

Vocabulary list for Legislature 101

Amendment - Any alteration made (or proposed to be made) to a bill

Bill - a draft of a proposed law presented to the legislature

Committee – A body of members appointed to consider and make recommendations concerning disposition of bills, resolutions and other related matters

Conference Committee - A committee composed of members from the two houses specifically appointed to reconcile the differences between House and Senate versions of a bill or bills

General Court – state legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Law - an individual rule as part of a system of law

Legislator – a member of the legislative body

Legislature - deliberative assembly with the authority to make laws for a political entity such as a country or city

Majority Party - The political party having the greatest number of members in the legislature or in either chamber

Minority Party - The political party having fewer numbers of members in the legislature or in either chamber

Testimony – spoken or written statements that something is true

Veto - Action by the governor to disapprove a measure