



RISE & RALLY'S BILL PROPOSAL DRAFT TEMPLATE GUIDE

1. TITLE OF THE BILL

What to Include: The title should clearly and concisely reflect the bill's main objective. It often starts with phrases like "An Act to" or "A Bill to" followed by a brief description of the bill's purpose.

How to Get the Information:

- Identify the Core Issue: Determine the main issue or problem the bill addresses.
- Draft a Clear Title: Create a title that accurately describes the bill's main goal. Keep it simple and to the point.
- Check Similar Legislation: Look at the titles of similar bills for inspiration. Review existing legislation to see how they phrase their titles.

Example Title: An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Healthcare for Low-Income Families

2. PREAMBLE

What to Include: The preamble provides the background and justification for the bill. It outlines the problem and the bill's intended solution.

How to Get the Information:

- Describe the Problem: Explain the specific issue or need the bill addresses. Use data, personal stories, or community concerns.
- Explain the Rationale: Provide reasons why this issue needs legislative attention.
- State the Objectives: Outline what the bill aims to achieve.

Example Preamble: WHEREAS, access to affordable healthcare is a fundamental need for all individuals; and WHEREAS, low-income families face significant barriers in accessing quality healthcare services; therefore, this bill seeks to improve access to affordable healthcare for low-income families.



3. DEFINITIONS

What to Include: Define terms used throughout the bill to ensure clarity and avoid confusion.

How to Get the Information:

- Identify Key Terms: List terms that need to be defined for clarity.
- Use Clear Definitions: Provide precise definitions for these terms. Look at existing legislation for examples of legal definitions.
- Consult Legal Experts: If necessary, seek advice from legal experts or legislative aides to ensure definitions are accurate.

Example Definitions:

- “Affordable Healthcare” means medical services that are financially accessible to individuals or families within the defined income bracket.
- “Low-Income Families” refers to households with an income below 200% of the federal poverty level.

4. PURPOSE OF THE BILL

What to Include: State the specific goals and objectives of the bill.

How to Get the Information:

- Outline Objectives: Clearly define what you hope to achieve with the bill.
- Describe Benefits: Explain how the bill will address the issue and benefit affected groups.
- Refer to Similar Legislation: Look at the goals of similar bills for ideas on how to structure your own.

Example Purpose: The purpose of this Act is to provide financial assistance to low-income families to cover healthcare costs, improve access to preventive services, and ensure that families receive quality medical care.

5. PROVISIONS

What to Include: Detail the specific rules, regulations, or programs the bill will establish.

How to Get the Information:

- Break Down the Bill’s Components: List what the bill will do in a clear, structured manner.
- Include Detailed Provisions: Specify the rules, programs, or changes the bill will implement.
- Consult Existing Legislation: Review how existing laws are structured for guidance.



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Example Provisions:

Section 1. Establishment of a Healthcare Assistance Program

- Program Creation: The Department of Health shall create a Healthcare Assistance Program for low-income families.
- Eligibility: Families with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level are eligible for assistance.
- Coverage: The program shall cover up to 50% of medical expenses for eligible families.
- Administration: The Department of Health will administer the program and ensure compliance with regulations.

Section 2. Funding

- Budget Allocation: The state budget shall allocate \$10 million annually for the Healthcare Assistance Program.
- Account Management: Funds shall be managed by the Department of Health and used exclusively for the program's purposes.

Section 3. Reporting Requirements

- Annual Report: The Department of Health shall submit an annual report to the legislature detailing the program's expenditures, outcomes, and any recommendations for improvements.

6. JUSTIFICATION AND BENEFITS

What to Include: Explain why the bill is necessary and the benefits it will provide.

How to Get the Information:

- Provide Evidence: Use data, research, or expert opinions to support your bill.
- Show Benefits: Explain the positive impacts of the bill on individuals, communities, or systems.
- Gather Testimonials: Collect testimonials from individuals or groups affected by the issue.

Example Justification: This bill will address the gap in healthcare access for low-income families by providing financial assistance and improving overall health outcomes. By supporting preventive care and reducing out-of-pocket expenses, the bill aims to enhance the well-being of vulnerable populations.



7. LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

What to Include: Discuss any legal or administrative changes required for the implementation of the bill.

How to Get the Information:

- Identify Required Changes: Determine what legal or administrative adjustments are needed.
- Consult with Legal Experts: Seek advice from legal professionals to ensure compliance with existing laws.
- Plan for Implementation: Outline how the bill will be put into action and managed.

Example Legal and Administrative Implications: This Act will require amendments to existing health care regulations and the establishment of a new administrative framework for the Healthcare Assistance Program. The Department of Health will be responsible for implementing these changes and ensuring compliance.

8. FISCAL IMPACT

What to Include: Provide an analysis of the financial implications of the bill.

How to Get the Information:

- Estimate Costs: Calculate the costs associated with implementing the bill.
- Identify Funding Sources: Determine how the bill will be financed.
- Consult Financial Experts: Work with financial experts to develop a budget and funding plan.

Example Fiscal Impact: The estimated cost of implementing this bill is \$10 million annually. Funding will be provided through state budget allocations specifically designated for healthcare programs.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

What to Include: Specify when the bill will become law and when the provisions will take effect.

How to Get the Information:

- Determine the Start Date: Choose a date when the bill will become law.
- Plan for Implementation: Decide when the provisions of the bill will start being enforced.
- Consult Legislative Procedures: Review legislative procedures for effective date requirements.



Example Effective Date: This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

10. SIGNATURES AND SPONSORSHIP

What to Include: Include space for the signatures of the sponsors of the bill.

How to Get the Information:

- Find Sponsors: Identify legislators who support the bill.
- Obtain Signatures: Request that they sign as sponsors of the bill.
- Document Support: Keep a record of all sponsors and their endorsements.

Example Signatures and Sponsorship:

Sponsored by:

- Senator Jane Doe
- Representative John Smith

Date: [Insert Date]

11. APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

What to Include: Include additional documents that support the bill's proposal.

How to Get the Information:

- Gather Supporting Materials: Collect data, letters, or other documents that support the bill.
- Organize Documents: Ensure all attachments are relevant and well-organized.
- Attach Supporting Evidence: Include any reports, research findings, or letters of support.

Example Appendices and Attachments:

Appendix A: [Letter of Support from Local Healthcare Providers]

Appendix B: [Data Report on Healthcare Access for Low-Income Families]

Example Bill Proposal

Title:

An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Healthcare for Low-Income Families



Preamble:

WHEREAS, access to affordable healthcare is a fundamental need for all individuals; and WHEREAS, low-income families face significant barriers in accessing quality healthcare services; therefore, this bill seeks to improve access to affordable healthcare for low-income families.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined as follows:

- “Affordable Healthcare” means medical services that are financially accessible to individuals or families within the defined income bracket.
- “Low-Income Families” refers to households with an income below 200% of the federal poverty level.

Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to provide financial assistance to low-income families to cover healthcare costs, improve access to preventive services, and ensure that families receive quality medical care.

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Fiscal Impact:

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By following these detailed instructions, you can create a well-structured and effective legislative proposal. For more resources, guides, and opportunities to connect with others who share your passion for advocacy, please visit our website at www.riseandrally.org and follow us on Instagram at [@riseandrally_](https://www.instagram.com/riseandrally_)