

# **Senate Ethics and Elections Committee Rules**

## **2015 Session**

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1. In any case where committee rules do not apply, Senate Rules shall govern. All Powers, duties and responsibilities not addressed herein are reserved to the Chair.
2. Cell phones and other electronic devices with audible tones are prohibited in the Committee Room unless silenced.
3. The Chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and order of business. The Chair may also bring to discussion and possible vote, any bills previously heard at any time.
4. Bill introductions will not require a vote, but will be allowed “without objection”. If objection is raised, a vote will be taken.
5. Bill introductions will require “RS” numbers, unless prior permission is granted by the Chair.
6. Committee members shall not address conferees until and unless approved by the Chair.
7. The Chair reserves the right to limit questioning of conferees by committee members in the interest of time and in the interest of fairness to conferee and other committee members.
8. Questions by committee members that are directed to the wrong individual or are otherwise inappropriate in the context shall not be entertained.
9. No conferee shall be interrupted during their presentation, except with the permission of the Chair.
10. Questioning by committee members shall be limited to the subject matter on the agenda for the day, except as may otherwise be allowed by the Chair.
11. Committee members shall not be approached during the committee hearing or deliberations by anyone other than a fellow legislative member or legislative staff.
12. A motion requires a second to be in order.
13. A substitute motion is in order, but no additional substitute motion shall be in order until the prior substitute motion is disposed of.
14. A motion to table or take from the table shall be in order only when such item is on the agenda or is taken up by the Chair. The motion requires a simple majority of those present and is, unless otherwise determined by the Chair, non-debatable. A successful motion to table a bill shall lay the bill over a minimum of one day.
15. There shall be no recording of committee voting except by the committee secretary and staff. Exceptions may be granted by the Chair upon request.
16. A request from any member that their vote be recorded shall be granted.
17. Committee members who leave shortly after convening will not be recorded as “present”.
18. The Chair reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.
19. Adjournment is reserved to the Chair. No motion to adjourn shall be entertained.