

HOW NEW LAWS AND REGULATIONS ARE CREATED

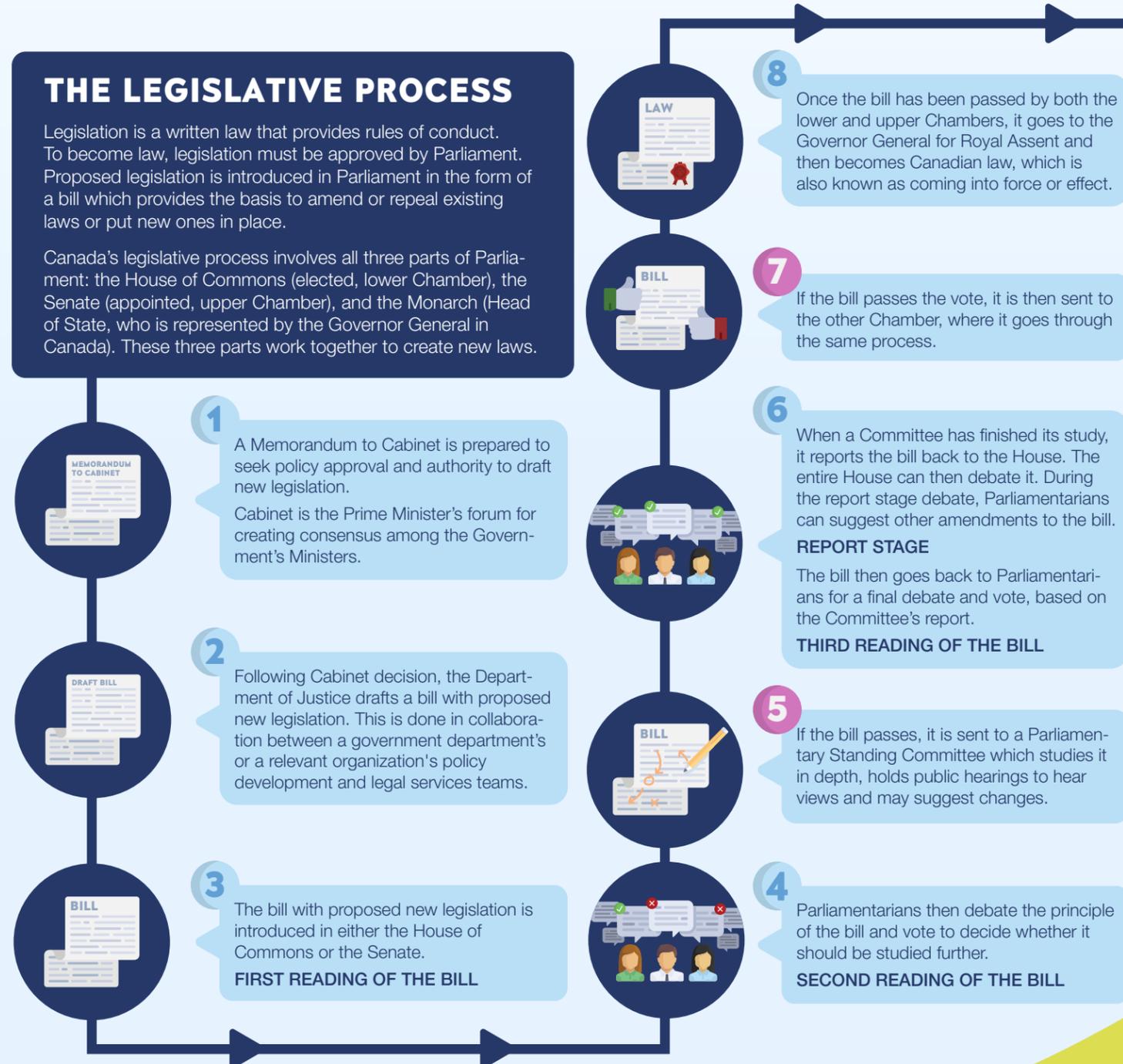
ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY REVIEWS

Opportunities for the public to participate

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Legislation is a written law that provides rules of conduct. To become law, legislation must be approved by Parliament. Proposed legislation is introduced in Parliament in the form of a bill which provides the basis to amend or repeal existing laws or put new ones in place.

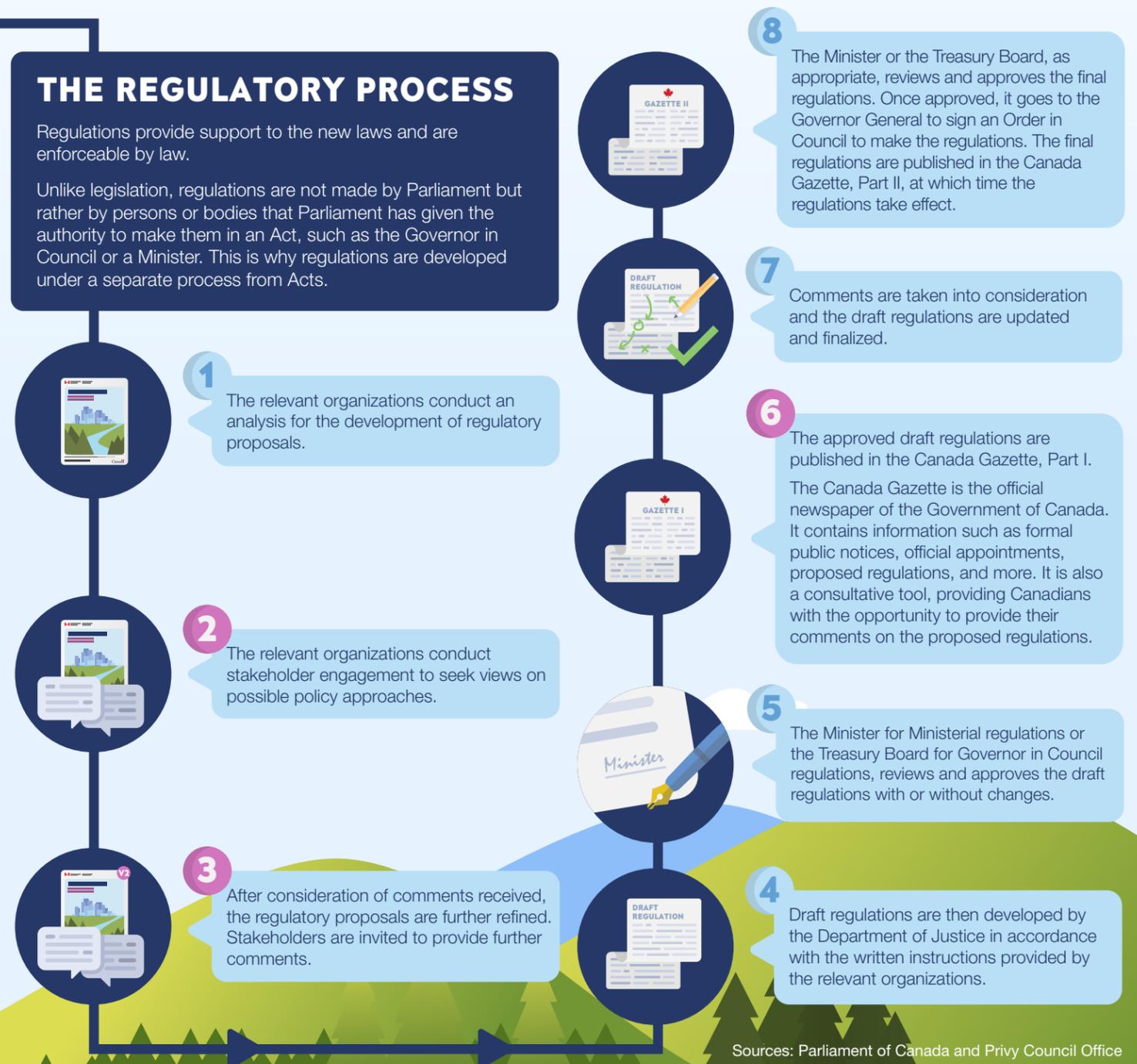
Canada's legislative process involves all three parts of Parliament: the House of Commons (elected, lower Chamber), the Senate (appointed, upper Chamber), and the Monarch (Head of State, who is represented by the Governor General in Canada). These three parts work together to create new laws.



THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Regulations provide support to the new laws and are enforceable by law.

Unlike legislation, regulations are not made by Parliament but rather by persons or bodies that Parliament has given the authority to make them in an Act, such as the Governor in Council or a Minister. This is why regulations are developed under a separate process from Acts.



Sources: Parliament of Canada and Privy Council Office