews public comments & incorporates changes into the final rule.

The Government
Publishing Office prints
the code & publishes it
online. The rule becomes
effective in no less than
30 days.