

SENATE JUDICIARY 2022 COMMITTEE RULES

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. All committee members are encouraged to be in the committee meeting room during committee proceedings. Members may only vote and participate in the working of a bill if physically present in the committee room. Members may participate remotely for hearings, but must be physically present in the statehouse. Members may not participate remotely outside the statehouse.
3. All conferees wishing to present testimony, including oral testimony, must submit a digital PDF copy of the testimony to the committee assistant at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing. The written testimony, and oral if given, shall state whether it is “proponent,” “neutral,” or “opponent,” testimony. The name of each conferee, and the group name and address they are with, if any, shall be provided. This, and all other information provided, will be made part of the public record.
4. Conferees wishing to give oral testimony shall notify the committee assistant at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing whether they will be testifying in person, virtually or providing written-only testimony.
5. Cellular phones and other electronic devices with audible tones are prohibited in the Judiciary Committee Room, unless audible tones or ringers are disabled. Cameras behind a committee member while at their seat shall not be permitted. No food or drinks will be permitted in the Committee room by guests, spectators or conferees.
6. The chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and the order of business.
7. Committee documents will be provided to committee members in digital format at the beginning of each meeting by the Committee Assistant. Any printing of Committee documents is the responsibility of the committee member.
8. The chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature and may limit testimony, when necessary, to a specific number of minutes. Conferees shall address their remarks during testimony to committee members and staff only.
9. Committee members shall not address conferees, nor have the floor, until and unless the chair grants permission.
10. 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 conferees and other committee members.
11. No conferee shall be interrupted during the presentation of their testimony, except with the permission of the chair.

12. Questioning of a conferee shall be limited to the subject matter on the agenda for the day, except as may otherwise be allowed by the chair.
13. Committee members shall not be approached during a committee hearing or deliberations by anyone other than fellow legislative members or legislative staff.
14. No one other than legislative staff, or other committee members, shall stand or sit behind a committee member during a committee hearing, meeting or deliberations.
15. No bill, motion, amendment, or resolution shall be taken up for a committee vote unless announced by the chair.
16. An amendment to a bill must be “germane” to the bill and area of law that is being proposed or changed. Only the chair shall determine if an amendment is germane.
17. A motion requires a second to be in order.
18. A substitute motion is in order, but no additional substitute motion shall be in order until the prior substitute motion is disposed of. There will be no amending of amendments allowed.
19. Amendments to motions are not in order except upon consent of the member making the motion and his or her second.
20. A motion to table or take from the table shall be in order only when such an item is on the agenda or is taken up by the chair. The motion requires a simple majority of those present and is non-debatable, unless debate is approved by the chair.
21. There shall be no recording (audibly, photographically or otherwise) of committee voting except as authorized by the chair.
22. A request from any member that their vote be recorded shall be granted.
23. Granting excused absences is reserved to the chair.
24. The chair reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to provide safety to all participants, including social distancing and limiting guests in the Committee room, or such action as may be necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.
25. Adjournment is reserved to the chair and no motion to adjourn shall be entertained.