

Two Bodies, One Democratic Process

Just as bills are introduced by locally elected legislators, WSSDA positions are introduced by locally elected school directors. The formal adoption for both follows the same democratic process. Here is a side-by-side comparison:

How a bill becomes a law in WA Legislature

State legislators are elected by a majority of voters within their legislative district

A legislator brings forward a bill to represent the interests of their constituents

The bill is assigned to a committee where there is discussion and may be amendments

To become law, the bill must ultimately go to a vote of the full legislative body

With a majority vote, the bill passes

The bill becomes law and citizens must follow that law based on the majority vote

Any law can be changed during a future legislative session following this process

How a proposal becomes a WSSDA position

Local school directors are elected by a majority of voters within their school district

A school board brings forward a proposal to represent the interests of their district and community

The proposal is assigned to a committee where there is discussion and may be amendments with the approval of the submitting school board

To become a position, the proposal must go to a vote of the full General Assembly (one voting delegate from each school district)

With a majority vote, the proposal passes

The position becomes a WSSDA position and WSSDA advocates according to its contents However, nothing prohibits an individual district from advocating with legislators, contrary to the position passed by the majority at the General Assembly

Any position could be changed during a future General Assembly following this process