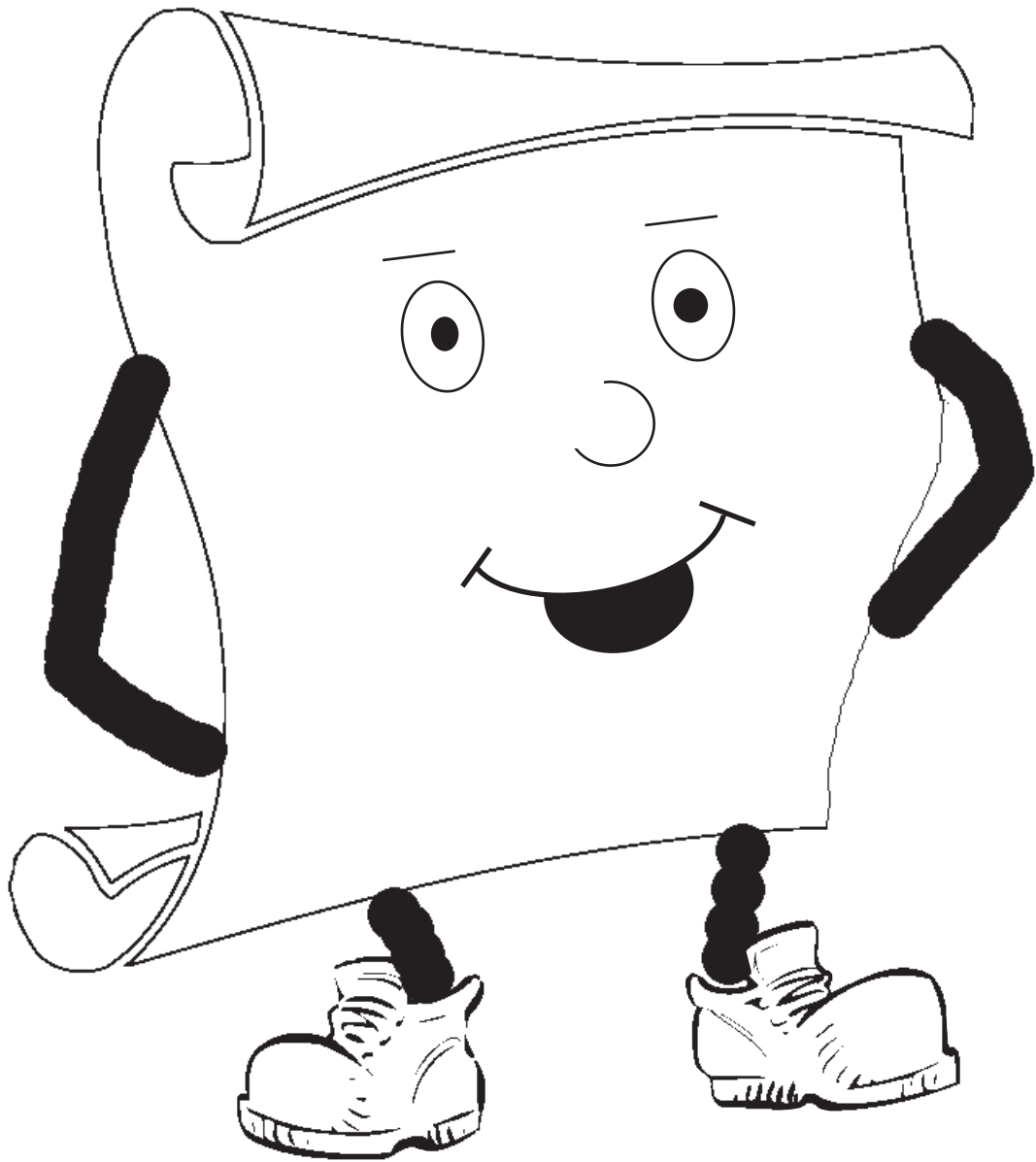
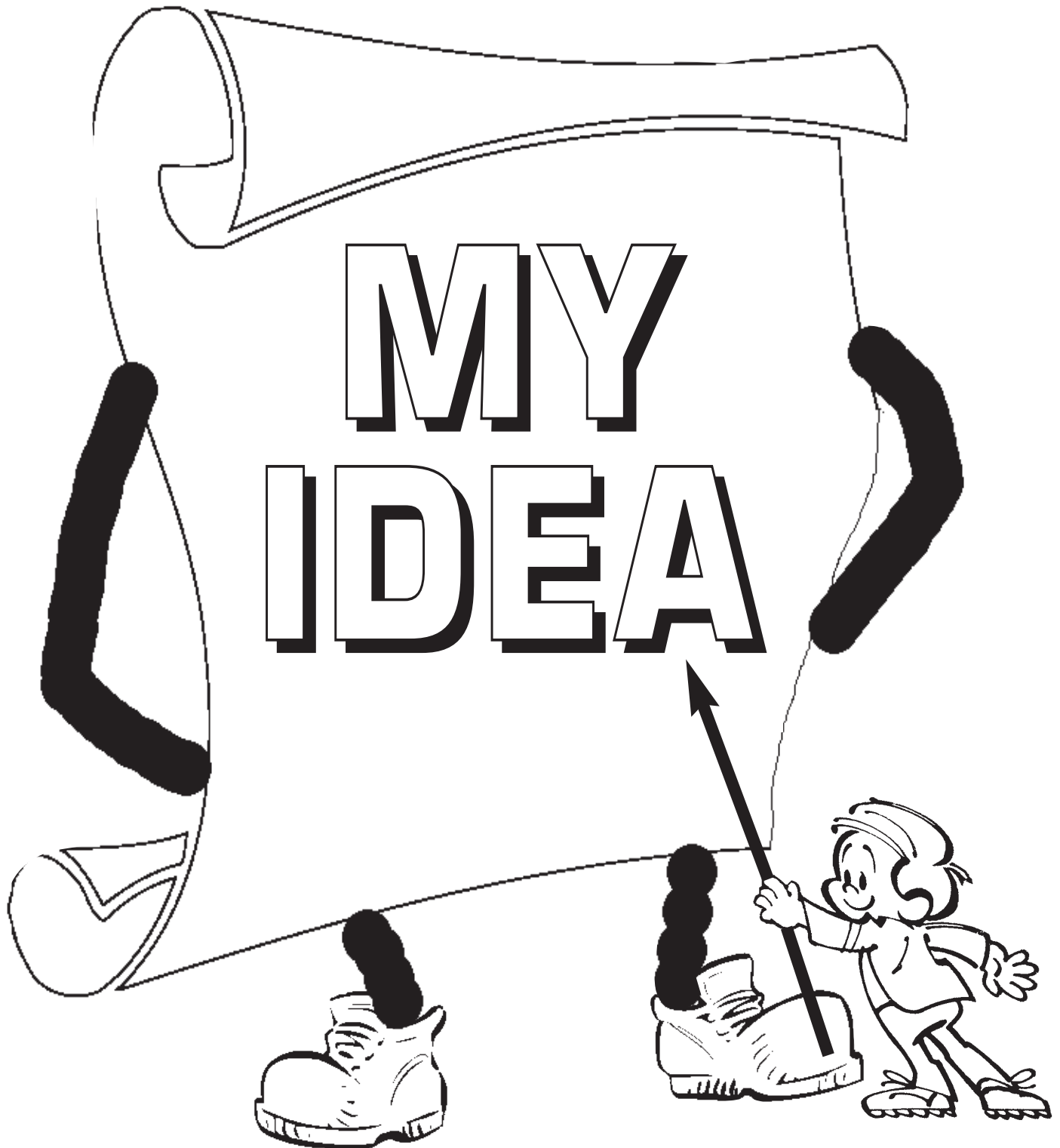


HOW DOES A BILL BECOME LAW?

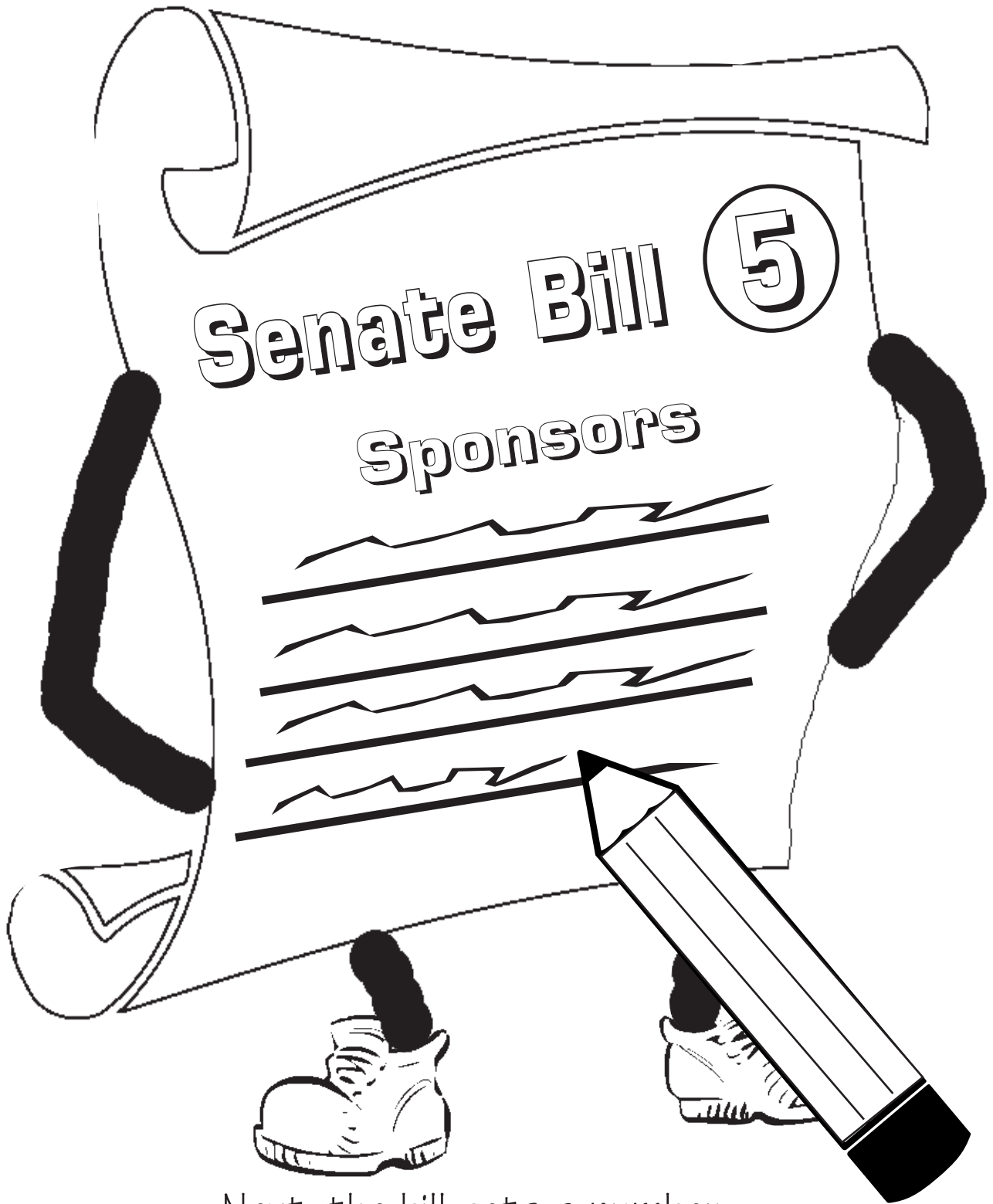


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First, someone must come up with an idea for a new law.
For example: A lawmaker could present an idea
brought to him by you.

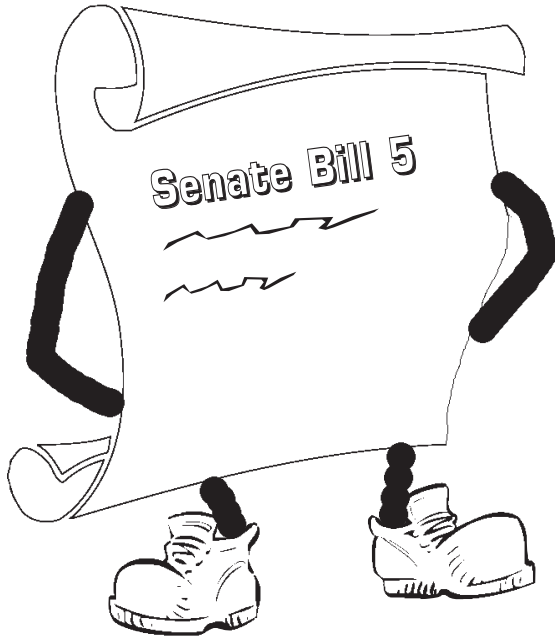


Next, the bill gets a number and lawmakers sign the bill to become sponsors showing that they support the bill.

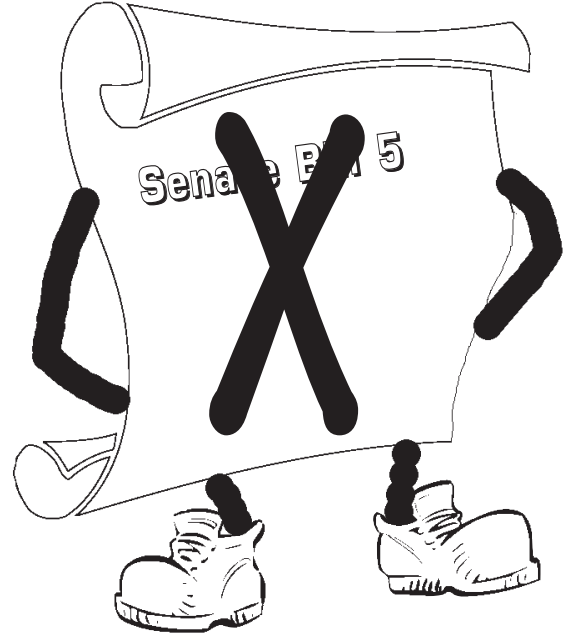


The bill then goes to a committee—
a special committee that deals with certain issues.
For example: A bill about children’s health care
would go to the committee of
Public Health and Welfare for review.

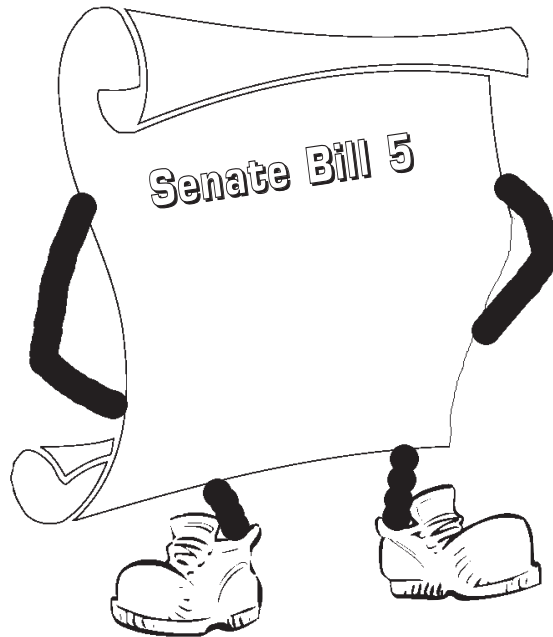
The committee can decide not to consider the bill
or it may vote to:



Change the bill

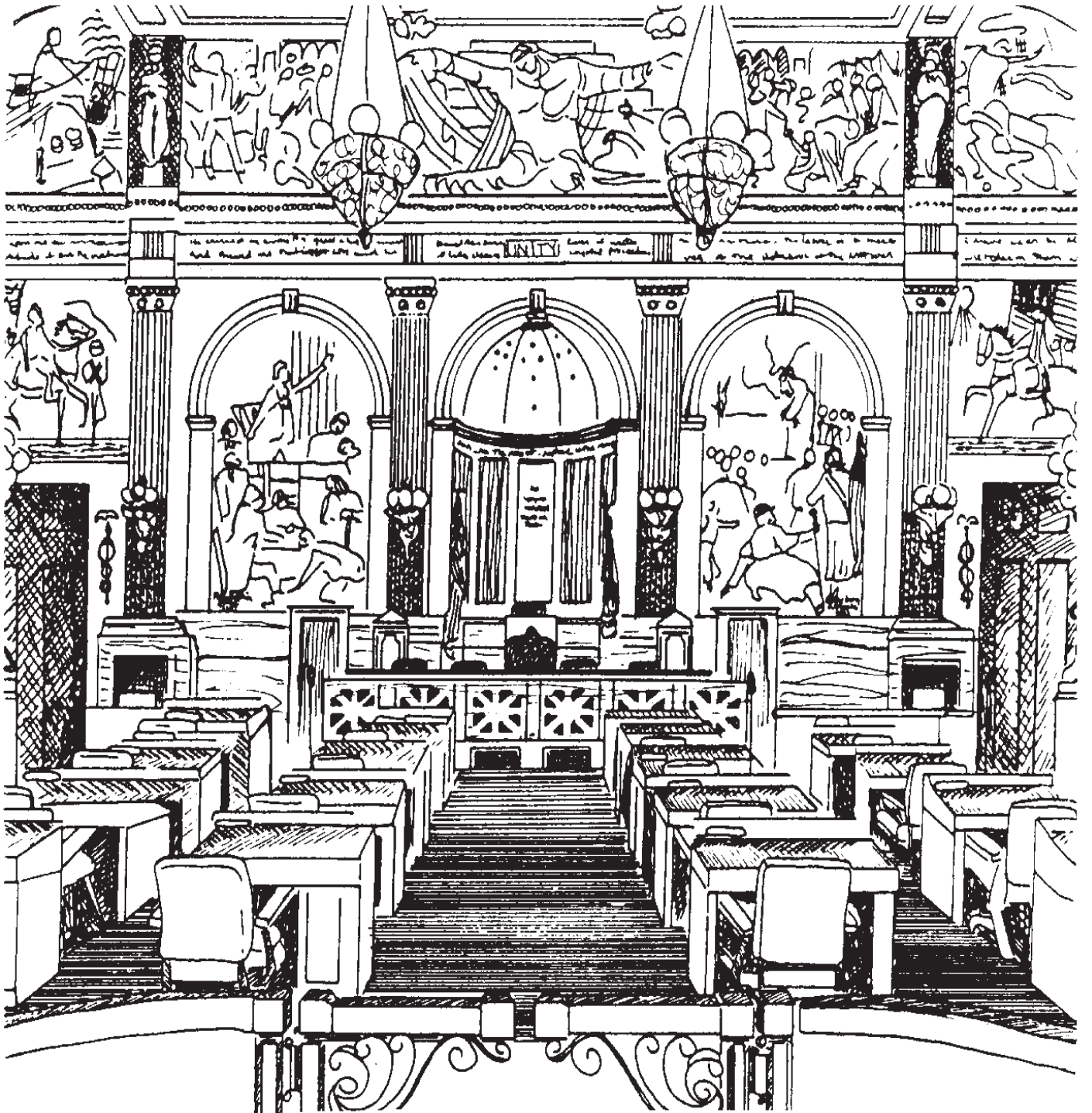


Defeat the bill



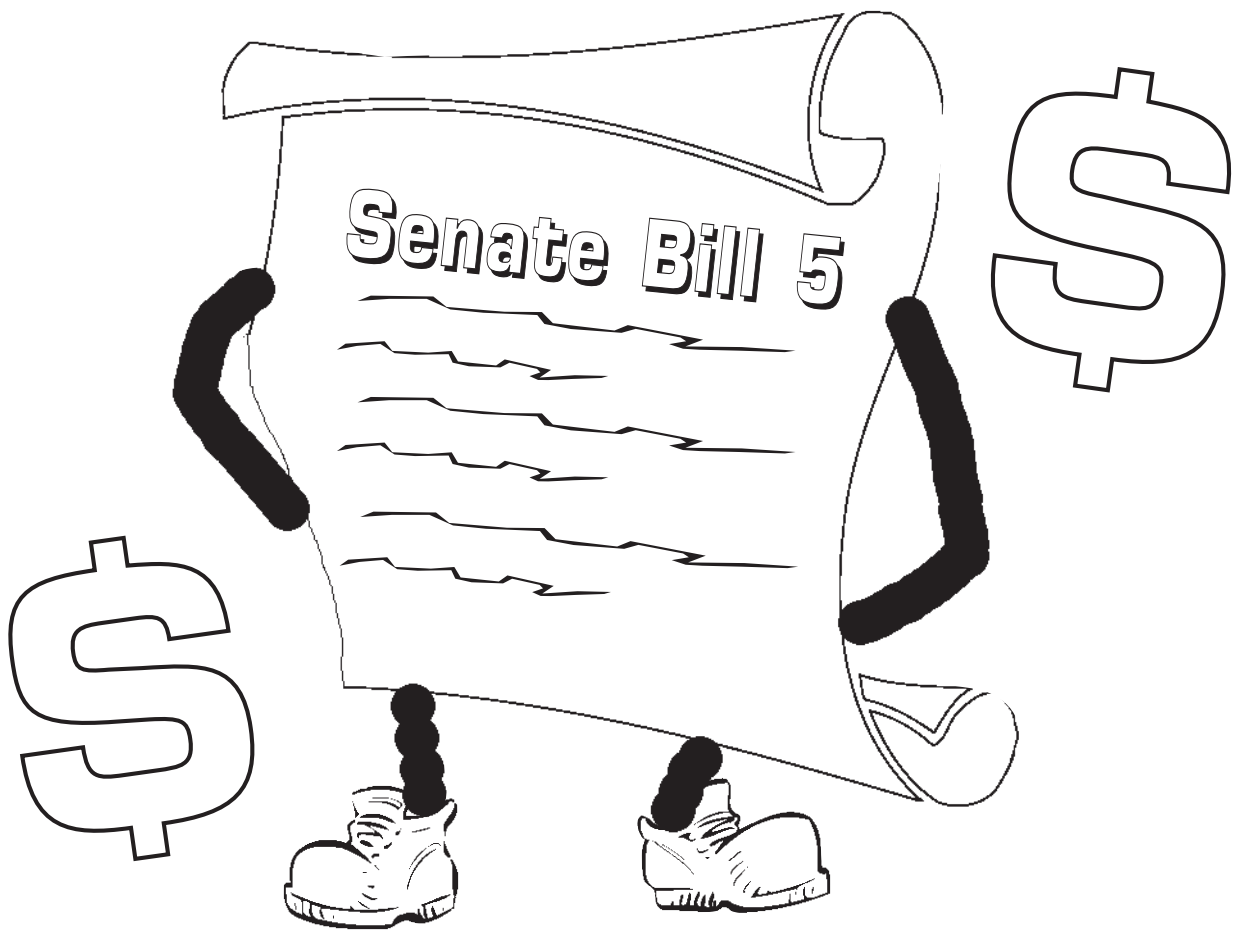
or Pass the bill by a majority vote.

Pennsylvania's Senate Chamber



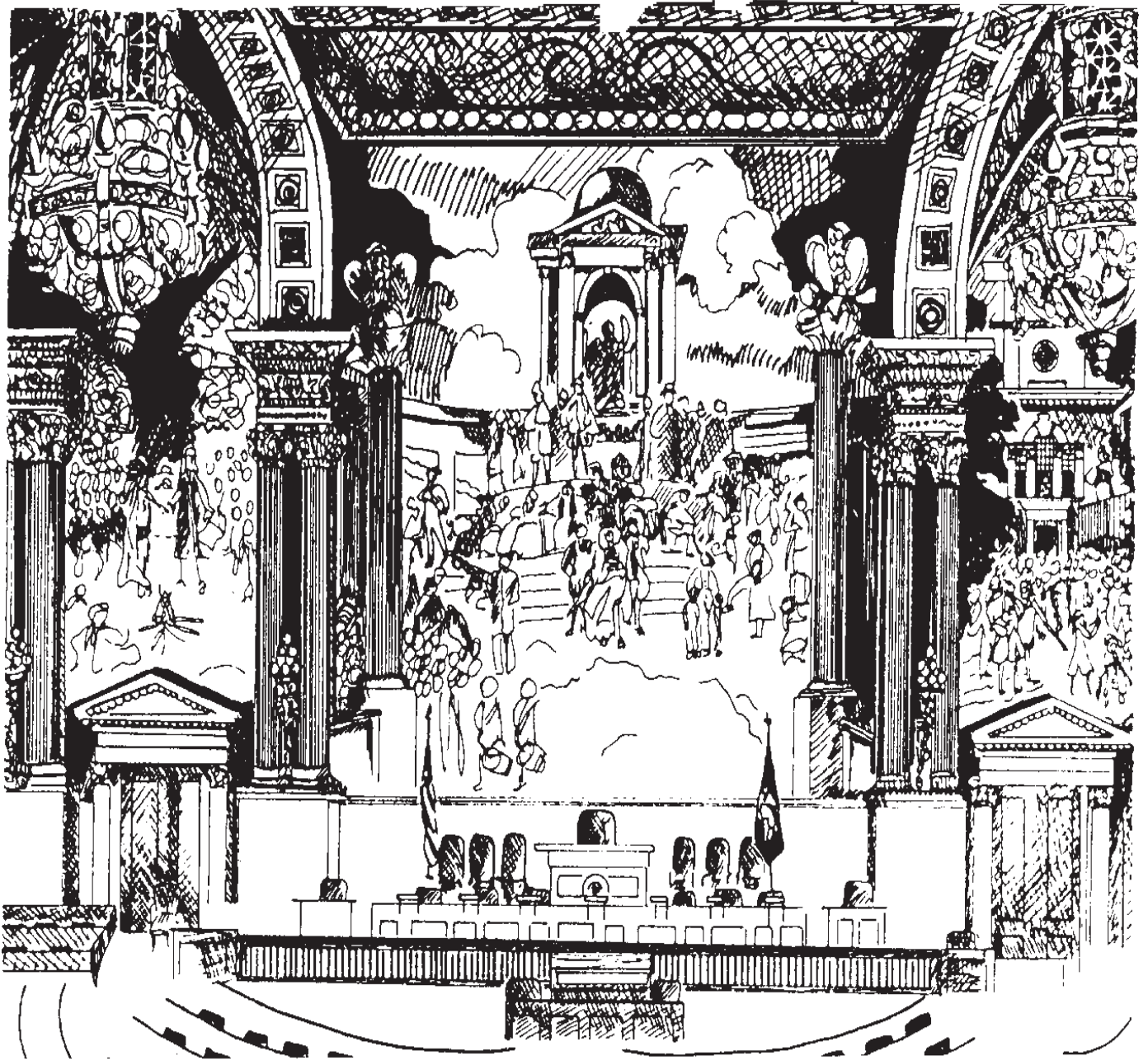
If most of the lawmakers in a committee support the bill,
it is reported to the
floor of the Senate or the House of Representatives,
where it must be considered for three more days.

On days one and two, the bill is considered and our lawmakers find out how much it will cost.



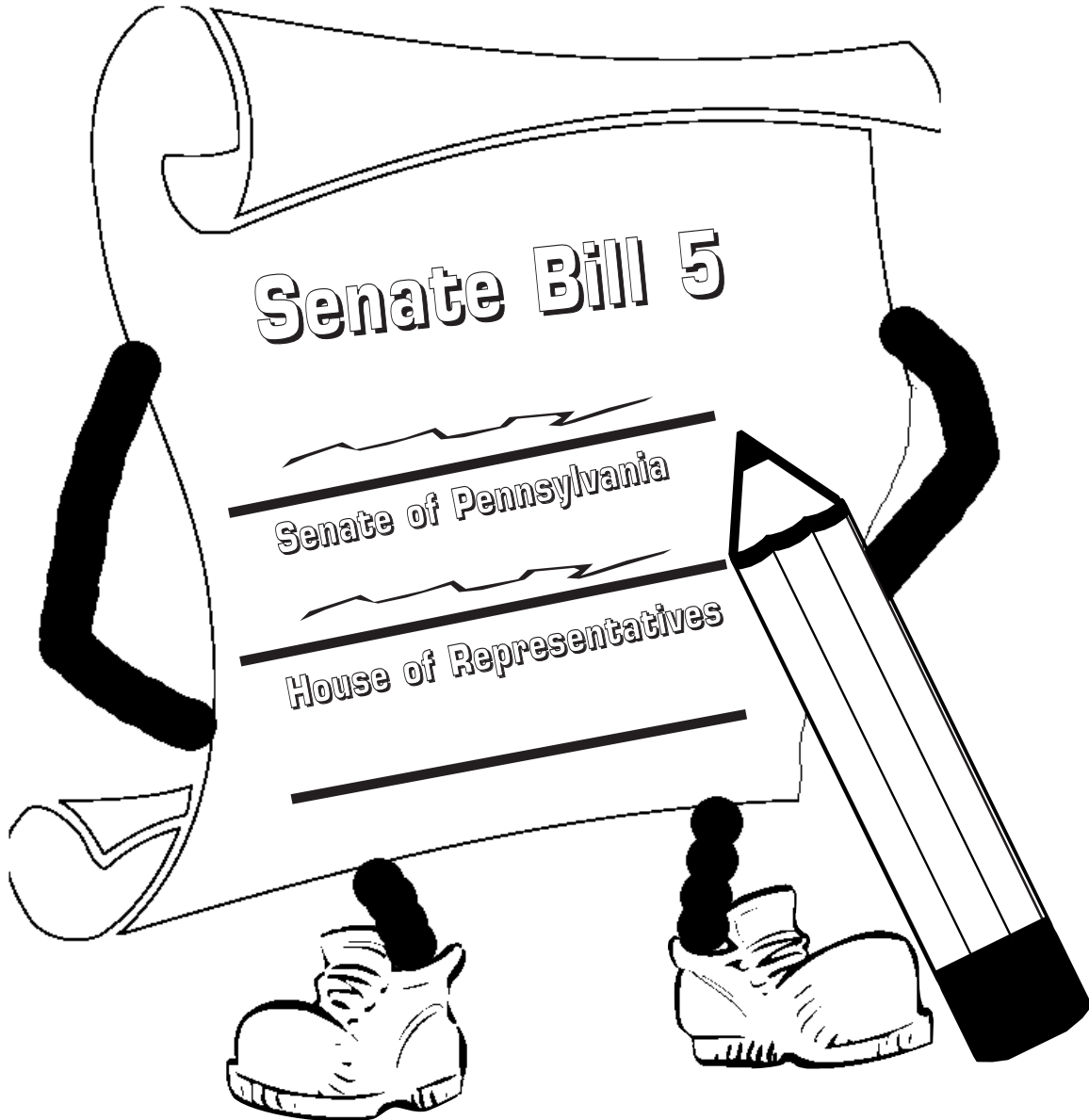
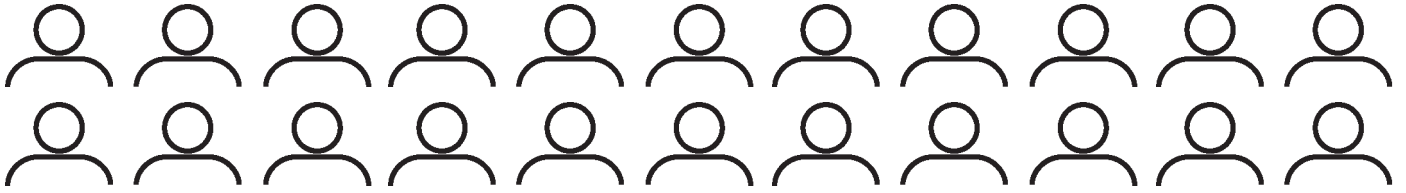
The third day the bill is discussed by lawmakers who may make changes to the bill before they vote on it.

Pennsylvania's House of Representatives

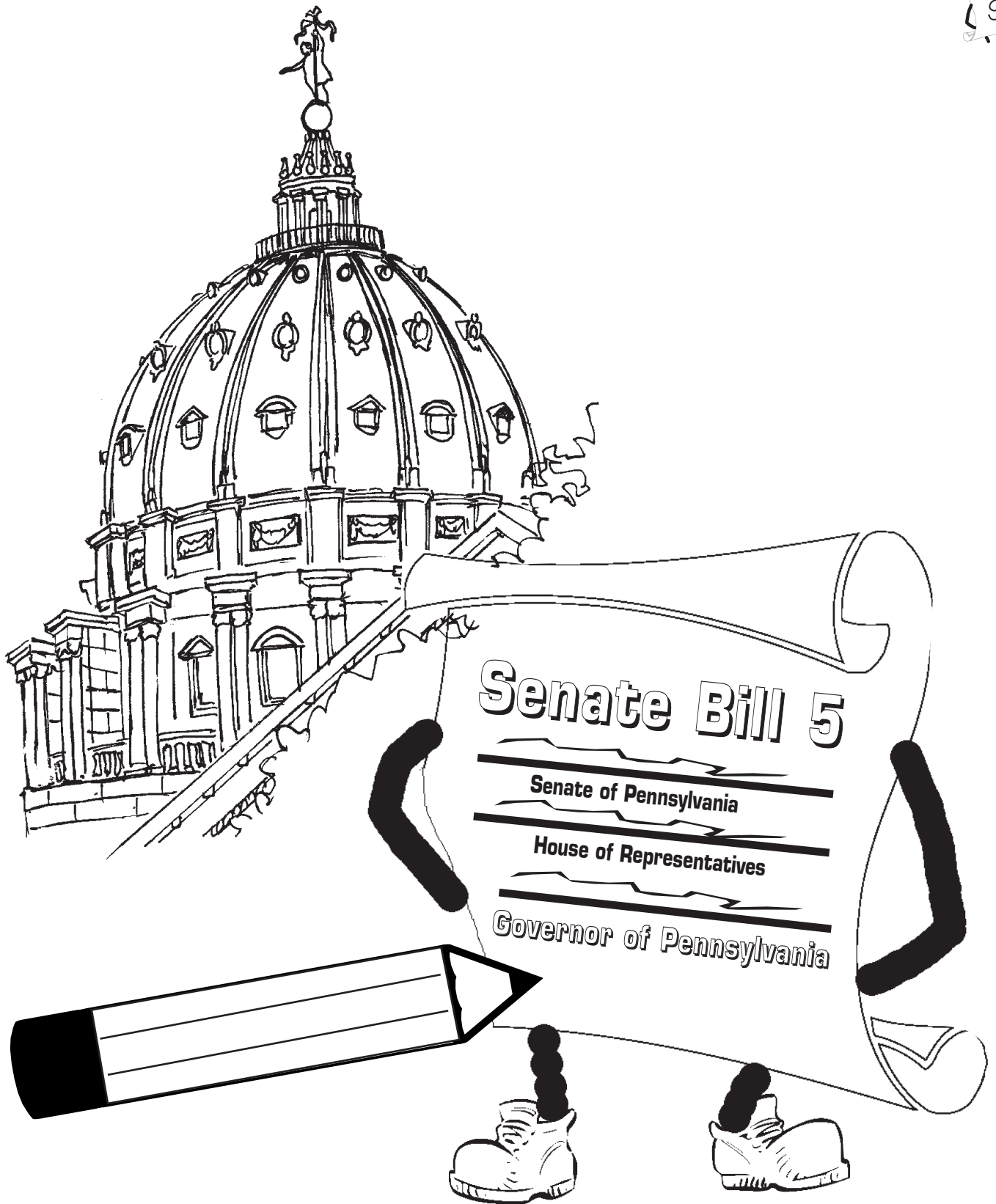


If the bill is approved by one chamber, it goes to the opposite chamber and goes through a similar process.

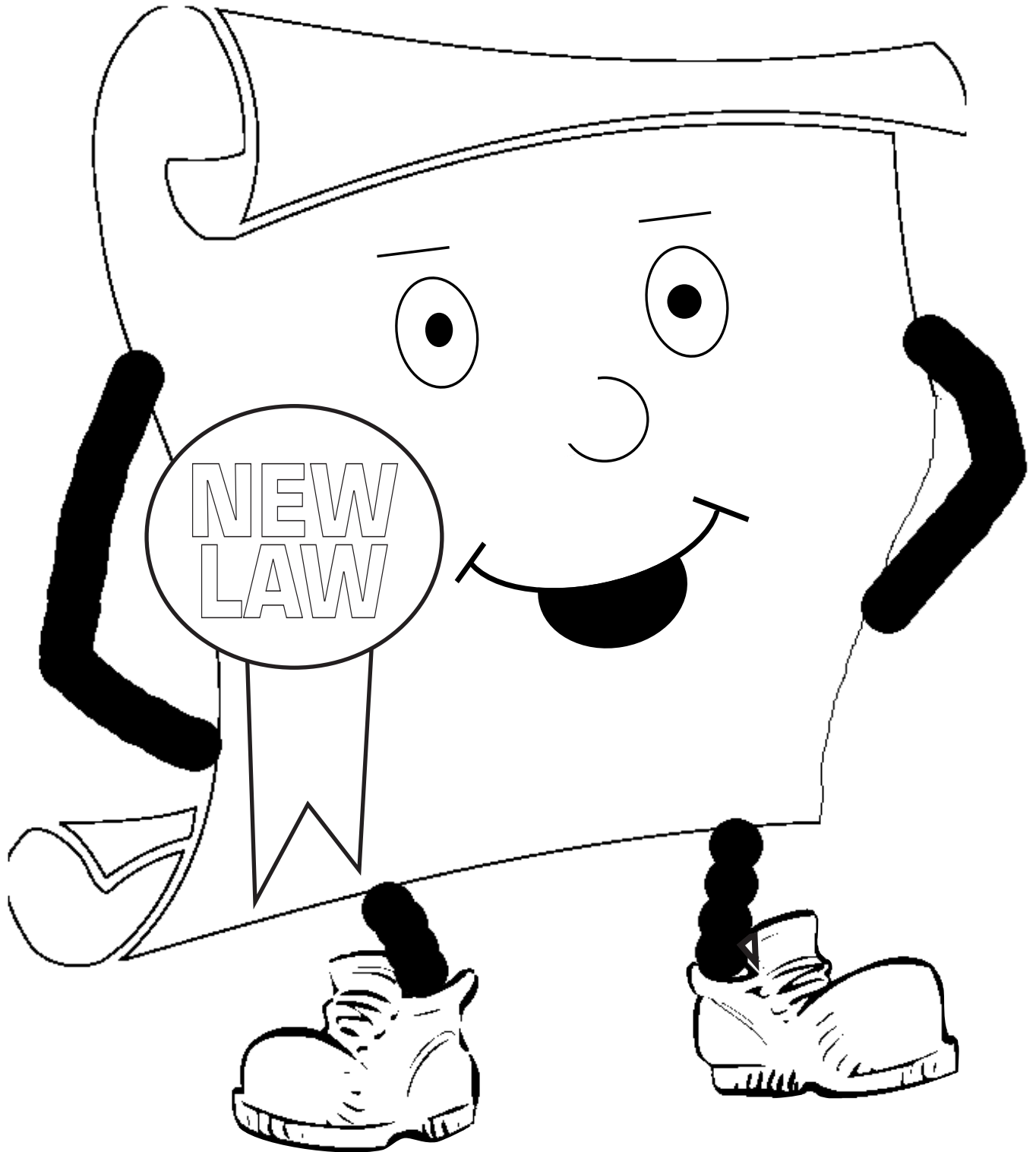
If the bill is approved by both chambers,



it is signed by the leaders of the House and Senate.



Now that both the House and Senate approve, the Governor may sign the bill. If the Governor disagrees with the bill, he may send it back to the General Assembly.



If the Governor signs the bill,
it becomes a law right away.
Then it gets a new number and title.



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