

Proposed Rule Changes for 2021 Session

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New Rule

S2-5. Time allowed for a member to speak. No member may speak for longer than ten minutes on a pending subject. However, a member may speak an additional ten minutes if the time is yielded by another member of the body. Each member may speak on the pending subject before any member speaks twice. No member may speak more than twice on the same subject without the consent of a majority of the members present.

New Rule

S2-6. COVID-19 restrictions in Senate areas. Each member of the Senate is expected to wear a mask while on the Senate floor. Any member of the Senate not wearing a mask shall, as much as practical, remain at least six feet distance from any legislative staff. Any person not a member of the Senate shall wear a mask while on the Senate floor, in a Senate lobby, in the Senate gallery, or in any area adjacent to the rotunda and the Senate on the third or fourth floor of the Capitol. Signs shall be posted to notify persons of these restrictions.

Revised Rule

S4-1. Standing committees. The presiding officer of the Senate shall announce the members of the following standing committees after their selection by the president pro tempore and the minority leader. The number of members is indicated after each committee:

1. Agriculture and Natural Resources ~~(9)~~ (7)
2. Appropriations (9)
3. Commerce and Energy ~~(7)~~ (9)
4. Education (7)
5. Government Operations and Audit (5)
6. Health and Human Services (7)
7. Judiciary (7)
8. Legislative Procedure (7)
9. Local Government (7)

10. Military and Veterans Affairs (5)
11. Retirement Laws (5)
12. State Affairs (9)
13. Taxation (7)
14. Transportation (7)

The president of the Senate is an ex officio member of the committee on legislative procedure.

New Rule

S4-4. COVID-19 restrictions in committee. Each member of the Senate is expected to wear a mask while attending a Senate committee. Any member of the Senate not wearing a mask shall, as much as practical, remain at least six feet distance from any legislative staff. Any person not a member of the Senate shall wear a mask while attending a Senate committee meeting. The committee chair may allow a person to remove his or her mask when speaking to the committee. Signs shall be posted to notify persons of these restrictions.