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## 2026 LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

Jan. 13	First day of Session
Feb. 4	Last day for introduction of individual bills and resolutions
Feb. 5	Last day for introduction of committee bills and resolutions
Feb. 12	Last day for JCA selection of general fund revenue targets (JR 7-11.1)
Feb. 23	Last day to move required delivery of bills or resolutions by a committee to the house of origin. Last day to use JR 5-17
Feb. 24	Last day to pass bills or joint resolutions by the house of origin (Crossover Day). Last day to invoke JR 7-7 in the house of origin
Feb. 26	Last day for JCA to move required delivery of special appropriation bills to house of origin (JR 17-1)
Mar. 2	Last day for house of origin to pass special appropriation bills referred from JCA (JR 17-1)
Mar. 4	JR 5-13 in effect. Last day for introduction of commemorations
Mar. 5	Last day to move required delivery of bills or joint resolutions by a committee to the second house
Mar. 9	Last day for a bill or joint resolution to pass both houses. Last day to invoke JR 7-7 in the second house
Mar. 12	37 <sup>th</sup> Legislative Day
Mar. 30	Reserved for consideration of gubernatorial vetoes
Jul. 1	Effective date of enacted legislation (except emergency measures)

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

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Majority Whip	Randy Deibert	773-3821	301
Majority Whip	Kevin D. Jensen	773-3821	301
Majority Whip	Sue Peterson	773-3828	321
Majority Whip	Tom Pischke	773-3824	327
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Asst. Majority Leader	Marty Overweg	773-3845	370
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Majority Whip	Leslie J. Heinemann	773-3851	468
Majority Whip	Greg Jamison	773-3851	468
Majority Whip	Brandei Schaefbauer	773-3851	468
Majority Whip	Bethany Soye	773-3851	468
Asst. Minority Leader	Eric Emery	773-4484	382
Minority Whip	Nicole Uhre-Balk	773-4484	384
Minority Whip	Kadyn Wittman	773-4484	384
Chief Clerk of the House	Patricia Miller	773-3987	364
House Lobby		773-3851	

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Board of Regents	773-3455
Bureau of Finance and Management	773-3411
Bureau of Human Resources and Administration	773-3148
Bureau of Information and Technology	773-4357
<b>Capitol Security</b>	<b>773-3154</b>
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Health	773-3361
Human Services	773-5990
Labor and Regulation	773-3101
Military	773-3269
Public Safety	773-3178
Public Utilities Commission	773-3201
Revenue	773-3311
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Secretary of State	773-3537
Social Services	773-3165
Tourism	773-3301
Transportation	773-3265
Treasurer	773-3378
Tribal Relations	773-3415
Unified Judicial System	773-3474
Veterans' Affairs	773-3269

## SENATE MEMBERS ONE HUNDRED FIRST SESSION, 2026

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\*Denotes Vice Chair



### **Beal, Arch**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Business Owner  
District: 12  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821



### **Blanc, Greg**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Pastor  
District: 35  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Judiciary, Military  
and Veterans  
Affairs, Taxation

**Carley, John**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Businessman  
District: 29  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Committee on Appropriations

**Crabtree, Casey**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Director of Economic Development  
District: 08  
Home Phone: 605-291-2767  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: \*\*Commerce and Energy, Taxation

**Davis, Sydney**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: CRNA/  
Cattle Producer  
District: 17  
Home Phone: 605-770-7029  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
\*Health and Human  
Services, Taxation

**Deibert, Randy**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Professional Land  
Surveyor  
District: 31  
Home Phone: 605-642-8133  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Legislative  
Procedure,  
\*\*Retirement Laws,  
State Affairs,  
\*\*Transportation

**Duhamel, Helene**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Law Enforcement/  
Business Owner  
District: 32  
Home Phone: 605-342-2078  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Judiciary, \*Local  
Government

**Foster, Red Dawn**

Party: Democratic  
Status: Incumbent  
District: 27  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations,  
Government  
Operations and  
Audit, Retirement  
Laws

**Grove, Tamara R.**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Consultant  
District: 26  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Government  
Operations and  
Audit, Health and  
Human Services,  
Judiciary, Taxation

**Hohn, Joy A.**

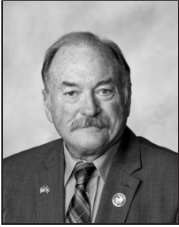
Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Professional Pilot/  
Farmer/  
Business Owner  
District: 09  
Home Phone: 605-212-9256  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Military and  
Veterans Affairs,  
\*Taxation,  
Transportation

**Howard, Taffy**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Small Business  
Owner  
District: 34  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations,  
\*\*Government  
Operations and  
Audit, Military and  
Veterans Affairs

**Hulse, Amber**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Law Clerk  
District: 30  
Home Phone: 605-890-0744  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: \*Judiciary, Taxation

**Jensen, Kevin D.**

Party: Republican  
Status: Other House  
Occupation: Business Owner  
District: 16  
Home Phone: 605-366-6947  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: \*Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
\*\*Health and  
Human Services,  
State Affairs

**Karr, Chris**

Party: Republican  
Status: Other House  
Occupation: Self-Employed  
District: 11  
Home Phone: 605-695-0391  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy,  
Government  
Operations and  
Audit, \*\*Legislative  
Procedure, State  
Affairs

**Kolbeck, Steve**

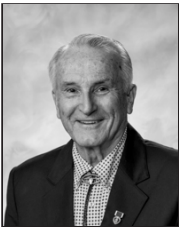
Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Principal Manager  
District: 02  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, \*\*Judiciary,  
Retirement Laws,  
State Affairs

**Lapka, Mark**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Farmer/Rancher  
District: 23  
Home Phone: 605-439-3719  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: \*Committee on  
Appropriations

**Larson, Liz**

Party: Democratic  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Economic  
Development  
District: 10  
Home Phone: 605-310-3317  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Legislative  
Procedure, State  
Affairs,  
Transportation

**Marty, Sam S.**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Rancher  
District: 28  
Home Phone: 605-866-4477  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Education, \*Military  
and Veterans Affairs

**Mehlhaff, Jim**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Retired  
District: 24  
Home Phone: 605-280-3274  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Judiciary,  
\*Legislative  
Procedure, \*\*State  
Affairs

**Miskimins, Paul R.**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Retired Dentist/  
Farmer  
District: 20  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations

**Nelson, Lauren**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Teacher/  
Administrator  
District: 18  
Home Phone: 605-661-5876  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Education, Local  
Government,  
Transportation

**Otten, Ernie**

Party: Republican  
Status: Other House  
Occupation: Retired  
District: 06  
Home Phone: 605-368-5716  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: \*\*Committee on  
Appropriations,  
\*Government  
Operations and  
Audit

**Perry, Carl**

Party: Republican  
Status: Other House  
Occupation: Retired Education  
Collection  
Management  
District: 03  
Home Phone: 605-262-0113  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Health and  
Human Services,  
Legislative  
Procedure, \*State  
Affairs

**Peterson, Sue**

Party: Republican  
Status: Other House  
Occupation: Retired Banker/  
Track Coach  
District: 13  
Home Phone: 605-371-1668  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: \*Commerce and  
Energy, Education,  
Legislative  
Procedure,  
\*\*Taxation

**Pischke, Tom**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: System Quality  
District: 25  
Home Phone: 605-999-2948  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: \*\*Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Judiciary, Legislative  
Procedure, State  
Affairs

**Reed, Tim S.**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Retired  
District: 07  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Health and Human  
Services, \*\*Local  
Government

**Rohl, Michael H.**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: General Manager  
District: 01  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Local Government,  
Transportation

**Sauder, Stephanie**

Party: Republican  
Status: Other House  
Occupation: Ag Producer/Retired  
K-12 Educator  
District: 04  
Home Phone: 605-628-2732  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Education,  
\*Transportation

**Schoenfish, Kyle**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Certified Public Accountant  
District: 19  
Home Phone: 605-660-6468  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: \*\*Education, Local Government, Transportation

**Smith, Jamie**

Party: Democratic  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Realtor  
District: 15  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Education, Health and Human Services, Local Government, Retirement Laws

**Vilhauer, Glen**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Retired CPA  
District: 05  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations,  
\*Retirement Laws

**Voight, Curt**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Retired/  
Ag Business Owner  
District: 33  
Home Phone: 605-209-7073  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
\*Education, Health  
and Human  
Services, State  
Affairs

**Voita, Mykala**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Self-Employed/  
Operator/Laborer  
District: 21  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations

**Wipf, Brandon**

Party: Republican  
Status: Governor's  
Appointment  
Occupation: Farmer  
District: 22  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Local Government

**Zikmund, Larry P.**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Retired  
District: 14  
Home Phone: 605-373-0975  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3821  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations,  
\*\*Military and  
Veterans Affairs

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES**

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**Agriculture and Natural Resources (7 Members)**

**Room 423** T,Th 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**\*\*Pischke, \*Jensen (Kevin)**, Davis, Duhamel,  
Marty, Voight, Wipf

**Commerce and Energy (9 Members)**

**Room 412** T,Th 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**\*\*Crabtree, \*Peterson (Sue)**, Deibert, Hohn,  
Karr, Kolbeck (Steve), Larson, Mehlhaff, Perry

**Committee on Appropriations (9 Members)**

**Room 362** M - F 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**\*\*Otten, \*Lapka**, Carley, Foster, Howard,  
Miskimins, Vilhauer, Voita, Zikmund

**Education (7 Members)**

**Room 423** T,Th 7:45 AM-9:45 AM

**\*\*Schoenfish, \*Voight**, Marty, Nelson,  
Peterson (Sue), Sauder, Smith

**Government Operations and Audit (5 Members)**

**Meets at the Call of the Chair**

**\*\*Howard, \*Otten**, Foster, Grove, Karr

**Health and Human Services (7 Members)**

**Room 412** M,W,F 7:45 AM-9:45 AM

**\*\*Jensen (Kevin), \*Davis**, Grove, Perry, Reed,  
Smith, Voight

**Judiciary (7 Members)**

**Room 413** T,Th 7:45 AM-9:45 AM

**\*\*Kolbeck (Steve), \*Hulse**, Blanc, Duhamel,  
Grove, Mehlhaff, Pischke

**Legislative Procedure (7 Members)****Meets at the Call of the Chair**

**\*\*Karr, \*Mehlhoff,** Deibert, Larson, Perry,  
Peterson (Sue), Pischke

**Local Government (7 Members)**

**Room 412 M,W,F 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**\*\*Reed, \*Duhamel,** Nelson, Rohl, Schoenfish,  
Smith, Wipf

**Military and Veterans Affairs (5 Members)****Meets at the Call of the Chair**

**\*\*Zikmund, \*Marty,** Blanc, Hohn, Howard

**Retirement Laws (5 Members)****Meets at the Call of the Chair**

**\*\*Deibert, \*Vilhauer,** Foster, Kolbeck (Steve),  
Smith

**State Affairs (9 Members)**

**Room 414 M,W,F 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**\*\*Mehlhoff, \*Perry,** Deibert, Jensen (Kevin),  
Karr, Kolbeck (Steve), Larson, Pischke, Voight

**Taxation (7 Members)**

**Room 423 M,W,F 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**\*\*Peterson (Sue), \*Hohn,** Blanc, Crabtree,  
Davis, Grove, Hulse

**Transportation (7 Members)**

**Room 423 M,W,F 7:45 AM-9:45 AM**

**\*\*Deibert, \*Sauder,** Hohn, Larson, Nelson, Rohl,  
Schoenfish

## SENATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CITY</b>
Tonnis H. Venhuizen	President	Sioux Falls
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Peggy Laurenz	Secretary of the Senate	Fort Pierre
Mike Oakland	Assistant to the Secretary of the Senate	Pierre
Yuva P. Chandana	Secretary to the Minority Party	Northlake
Jake Krahn	Chief Chaplain	Pierre
Jean Denton	Committee Secretary	Pierre
Amy Hansen	Committee Secretary	Pierre
Pam Kean	Committee Secretary	Fort Pierre
Mary Kirk	Committee Secretary	Pierre
Jeff Mammenga	Committee Secretary	Pierre
Doug Mortenson	Committee Secretary	Fort Pierre
Anne Reisch	Committee Secretary	Howard
Doug Decker	Sergeant at Arms	Pierre
Paul Merriman	Assistant Sergeant at Arms	Pierre
David Bonde	Assistant Sergeant at Arms	Fort Pierre

**SENATE****Interns**

Phoebe Allbright .....	Spearfish
Nate Arens .....	Vermillion
Ellie Becker.....	Howard
Jayden Bender .....	Britton
Regan Bollweg .....	Brookings
Piper Connelly.....	Vermillion
Cormac Duffy.....	Sioux Falls
Samantha Hegge.....	Aberdeen
Claire Koenecke .....	Brookings
Isabelle May .....	Vermillion
Zoe Meinke.....	Gettysburg
Freddy Vizcaya-Garcia.....	Brookings
Jamie Ward .....	Aberdeen

**Pages - 1st Term**

Finn Bartlett .....	Brookings
Halle Braun.....	Canton
Siene Geigle .....	Creighton
Gage Miotke .....	Webster
Madelyn Osthus.....	Madison
Brynn Samson .....	Lake City
Brianna Sargent .....	Pierre
Mallory Wells .....	Brookings

**Pages - 2nd Term**

Aimslee Bunker .....	Arlington
Elliott Carbonneau .....	Brandon
Madalyn Cole .....	Leola
Sadie Davis .....	Quinn
Kaydence De Haan .....	Watertown
Isabelle Hotchkiss.....	Delmont
Ella Johnson .....	Dell Rapids
Elizabeth Meyer.....	South Shore
Coltyn Raymond.....	Ethan
Samuel Valle.....	Fort Pierre

**Pages - 3rd Term**

Esther Burkhalter .....	Prairie City
Richard Carlson .....	Sioux Falls
Lee Decker .....	Rapid City
Owen Kopfmann.....	Mitchell
Danni Kotalik .....	Springfield
Quynn Nielson.....	Volga
Madison Olson.....	Sioux Falls
Ada Rider .....	Henry
Grant Roth .....	Sioux Falls
Rachel Steffensen.....	Arlington
Tomi White .....	Onida

**Pages - 4th Term**

Levi Atkins.....	Vienna
Joshua Brandt.....	Yankton
Clare Cordell.....	Gettysburg
Hannah DeLine.....	Mitchell
Olivia Moffitt.....	Hot Springs
William Penfield.....	Lemmon
Owen Reed.....	Sioux Falls
Lindsey Ronning.....	Hill City
Poppy Stevens.....	Rapid City
Ryler Stevicks.....	Gregory
Layla Williams.....	Hill City

**Pages - 5th Term**

Carley Crist.....	Wakonda
Hadley Gjerde.....	Vienna
Jaxon Johanneson.....	Tea
Whitney Martinsen.....	Watertown
Brody Miller.....	Tea
Bryn Schooley.....	Castlewood
Makayla Strong.....	Mitchell

## HOUSE MEMBERS

### ONE HUNDRED FIRST SESSION, 2026

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\*Denotes Vice Chair



#### **Andera, Bobbi L.**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Entrepreneur/  
Scientist  
District: 10  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Health and Human  
Services, Local  
Government,  
Military and  
Veterans Affairs



#### **Arlint, Amber**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Insurance Agency  
Owner  
District: 12  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Education,  
Retirement Laws,  
Transportation

**Auch, Julie**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Farmer/Small  
Business Owner  
District: 18  
Home Phone: 605-665-8657  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Government  
Operations and  
Audit, \*Local  
Government

**Aylward, Aaron**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Recruiter  
District: 06  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Military and  
Veterans Affairs,  
\*\*Taxation

**Bahmuller, Jessica**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Municipal Finance  
Officer  
District: 19  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*Commerce and  
Energy, State Affairs

**Bathke, Jeff**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Emergency Manager  
District: 20  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Local Government,  
Taxation

**Baxter, Heather**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Business Owner  
District: 34  
Home Phone: 605-646-5573  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Education, Health  
and Human  
Services, Military  
and Veterans Affairs

**Czmowski, Tim**

Party: Republican  
Status: Governor's  
Appointment  
Occupation: Technical Business  
Consultant  
District: 06  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Taxation,  
\*Transportation

**DeGroot, Roger**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Retired Educator  
District: 07  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Education, Local  
Government

**Derby, Mike**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Commercial Real  
Estate Broker  
Associate  
District: 34  
Home Phone: 605-381-0992  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*\*Committee on  
Appropriations

**Duffy, Steve**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Property Management  
District: 32  
Home Phone: 605-342-2078  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Commerce and Energy, Transportation

**Emery, Eric**

Party: Democratic  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Paramedic  
District: 26A  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Government Operations and Audit, Health and Human Services, State Affairs

**Fitzgerald, Mary J.**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Self-Employed  
District: 31  
Home Phone: 605-641-2045  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, Local  
Government

**Fosness, Nick**

Party: Republican  
Status: Governor's  
Appointment  
Occupation: Healthcare  
Administration/  
Commercial Real  
Estate  
District: 01  
Home Phone: 605-228-5555  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Health and Human  
Services,  
Transportation

**Garcia, Josephine**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Health Care  
Provider/  
Assistant Professor/  
Business Owner  
District: 05  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Education, Health  
and Human Services

**Goodwin, Tim**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Retired  
District: 30  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
\*\*Military and  
Veterans Affairs,  
Transportation

**Gosch, Spencer**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Rancher/Farmer  
District: 23  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
State Affairs

**Greenfield, Lana J.**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Self-Employed  
District: 22  
Home Phone: 605-635-6932  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, \*\*Education

**Halverson, Jim**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Journeyman  
Electrician  
District: 21  
Home Phone: 605-842-2636  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Education, Health  
and Human Services

**Hansen, Jon**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Lawyer  
District: 25  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*\*Legislative  
Procedure, State  
Affairs

**Healy, Erin**

Party: Democratic  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Philanthropy Officer  
District: 10  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Legislative  
Procedure, State  
Affairs

**Heermann, Melissa**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Revenue Cycle  
Director  
District: 07  
Home Phone: 605-651-7891  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Education, Local  
Government

**Heinemann, Leslie J.**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Retired Dentist/  
Farmer  
District: 25  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*Health and Human  
Services,  
\*Retirement Laws,  
State Affairs

**Hughes, John**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Attorney  
District: 13  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, \*Taxation

**Hunt, Jana**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Rancher/  
Registered Nurse  
District: 28A  
Home Phone: 605-538-4411  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Judiciary

**Ismay, Travis**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Rancher/Welder  
District: 28B  
Home Phone: 605-456-2146  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Education

**Jamison, Greg**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Commercial Real Estate Broker Associate  
District: 12  
Home Phone: 605-310-1930  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Legislative Procedure, \*\*Local Government, State Affairs

**Jensen, Phil**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Small Business Owner  
District: 33  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Education, Transportation

**Jordan, Dylan C.**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Machine Operator/  
DJ  
District: 04  
Home Phone: 605-520-4547  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Education, Health  
and Human Services

**Jorgenson, Terri**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Retired Military  
District: 29  
Pierre Phone: 605-733-3851  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations,  
Military and  
Veterans Affairs

**Kassin, Chris**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Nonprofit  
Administration  
District: 17  
Home Phone: 605-670-9698  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations

**Kayser, Tony**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Investment Advisor  
Representative  
District: 14  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Health and  
Human Services,  
Military and  
Veterans Affairs

**Kolbeck, Jack R.**

Party: Republican  
Status: Governor's  
Appointment  
Occupation: KAM-Beal Dist. Inc.  
District: 13  
Home Phone: 605-332-6490  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations

**Kull, David**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Retired Police Chief  
District: 02  
Home Phone: 605-261-9185  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, Local  
Government,  
Retirement Laws

**Ladner, Trish**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Business Owner  
District: 30  
Home Phone: 605-440-1834  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Local Government

**Lems, Karla J.**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Business Owner  
District: 16  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*\*Commerce and  
Energy,  
Government  
Operations and  
Audit, \*Legislative  
Procedure, State  
Affairs

**Manhart, Logan**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Construction/  
Real Estate  
District: 01  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Education, Health  
and Human Services

**Massie, Curt**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: SD State & Local  
Tax Consultant  
District: 33  
Home Phone: 605-389-7345  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, Taxation

**May, Liz M.**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Rancher/Small  
Business Owner  
District: 27  
Home Phone: 605-455-2588  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations

**Moore, Scott**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: CEO FEM Electric  
Association  
District: 23  
Home Phone: 605-426-6704  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations,  
\*Government  
Operations and  
Audit, Military and  
Veterans Affairs

**Mortenson, Will**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Attorney/Cow Hand  
District: 24  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, Taxation

**Muckey, Erik**

Party: Democratic  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Nonprofit Leader &  
Consultant  
District: 15  
Home Phone: 605-999-5036  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations,  
Retirement Laws

**Mulally, Tina L.**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Business Owner/  
Homemaker  
District: 35  
Home Phone: 605-393-1337  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Legislative  
Procedure, Local  
Government

**Mulder, Brian**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Nonprofit Director  
District: 11  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*\*Health and  
Human Services,  
Transportation

**Nolz, Kaley**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Business Owner  
District: 20  
Home Phone: 605-999-4136  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Commerce and  
Energy

**Novstrup, Al**

Party: Republican  
Status: Other House  
Occupation: Family  
Entertainment  
Center Manager  
District: 03  
Home Phone: 605-360-9711  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*Committee on  
Appropriations

**Odenbach, Scott**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Attorney  
District: 31  
Home Phone: 605-645-6504  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Legislative  
Procedure, \*\*State  
Affairs

**Overweg, Marty**

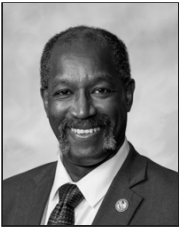
Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Ag Businessman/  
Farmer  
District: 21  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*\*Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
\*\*Government  
Operations and  
Audit, Legislative  
Procedure, \*State  
Affairs

**Peterson, Drew**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Farmer/Rancher  
District: 19  
Home Phone: 605-247-3043  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Commerce and  
Energy

**Pourier, Peri**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Entrepreneur  
District: 27  
Home Phone: 605-877-1238  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, Military  
and Veterans  
Affairs, Taxation

**Randolph, Tony**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Electrical Contractor  
District: 35  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Military and  
Veterans Affairs,  
Taxation,  
\*\*Transportation

**Rehfeldt, Taylor**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Certified Registered  
Nurse Anesthetist  
District: 14  
Home Phone: 605-391-4378  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Health and Human  
Services,  
Transportation

**Reimer, Rebecca**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Business Owner  
District: 26B  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, Taxation

**Reisch, Tim**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Retired  
District: 08  
Home Phone: 605-579-0349  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, \*Military  
and Veterans  
Affairs, State Affairs

**Rice, Kathy**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Small Business  
Owner  
District: 29  
Home Phone: 605-389-4328  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Education

**Roby, Matt**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Attorney/  
Investment Advisor  
District: 05  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, Local  
Government

**Roe, Kent**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Appraiser  
District: 04  
Home Phone: 605-520-4710  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Taxation,  
Transportation

**Schaeftbauer, Brandei**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
District: 03  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Health and Human  
Services, State  
Affairs

**Schwans, Tesa**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Hairstylist/Small  
Business Owner  
District: 09  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Education

**Shorma, William**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Business Owner  
District: 17  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Military and  
Veterans Affairs,  
Transportation

**Shubeck, John**

Party: Republican  
Status: Governor's  
Appointment  
Occupation: Farmer  
District: 16  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Military and  
Veterans Affairs,  
Transportation

**Sjaarda, John**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Farmer  
District: 02  
Home Phone: 605-321-4073  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Committee on  
Appropriations

**Soye, Bethany**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Full-Time Mom/  
Attorney  
District: 09  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*Judiciary, State  
Affairs

**Stevens, Mike**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Attorney  
District: 18  
Home Phone: 605-661-0057  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: \*Education,  
\*\*Judiciary

**Uhre-Balk, Nicole**

Party: Democratic  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Educator  
District: 32  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy, Education

**Van Diepen, Kevin**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Retired Law  
Enforcement  
District: 22  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Local Government

**Walburg, Tim**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Paramedic/  
Retired Sheriff  
District: 08  
Home Phone: 605-291-6765  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Judiciary, Taxation

**Weems, Keri K.**

Party: Republican  
Status: New Member  
Occupation: Independent  
Contractor  
District: 11  
Home Phone: 605-201-3554  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Military and  
Veterans Affairs,  
Taxation,  
Transportation

**Weisgram, Mike**

Party: Republican  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Retired/  
Business Owner  
District: 24  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Commerce and  
Energy,  
\*\*Retirement Laws,  
Taxation

**Wittman, Kady**

Party: Democratic  
Status: Incumbent  
Occupation: Development  
Director  
District: 15  
Pierre Phone: 605-773-3851  
Committees: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources,  
Local Government

**HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES**

\*\*Denotes Chair \*Denotes Vice Chair

**Agriculture and Natural Resources (13 Members)**

**Room 414** T,Th 7:45 AM-9:45 AM

\*\*Overweg, \*Gosch, Goodwin, Hunt, Ismay,  
Ladner, May, Nolz, Peterson (Drew), Rice,  
Shubeck, Van Diepen, Wittman

**Commerce and Energy (13 Members)**

**Room 464** M,W,F 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

\*\*Lems, \*Bahmuller, Aylward, Duffy, Greenfield,  
Kayser, Mulally, Nolz, Peterson (Drew), Schwans,  
Shorma, Uhre-Balk, Weisgram

**Committee on Appropriations (9 Members)**

**Room 362** M - F 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

\*\*Derby, \*Novstrup, Auch, Jorgenson, Kassin,  
Kolbeck (Jack), Moore, Muckey, Sjaarda

**Education (15 Members)**

**Room 413** M,W,F 7:45 AM-9:45 AM

\*\*Greenfield, \*Stevens, Arlint, Baxter, DeGroot,  
Garcia, Halverson, Heermann, Ismay, Jordan,  
Manhart, May, Rice, Schwans, Uhre-Balk

**Government Operations and Audit (5 Members)**

**Meets at the Call of the Chair**

\*\*Overweg, \*Moore, Auch, Emery, Lems

**Health and Human Services (13 Members)**

**Room 412** T,Th 7:45 AM-9:45 AM

\*\*Mulder, \*Heinemann, Andera, Baxter, Emery,  
Fosness, Garcia, Halverson, Jordan, Kayser,  
Manhart, Rehfeldt, Schaeftbauer

**Judiciary (13 Members)****Room 413 M,W,F 10:00 AM-12:00 PM****\*\*Stevens, \*Soye,** Fitzgerald, Hughes, Hunt, Kull, Massie, Mortenson, Pourier, Reimer, Reisch, Roby, Walburg**Legislative Procedure (7 Members)****Meets at the Call of the Chair****\*\*Hansen, \*Lems,** Healy, Jamison, Mulally, Odenbach, Overweg**Local Government (13 Members)****Room 414 T,Th 10:00 AM-12:00 PM****\*\*Jamison, \*Ladner,** Andera, Bathke, DeGroot, Fitzgerald, Heermann, Jensen (Phil), Kull, Mulally, Roby, Van Diepen, Wittman**Military and Veterans Affairs (13 Members)****Meets at the Call of the Chair****\*\*Goodwin, \*Reisch,** Andera, Aylward, Baxter, Jorgenson, Kayser, Moore, Pourier, Randolph, Shorma, Shubeck, Weems**Retirement Laws (5 Members)****Meets at the Call of the Chair****\*\*Weisgram, \*Heinemann,** Arlint, Kull, Muckey**State Affairs (13 Members)****Room 414 M,W,F 7:45 AM-9:45 AM****\*\*Odenbach, \*Overweg,** Bahmuller, Emery, Gosch, Hansen, Healy, Heinemann, Jamison, Lems, Reisch, Schaeftbauer, Soyé

**Taxation (13 Members)****Room 464** **T,Th 7:45 AM-9:45 AM****\*\*Aylward, \*Hughes,** Czmowski, Jensen (Phil),  
Massie, Mortenson, Poirier, Randolph, Reimer,  
Roe, Walburg, Weems, Weisgram**Transportation (13 Members)****Room 413** **T,Th 10:00 AM-12:00 PM****\*\*Randolph, \*Czmowski,** Arlint, Bathke, Duffy,  
Fosness, Goodwin, Mulder, Rehfeldt, Roe, Shorma,  
Shubeck, Weems

## HOUSE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

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Karla J. Lems	Speaker Pro Tempore	Canton
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Jean Denton	Committee Secretary	Pierre
Amy Hansen	Committee Secretary	Pierre
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James Smith	Sergeant at Arms	Pierre
Rollie Borth	Assistant Sergeant at Arms	Pierre

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## HOUSE

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Katie Hohn .....	Mitchell
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## SENATE RULES

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### CHAPTER 1. PRESIDING OFFICER

#### CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

**Art. IV, § 5. Powers and duties of lieutenant governor.**

*The lieutenant governor shall be president of the senate but shall have no vote unless the senators be equally divided. The lieutenant governor shall perform the duties and exercise the powers that may be delegated to him by the Governor.*

#### RULES

**S1-1. Presiding officer.** The presiding officer of the Senate is the president pro tempore. The president pro tempore shall prescribe all Senate policies not otherwise provided by law or rule and shall perform all the duties of a presiding officer except for presiding over Senate floor sessions when the president of the Senate is present.

**S1-2. President of the Senate.** The lieutenant governor is the president of the Senate. The president shall preside over Senate floor sessions.

**S1-3. President pro tempore presides in absence of president.** If the president of the Senate is absent or unable to serve during a Senate floor session, the president pro tempore shall preside over the Senate. The acts of the president pro tempore have the same validity as those of the president.

**S1-4. Presiding officer in absence of president and president pro tempore.** If the president of the Senate and the president pro tempore are absent or unable to serve during a Senate floor session, any member called to the chair by the Senate may preside over the Senate. The acts of such a member have the same validity as those of the president.

**S1-5. Bill and joint resolution signing deadline.** When a bill or joint resolution is presented pursuant to Joint Rule 6G-8, the bill or joint resolution must be signed before the Senate adjourns on the legislative day after the bill or joint resolution is presented.

## **CHAPTER 2. FLOOR PRIVILEGES, SEATING, AND MEETINGS**

**S2-1. Repealed.**

**S2-2. Seating assignments.** The president pro tempore of the Senate, with the advice of the minority leader, shall make the seating assignments for the floor of the Senate.

**S2-3. Hour of meeting.** The hour of meeting of the Senate is 2:00 p.m. on each legislative day unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

**S2-4. Introduction of honored guests.** Any Senator may, with the prior approval of the president pro tempore, present honored guests for introduction on the floor of the chamber. Any honored guest should be a representative of some noteworthy event, charity, or benevolent organization or the recipient of some significant honor, title, or award and shall be briefly conducted onto the Senate floor from the legislators' side lobby. However, all such presentations may only occur during the first hour of business, and the honored guests may not address any remarks to the Senate. Introduction shall be made by the president of the Senate or the member presiding over the Senate floor session.

**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.

When the debate on a bill or resolution appears to be closed, the prime sponsor of the question under consideration may speak for an additional five minutes, unless a motion to call the previous question on final disposition of the question has prevailed.

**S2-6. Repealed.**

### **CHAPTER 3. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

**S3-1. Elective officers.** The officers of the Senate are a president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a member of the body, a secretary of the Senate and such other officers necessary to conduct the business of the Senate, who shall be formally elected by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Senate. Employees necessary to conduct the business of the Senate shall be appointed by the president pro tempore and their appointment shall be announced at the opening of the session.

### **CHAPTER 4. COMMITTEES**

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

- (1) Agriculture and Natural Resources (7)
- (2) Appropriations (9)
- (3) Commerce and Energy (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.

**S4-2. Chairs of standing committees.** The president pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as the chair of the legislative procedure committee. For other committees, the member of a committee announced first is the chair. In the absence of the chair, the member announced next shall act as chair, and so on as often as necessary.

**S4-3. Referral of bills to committee.** Upon the first reading of a bill, the president pro tempore of the Senate or his designee shall assign that bill to an appropriate committee for hearing.

**S4-4. Repealed.**

## CHAPTER 5. RULES

**S5-1. Adoption, suspension, or amendment of rules.** A motion to adopt the rules of the Senate shall be decided by a majority of the members-elect, subject to debate. A motion to suspend or amend a rule of the Senate shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the members-elect, subject to debate.

**S5-2. Proceedings governed by Mason's Manual.** *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* governs the proceedings of the Senate in all cases not covered by these rules or the Joint Rules.

**S5-3. Conflicting rules.** If the Senate rules and the Joint Rules conflict, the Senate Rules govern.

## CHAPTER 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

**S6-1. Consent calendar.** Notwithstanding Joint Rule 13-1, a bill requiring a two-thirds vote of the members-elect may not be voted on the Senate consent calendar. If such a bill is placed on the Senate consent calendar, the president of the

Senate or the member presiding shall order it removed and placed on the next legislative day's regular bill calendar.

**S6-2. Approval of consent calendar.**

Notwithstanding Joint Rule 13-4, after allowing a reasonable time for questions from the floor on any bill, resolution, or nomination on the consent calendar and after permitting the proponents to answer the questions, the president of the Senate shall call for a vote on the consent calendar. Approval of the consent calendar by a majority of the members-elect of the Senate is considered final disposition of all the bills and resolutions on the consent calendar and is confirmation of each nomination on the consent calendar.

**CHAPTER 7.  
NOMINATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**S7-1. Confirmation procedure.** Nominations from the Governor shall be referred to a standing or select committee. A committee receiving such a referral shall conduct hearings on the fitness and qualifications of the nominee to serve in the post for which the nominee has been nominated. After the hearings and subsequent deliberations, the committee shall report to the full Senate its recommendation that the nomination should or should not receive the consent of the Senate. Following the committee report, action on the confirmation shall be set for a day certain on the legislative calendar. In committee and on the floor, consideration of the Governor's appointments that require Senate confirmation shall take place in open session unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the body present.

**S7-2. Time for taking final action.** Final action on nominations by the Governor may not be taken until the second legislative day after receiving the nomination. This rule does not apply to a nomination received during the three final legislative days.

**S7-2.1. Uncontested nominations on consent calendar.** Each standing committee may report an uncontested nomination out of committee with recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar where it shall be subject to Joint Rules 13-2, 13-3, and 13-4, and Senate Rule 6-2.

**S7-3. Motion of advice and consent.** On considering nominations from the Governor, the president of the Senate or the member presiding shall put the following question: "Does the Senate advise and consent to the executive appointment of (name)?"

**S7-4. Vote requirements.** Confirmation of nominations from the Governor requires a majority vote of the members-elect.

**S7-5. Reconsideration of vote.** While a nomination from the Governor remains within the Senate, the members may reconsider any vote taken on it.

**S7-6. Written notice of final action.** Upon final action, the secretary of the Senate shall notify the Governor and the Secretary of State in writing of the action of the body.

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## **CHAPTER 8.**

### **DISCIPLINE AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

**S8-1. Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion.** Any five Senators may by written motion first delivered to the president pro tempore move for the establishment of a Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion to investigate the conduct of any other Senator. Upon being seconded, the motion is debatable, and passage of the motion requires a majority vote of the members-elect. The Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall be composed of nine members of the Senate. The chair and vice chair of the select committee shall be chosen by the president pro tempore and may not both be members of the same political party. The other seven members of the select committee shall be chosen by the president pro tempore in consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader. The party makeup of the select committee shall be proportional to the party makeup of the Senate.

**S8-1.1. Personnel Matters.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a two-thirds majority of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion determines that it is considering a personnel matter that is not appropriate to be considered in a public forum, the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall take appropriate measures to protect the employee, including meeting in closed session. In all circumstances, chair of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall inform the Senator who is the subject of the investigation of any executive session meetings and the Senator's right to be present at any such meeting.

**S8-2. Meetings; notice; quorum; vote.** All meetings of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall be held in the Capitol. A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum. The affirmative vote of majority of those present and voting, assuming a quorum, is required for actions of the committee.

All meetings of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion are open meetings in like manner to any other Senate committee meeting. All meetings shall be webcast and archived in like manner to any other Senate committee meeting.

All meetings of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall be scheduled at times that are not in conflict with any other official Senate business. All members of the Senate have the right to be present during all of the select committee's meetings.

**S8-3. Oath.** Prior to consideration of any matter referred to it, except establishing a quorum, the members of the select committee shall subscribe to the following oath, which shall be administered by the Secretary of the Senate.

"I do solemnly swear (affirm) that in all things appertaining to the matter referred to this select committee, I will do impartial justice according to the Constitution, laws, Joint Rules, and Senate Rules of the State of South Dakota. I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion in the aforesaid matter, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."

**S8-4. Procedure in committee.** The Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall:

- (1) Conduct all hearings in like manner to any other Senate committee meeting, and only after informing the member who is the subject of the hearing in writing, which may include electronic written communication, of the date and time of each meeting held for the purpose;
- (2) Invite the member who is the subject of the hearing to attend all meetings of the committee in person and to be accompanied by legal counsel, or to be represented at the hearings by legal counsel of the member's choice and at the member's own expense;
- (3) Afford the member full opportunity to present the member's position, to present witnesses in support of the member's position, and extend the opportunity to confront and to question witnesses called by the committee;
- (4) Advise the member immediately of the date and time of each meeting, in cases where the committee adjourns prior to completing its work and submitting its report to the Senate.

If the Senate is called into special session for the express purpose of investigating the conduct of a Senator, the member is deemed to have received constructive notice within the provisions of this rule.

**S8-5. Subpoena power; punishment for contempt.** The select committee is hereby specifically and expressly granted the power and authority, with the written approval of the chair of the committee, or the approval of a majority of the members of the committee, to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of books and records, and to do all other things necessary to accomplish the purpose of its hearings and deliberations.

If a subpoena is not honored, the select committee also has the power to punish for contempt and to provide for the prosecution of any person for refusal to testify, false swearing, or perjury before the select committee in accordance with law.

**S8-6. Receipt of resignation; authority of the chair.** If, prior to resolution of the investigation, a written resignation signed by the Senator who is the subject of the investigation has been received by the chair, the chair may terminate the meetings of the select committee.

**S8-7. Select committee report.** Any action to expel, censure, discipline, or exonerate a Senator shall be proposed in a select committee report of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion. If the select committee report calls for expulsion, censure, or discipline, the report shall set forth the causes and grounds for which expulsion, censure, or discipline is being recommended by the Senate, and it shall state the particular form of action recommended to the Senate. If the select committee report calls for exoneration, the report shall set forth the reasons why exoneration is appropriate.

**S8-8. Procedure in the Senate.** Adoption of a select committee report for the expulsion of a Senator requires the favorable vote of a two-thirds majority of the elected members. Adoption of a select committee report for the censure or discipline of a Senator requires the favorable vote of a three-fifths majority of the elected members. Adoption of a select committee report for the exoneration of a Senator requires the favorable vote of a majority of the elected members.

## HOUSE RULES

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### CHAPTER 1. PRESIDING OFFICER

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

##### **§ 2-5-3. Elective officers of house.**

*The elective officers of the House of Representatives shall be a speaker and a speaker pro tempore, who shall be members of that body, one chief clerk and such other officers as shall be necessary to properly conduct the business of the House of Representatives.*

##### **§ 2-5-3.1. Tie vote for organizing House of Representatives.**

*In the event that there is a tie vote for purposes of organizing the House of Representatives then, for the purposes of organization, the political party's candidate for speaker of the house, speaker pro tempore and clerk, then having a member of its party duly elected as the Governor of the State of South Dakota shall be deemed to be elected.*

#### RULES

**H1-1. Elective officers, employees.** The officers of the House of Representatives are a speaker, and a speaker pro tempore, who shall be members of the body, and a chief clerk and such other officers necessary to conduct the business of the House,

who shall be formally elected by a majority vote of the members-elect of the House. If there are two or more candidates for an elective office, the roll shall be called, and members shall state their candidate of choice. If there are three or more candidates and no candidate initially receives a majority vote of the members-elect of the House, the candidate receiving the fewest votes may not be considered in subsequent elections. Employees necessary to conduct the business of the House shall be appointed and announced by the speaker.

**H1-1.1. Organization of the House.** After the election of officers, the speaker may direct the electronic voting system will be used for questions pertaining to the organization of the House of Representatives.

**H1-1.2. Honorary Officer.** Any member of the House of Representatives who previously served as speaker shall hold the honorary title of Speaker Emeritus or Speaker Emerita.

**H1-2. Actions of the speaker pro tempore, other presiding officers.** The speaker pro tempore shall act as presiding officer of the House of Representatives if the speaker is absent or unable to serve. The acts of the speaker pro tempore have the same validity as those of the speaker. If the speaker and the speaker pro tempore are absent or unable to serve, any member called to the chair by the House of Representatives may serve as presiding officer. When in session, the presiding officer, in the absence of the speaker pro tempore, may designate any member to perform the duties of the presiding officer, but the designation may not extend beyond an adjournment. The member's actions have the same validity as those of the speaker.

**H1-3. Votes by the speaker.** The speaker shall vote on all questions taken by yeas and nays and shall vote in any election or division called for by any member. The speaker may, by relinquishing the chair, assume all rights and privileges of a member of the House.

**H1-4. Hour of meeting.** The hour of meeting of the House of Representatives is 2:00 p.m. on each legislative day unless otherwise ordered by the House.

**H1-5. Seating assignments.** The speaker of the House shall, with the advice of the majority and minority leaders, make seating assignments for the floor of the House of Representatives.

## **CHAPTER 2. DEBATE**

**H2-1. Time allowed for a member to speak.** When a member speaks on a pending question for the first time, the member may speak for up to five minutes. The member may continue to speak for an additional five minutes on the same question, if another member yields that member's time to speak. If a member wishes to continue to speak on the same question for longer than ten minutes, the member must receive the consent of a majority of the members present. If the member receives the consent of a majority of the members present, the member may speak for an additional ten minutes.

Each member must be allowed to speak once on the question under debate before a member is allowed to speak for a second time.

A member who speaks for a second time on the question under debate may speak for up to five minutes. No additional time may be yielded to a member speaking for a second time.

If a member wishes to speak more than twice on the same question under debate, the member must receive the consent of a majority of members present. If the member receives the consent of a majority of the members present, the member may speak for an additional five minutes.

Any time not used by a member is forfeited.

Notwithstanding any of the limitations of this section, when the debate on a bill or resolution appears to be closed, the prime sponsor of the bill or resolution may speak for an additional five minutes, unless a motion to call the previous question on final disposition of the bill or resolution has prevailed.

The time consumed by a member asking a question and the time consumed by the response is subtracted from the questioning member's time to speak. The time to speak remaining after the question and the response is not forfeited by the member who asked the question.

## **CHAPTER 3. COMMITTEES**

### **H3-1. Appointment of Standing Committees**

The speaker of the House of Representatives shall, with advice from the minority leader, appoint the members of the following standing committees with the number of members as indicated after each committee and shall appoint the chair and vice chair of each committee.

- (1) Agriculture and Natural Resources (13)
- (2) Appropriations (9)
- (3) Commerce and Energy (13)
- (4) Education (15)
- (5) Government Operations and Audit (5)
- (6) Health and Human Services (13)

- (7) Judiciary (13)
- (8) Legislative Procedure (7)
- (9) Local Government (13)
- (10) Military and Veterans Affairs (13)
- (11) Retirement Laws (5)
- (12) State Affairs (13)
- (13) Taxation (13)
- (14) Transportation (13)

In the absence of the committee chair, the vice chair shall act as chair. The speaker and speaker pro tempore are members of the legislative procedure committee, and the speaker shall serve as chair of the legislative procedure committee.

### **H3-2. Introductory remarks before motions.**

No member making a motion in a committee pursuant to Joint Rules Chapter 7 may make introductory remarks prior to making a motion.

## **CHAPTER 4. RULES**

**H4-1. Adoption, suspension, or amendment of House rules.** A motion to adopt rules of the House of Representatives shall be decided by a majority of the members-elect and is subject to debate. A motion to suspend or amend a rule of the House of Representatives shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the members-elect and is subject to debate.

**H4-2. Proceedings governed by Mason's Manual.** *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* governs the proceedings of the House of Representatives in all cases not covered by these rules or the Joint Rules.

**H4-3. Conflicting rules.** If the rules of the House of Representatives and the Joint Rules conflict, the rules of the House of Representatives govern.

## **CHAPTER 5. VOTING PROCEDURE**

**H5-1. Electronic voting system.** The electronic voting system is under the control of the presiding officer and shall be operated at the presiding officer's direction by the chief clerk or the chief clerk's designee. The names of the members shall be listed on the electronic roll call board in alphabetical order, except the name of the speaker of the House, which shall be last.

**H5-2. Votes to be taken on the electronic system.** On any question requiring the "yeas" and "nays" to be entered upon the journal, the electronic voting system shall be used. On any such question, neither individual votes nor vote totals may be displayed to any person including the presiding officer until the time for voting has expired and the voting system has been locked. If the electronic voting system is not in operating order at the time to vote on any such question, the presiding officer shall order that all "yea" and "nay" votes be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order, except the name of the speaker of the House, which shall be last.

**H5-3. Other votes.** On all other questions to be voted upon, except upon elections, the presiding officer may order the "yeas" and "nays" to be taken by the electronic voting system, voice vote, or standing vote. Upon demand of a member requesting a division before the result of a vote has been announced by the presiding officer, the "yeas" and "nays" may be taken by the electronic voting system.

**H5-4. Electronic voting system malfunctions.**

The vote of any member which has not been recorded because of malfunction of the electronic voting system shall be entered upon the journal, if the member was in the House chamber at the time of the vote and voted at the appropriate time, and the malfunction is reported to the presiding officer before the presiding officer's announcement of the result of the vote.

**H5-5. Voting procedures.** When the House is ready to vote upon any question using the electronic voting system, the presiding officer shall state: "The question is . . . (designating the matter to be voted upon). All in favor of such question shall vote 'yea', all opposed shall vote 'nay'." The presiding officer shall then direct the chief clerk to unlock the voting system and announce, "The House will now proceed to vote."

When, in the judgment of the presiding officer, reasonable time has been allowed all members present in the House to vote, the presiding officer shall ask the question: "Have all members present voted?" After a pause, the presiding officer shall direct the chief clerk to record those members who are "Absent" or "Excused" and to lock the voting system after late votes, if any, are recorded, and to display and record the individual and total votes. The presiding officer shall then announce the vote. The chief clerk shall enter upon the journal the result in the manner provided by the joint rules of the Legislature.

**H5-6. Changing votes.** Any member may change a vote after the vote recording equipment has started to operate if the member rises and, when recognized by the presiding officer, announces the change before the result of the vote has been announced by the presiding officer.

**H5-7. Voting records** On any question requiring the "yeas" and "nays" to be entered upon the journal, the chief clerk shall retain one copy of the recorded vote on the electronic voting system and provide it for purposes of the daily journal.

**H5-8. Members to vote electronically from their desks, exceptions.** A member may vote on the electronic voting system only when at the member's desk. However, the presiding officer may authorize the chief clerk to call the names of members who are on the floor but not at their desks at the time of a vote and to record the votes of such members on the electronic voting system. If a member other than the speaker of the House is presiding, the chief clerk shall switch the voting system to allow the designated member presiding to vote in the presiding officer's station.

**H5-9. Voting by proxy prohibited.** No member may vote for another member; nor may any other person cast a vote for a member, except as otherwise provided in these rules. Any member who votes or attempts to vote for another member, or a person not a member who votes or attempts to vote for a member, is in contempt of the House and may be punished pursuant to law.

**H5-10. Tampering with electronic voting equipment prohibited.** Any member or other person who willfully tampers with or attempts to disarrange, deface, impair or destroy in any manner whatsoever the electronic voting equipment used by the House of Representatives, or who instigates, aids or abets with the intent to destroy or change the record of votes thereon, is in contempt of the House and may be punished pursuant to law.

**H5-11. Voting machine for session use only.**

The electronic voting equipment may only be used when the House of Representatives is in session.

**H5-12. Repealed.****CHAPTER 6.****DISCIPLINE AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS****H6-1. Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion.**

Any five Representatives may by written motion first delivered to the speaker move for the establishment of a Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion to investigate the conduct of any other Representative. Upon being seconded, the motion is debatable, and passage of the motion requires a majority vote of the members-elect. The Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall be composed of nine members of the House of Representatives. The chair and vice chair of the select committee shall be chosen by the speaker of the House and may not both be members of the same political party. The other seven members of the select committee shall be chosen by the speaker of the House in consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader. The party makeup of the select committee must be proportional to the party makeup of the House of Representatives.

**H6-2. Meetings; notice; quorum; vote.**

All meetings of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall be held in the Capitol. A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of those present and voting, assuming a quorum, is required for actions of the committee.

All meetings of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion are open meetings in like manner to any other House of Representatives committee meeting. All meetings shall be webcast and archived in like manner to any other House of Representatives committee meeting.

All meetings of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall be scheduled at times that are not in conflict with any other official House of Representatives business. All members of the House of Representatives have the right to be present during all of the select committee's meetings.

**H6-3. Oath.** Prior to consideration of any matter referred to it, except establishing a quorum, the members of the select committee shall subscribe to the following oath, which shall be administered by the chief clerk of the House of Representatives:

"I do solemnly swear (affirm) that in all things appertaining to the matter referred to this select committee, I will do impartial justice according to the Constitution, laws, Joint Rules, and House Rules of the State of South Dakota. I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the House Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion in the aforesaid matter, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."

**H6-4. Procedure in committee.** The Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall:

- (1) Conduct all hearings in like manner to any other House of Representatives committee meeting, and only after informing the member who is the subject of the hearing in writing of the date and time of each meeting held for the purpose;

- (2) Invite the member who is the subject of the hearing to attend all meetings of the committee in person and to be accompanied by legal counsel, or to be represented at the hearings by legal counsel of the member's choice and at the member's own expense;
- (3) Afford the member full opportunity to present the member's position, to present witnesses in support of the member's position, and extend the opportunity to confront and to question witnesses called by the committee;
- (4) Advise the member immediately of the date and time of each meeting, in cases where the committee adjourns prior to completing its work and submitting its report to the House of Representatives.

If the House of Representatives is called into special session for the express purpose of investigating the conduct of a Representative, the member is deemed to have received constructive notice within the provisions of this rule.

**H6-5. Subpoena power; punishment for contempt.** The select committee is hereby specifically and expressly granted the power and authority, with the written approval of the chair of the committee, to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of books and records, and to do all other things necessary to accomplish the purpose of its hearings and deliberations.

If a subpoena is not honored, the select committee also has the power to punish for contempt and to provide for the prosecution of any person for refusal to testify, false swearing, or perjury before the select committee in accordance with law.

**H6-6. Receipt of resignation; authority of the chair.** If, prior to resolution of the investigation, a written resignation signed by the Representative who is the subject of the investigation has been received by the chair, the chair may terminate the meetings of the select committee.

**H6-7. Select committee report.** Any action to expel, censure, discipline, or exonerate a Representative shall be proposed in a select committee report of the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion. If the select committee report calls for expulsion, censure, or discipline, the report shall set forth the causes and grounds for which expulsion, censure, or discipline is being recommended by the House of Representatives, and it shall state the particular form of action recommended to the House of Representatives. If the select committee report calls for exoneration, the report shall set forth the reasons why exoneration is appropriate.

**H6-8. Procedure in the House of Representatives.** Adoption of a select committee report for the expulsion of a Representative requires the favorable vote of a two-thirds majority of the elected members. Adoption of a select committee report for the censure or discipline of a Representative requires the favorable vote of a three-fifths majority of the elected members. Adoption of a select committee report for the exoneration of a Representative requires the favorable vote of a majority of the elected members.

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## **CHAPTER 7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**H7-1. Consent calendar.** Notwithstanding Joint Rule 13-1, a bill requiring a two-thirds vote of the members-elect may not be voted on the House consent calendar. If such a bill is placed on the House consent calendar, the presiding officer shall order it removed and placed on the next legislative day's regular bill calendar.

**H7-2. Approval of consent calendar is final disposition.** Notwithstanding Joint Rule 13-4, after allowing a reasonable time for questions from the floor on the bills and resolutions on the consent calendar and after permitting the proponents to answer the questions, the speaker of the House shall call for a vote on the consent calendar. Approval of the consent calendar by a majority of the members-elect of the House is considered final disposition of all the bills and resolutions on the consent calendar.



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**CHAPTER 1.  
PRESIDING OFFICER - ORDER AND DEBATE**

**CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

**Art. III, § 19. Signing of bills and resolutions.**

*The presiding officer of each house shall, in the presence of the house over which he presides, sign all bills and joint resolutions passed by the Legislature, after their titles have been publicly read immediately before signing, and the fact of signing shall be entered upon the journal.*

**STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

**§ 2-4-9. Disturbance or disorderly conduct in Legislature as misdemeanor.**

*Every person who intentionally disturbs the Legislature of this state, or either of the branches composing it, while in session, or who commits any disorderly conduct in the immediate view and presence of either branch of the Legislature tending to interrupt its proceedings or impair the respect due to its authority, is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.*

**§ 2-4-14. Contempt of Legislature--Punishment.**

*The Senate or the House of Representatives may punish, as a contempt, by imprisonment, a breach of its privileges or the privileges of its members; but only for one or more of the following offenses:*

(1) *Knowingly arresting a member or officer of the Senate or the House of Representatives, or procuring such member or officer to be arrested in violation of his privilege from arrest;*

(2) *Disorderly conduct in the immediate view of the Senate or the House of Representatives, and directly tending to interrupt its proceedings;*

(3) *Refusing to be examined as a witness either before the Senate or the House of Representatives, or a committee thereof, or before any person authorized to take testimony in legislative proceedings;*

(4) *Giving or offering a bribe to a member, or attempting, by menace or other corrupt means or device, directly or indirectly, to control or influence a member in giving his vote, or to prevent his giving the same;*

*but the term of imprisonment which the Senate or House of Representatives may impose for any contempt specified in this section shall not extend beyond the session of the Legislature.*

**§ 2-7-22. Forfeiture of office on conviction of legislator--Disqualification from public office.**

*The conviction of a member of the Legislature of any crime defined in § 22-12A-17 or 22-12A-18 involves as a consequence, in addition to the punishment prescribed therein, a forfeiture of his office and disqualifies him from ever thereafter holding any public office under this state.*

## **RULES**

**1-1. Presiding officers.** The presiding officer of the Senate is the president pro tempore and the presiding officer of the House of Representatives is the speaker. For purposes of the Senate floor sessions, the president of the Senate is the presiding officer of the floor session and shall preside. For purposes of the House floor sessions, the speaker is the presiding officer of the floor session and shall preside. For each chamber's floor session, the presiding officer of the floor session shall take the chair on every legislative day at the hour to which that chamber adjourned at the last sitting.

**1-2. Order of business.** Each house shall begin each session as follows: call to order, prayer by the chaplain, pledge of allegiance, roll call, and determination of a quorum, then proceed with the daily order of business. A majority of the members present may demand that the journal for the preceding day be read.

**1-3. Questions of order.** The presiding officer of each chamber's floor session shall decide all questions of order, subject to a motion of appeal, by a majority of the members present. No member may speak more than once on an appeal without the consent of a majority of the members present.

**1-4. Recognition of members for remarks.** When a member desires to speak, that member shall respectfully address the presiding officer of the floor session. When the presiding officer recognizes the member, that member is entitled to the floor. The member first to address the presiding officer shall speak first. If two or more members address the presiding officer at the same time, the presiding officer shall name the member who is to speak first.

**1-5. Time allowed for a member to speak.** In the Senate, the time allowed for a member to speak on a pending subject is as provided in Senate Rule S2-5. In the House of Representatives, the time allowed for a member to speak on a pending subject is as provided in House Rule H2-1.

**1-6. Questions on the floor.** If a member wishes to ask a question of another member, that member shall courteously do so through the presiding officer of the floor session and with the consent of the member to whom the question is addressed. Any question addressed to a member shall relate to a question before the body and shall be concisely asked for the sole purpose of obtaining information.

No question may reflect upon the character or conduct of any official, contain argument or debate, or inquire about the course a member proposes to follow.

**1-7. Call to order.** If a member is called to order, that member shall remain silent until the presiding officer of the floor session determines whether the member is in order. The decision of the presiding officer is subject to a motion of appeal.

**1-8. Signing of legislative documents.** The president pro tempore and the speaker shall sign all concurrent resolutions and commemorations that are approved by the Legislature. The president pro tempore and the speaker shall sign all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by the house over which the officer presides.

**1-9. Those permitted to speak to the body.** No person other than a member of a house may speak upon any subject before the house unless a member makes a motion to allow another person to speak and the members present unanimously consent. However, the speaker of the House and the president pro tempore of the Senate may allow any person other than a member of the body to speak subject to advance notice to the majority and minority leaders. A motion objecting to the decision of the speaker or the president pro tempore requires a majority vote of the members-elect.

**1-10. Dissent against an act or resolution.** Any two members of a house may dissent or protest in respectful language against any act or resolution which they think injurious to the public or to any individual. The reason for their dissent or protest shall be presented to the house and entered upon the subsequent legislative day's journal. However, if any member objects prior to adjournment on the

subsequent legislative day that the language of the dissent or protest is not respectful, and a majority of the house agrees, the house may refer the dissent or protest back to the dissenting or protesting members for emendation. Members submitting a dissenting report shall be given one opportunity for emendation, which shall be completed within one week of the request for emendation.

### **1-11. Repealed.**

## **CHAPTER 1A. DECORUM**

**1A-1. Preservation of decorum.** The presiding officer of each chamber's floor session shall preserve order and decorum and, in the case of disturbance or disorderly conduct, may order the galleries or lobbies to be cleared.

**1A-2. Smoking prohibited.** Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the Capitol.

**1A-3. Alcoholic beverages prohibited.** No alcoholic beverage, beer, wine, or other beverage containing alcohol may be stored or consumed in any area of the Capitol that is under the control of the Legislature.

### **1A-4. Repealed.**

**1A-5. Discrimination prohibited.** The Legislature is an equal opportunity employer and provides equal access to facilities and services without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, ancestry, or national origin.

**1A-6. Person with a disability may request assistance.** Individuals requesting assistance pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act must contact the Legislative Research Council at least forty-eight hours in advance of the needed assistance.

**1A-7. Use of chambers for campaign photographs.** Legislators and candidates for the Legislature may use the chambers for campaign photographs; however, no changes may be made to the arrangement of either chamber.

**1A-8. Items distributed to the members' desks.** Before any person may distribute an item to the members' desks on the floor of the Senate or the House of Representatives, that person must obtain the approval of the secretary of the Senate or the chief clerk of the House, subject to the review of the speaker of the House and the president pro tempore of the Senate, respectively. Any item distributed to the members' desks on the chamber floor must clearly bear the name of the item originator.

**1A-9. Cellular telephones.** Cellular telephones may not be used in either chamber or gallery while the Legislature is in session, except for silent functions that do not distract others.

**1A-10. Power to maintain order.** The presiding officer of a floor session may have any member temporarily removed in order to preserve order and decorum.

**1A-11. Repealed.**

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## **CHAPTER 1B. LEGISLATIVE CODE OF CONDUCT**

**1B-1. Maintenance of ethical standards.** The people of South Dakota require that their legislators maintain the highest of moral and ethical standards as such standards are essential to assure the trust, respect and confidence of our citizens. Legislators have a solemn responsibility to avoid improper behavior and refrain from conduct that is unbecoming to the Legislature or that is inconsistent with the Legislature's ability to maintain the respect and trust of the people it serves. While it is not possible to write rules to cover every circumstance, each legislator must do everything in his or her power to deal honorably with the public and with his or her colleagues and must promote an atmosphere in which ethical behavior is readily recognized as a priority and is practiced continually, without fail.

**1B-2. Compliance with specified requirements.** Each legislator will comply with all Constitutional and statutory requirements regarding conflicts of interest. Legislators will timely file all required disclosure statements including Statements of Organization, Campaign Finance Reports and Statements of Financial Interest. Legislators must also avoid any conflict of interest which would interfere with their duties and responsibilities as legislators, interfere with the exercise of their best judgment in support of the State of South Dakota or create an improper personal benefit.

**1B-3. Professional conduct and civility.** The South Dakota Legislature will strengthen and sustain an atmosphere of professional conduct and civility among its members and with all staff and will not tolerate harassment or offensive behavior based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, or disability. Harassing or offensive behavior may

include the use of electronic communications through social media or otherwise, whether actual or attempted. Legislators must refrain from any and all such harassment or offensive conduct. This prohibition against harassment also encompasses sexual harassment including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct of a sexually harassing nature, when: (1) submission to the harassment is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or other employment determinations, or (2) the harassment has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

**1B-3.1. Sexual contact prohibited.** No legislator or legislative employee may have sexual contact with any legislative intern or page, and no legislative intern may have sexual contact with a page.

**1B-3.2. Sexual harassment prohibited.** All members are responsible for ensuring that the workplace is free from sexual harassment. All members shall avoid any action or conduct that could be viewed as sexual harassment. A member shall report any sexual harassment complaint to the president pro tempore or the speaker according to which house the member belongs. If the situation is not resolved, the member shall forward the complaint to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council.

**1B-4. Action in event of violation.** Failure to observe the highest standards of public conduct will subject a legislator to appropriate action, pursuant to the rules of the respective house.

## **CHAPTER 2. MEETINGS, QUORUMS, AND ATTENDANCE**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

**Art. III, § 7. Convening of annual sessions.**

*The Legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Tuesday of January at 12 o'clock m. and at no other time except as provided by this Constitution.*

**Art. III, § 9. Each house as judge of qualifications--Quorum--Rules of proceedings--Officers and employees.**

*Each house shall be the judge of the election returns and qualifications of its own members.*

*A majority of the members of each house shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day-to-day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such a manner and under such penalty as each house may provide. Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, shall choose its own officers and employees and fix the pay thereof, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.*

**Art. III, § 14. Elections viva voce.**

*In all elections to be made by the Legislature the members thereof shall vote viva voce and their votes shall be entered in the journal.*

**Art. III, § 15. Open legislative sessions--Exception.**

*The sessions of each house and of the committee of the whole shall be open, unless when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.*

**Art. III, § 16. Adjournment of legislative houses.**

*Neither house shall without the consent of the other adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two houses shall be sitting.*

## RULES

### **2-1. Those permitted on the floor during session.**

In addition to current legislators, only the following persons are entitled to the floor of the House of Representatives or Senate during sessions: justices of the Supreme Court or persons who are or have been Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or members of the Congress of the United States from South Dakota; current legislative employees; news reporters; and former members of the South Dakota Legislature, except those who are registered lobbyists or those currently serving in any elective state or local office other than Governor or Lieutenant Governor. However, these persons may not be on the floor if acting in a manner to influence legislation. No other person may be admitted to the Senate floor without consent of the president pro tempore. No other person may be admitted to the House floor without the consent of the speaker.

**2-2. Call of the house.** One-sixth of the members-elect of either house may compel the attendance of absent members by ordering a call of the house of which they are members, but a call of the house may not be made after voting commences.

**2-3. Procedure after a call of the house.** When a call of the house is ordered, the doors must be closed and the absentees noted. No member may leave the room until permission is given by the presiding officer of the floor session, the sergeant at arms' report is received and acted upon, or the house is adjourned. Until the sergeant at arms' report is received, proceedings under the call may not be suspended except by two-thirds of the members present.

**2-4. Access to chamber and lobbies.** Except as otherwise provided in Joint Rule 2-1, no person, except current legislators and legislative employees, may enter either chamber or space reserved for members of the Legislature adjacent to either chamber at any time during a session or for the period of three hours preceding a session except upon invitation of a member of the chamber. However, under no circumstances may a lobbyist enter either chamber or reserved space for a period of three hours preceding a session or one hour after adjournment of the chamber.

**2-5. Repealed.**

### **CHAPTER 3. LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES**

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

***Art. III, § 9. Each house as judge of qualifications--Quorum--Rules of proceedings--Officers and employees.***

*Each house shall be the judge of the election returns and qualifications of its own members.*

*A majority of the members of each house shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day-to-day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such a manner and under such penalty as each house may provide. Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, shall choose its own officers and employees and fix the pay thereof, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.*

## STATUTORY PROVISIONS

### **§ 2-5-2. Elective officers of Senate.**

*The elective officers of the Senate shall be a president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a member of that body, one secretary, and such other officers as shall be necessary to properly conduct the business of the Senate.*

### **§ 2-5-3. Elective officers of house.**

*The elective officers of the House of Representatives shall be a speaker and a speaker pro tempore, who shall be members of that body, one chief clerk and such other officers as shall be necessary to properly conduct the business of the House of Representatives.*

### **§ 2-5-3.1. Tie vote for organizing House of Representatives.**

*In the event that there is a tie vote for purposes of organizing the House of Representatives then, for the purposes of organization, the political party's candidate for speaker of the house, speaker pro tempore and clerk, then having a member of its party duly elected as the Governor of the State of South Dakota shall be deemed to be elected.*

### **§ 2-5-5. Appointment of legislative employees by presiding officers.**

*The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint employees necessary to properly conduct the business of the house and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint employees necessary to properly conduct the business of the Senate.*

### **§ 2-5-8. Determination of amount of compensation of legislative employees.**

*All elective and appointed officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives designated in §§ 2-5-2, 2-5-3, and 2-5-5 shall receive compensation determined and agreed upon by a joint select committee of both houses.*

## RULES

### **3-1. Appointment of legislative employees.**

The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint all necessary employees for the Senate. The speaker of the House shall appoint all necessary employees of the House. All employee positions shall be described in a uniform compensation and classification schedule which shall be annually reviewed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council.

**3-1.1. Administration of intern program.** The Executive Board shall administer the program and supervise the college student interns who are assigned to the legislative branch of government.

**3-2. Duties of the secretary of the Senate and chief clerk of the House.** The secretary of the Senate and chief clerk of the House of Representatives are responsible to the president pro tempore of the Senate or the speaker of the House, respectively. Their duties are:

- (1) To supervise the keeping of a daily journal, the engrossing and enrolling, and the handling of bills and resolutions;
- (2) To assist the calendar committee in the preparation of a daily calendar listing motions and resolutions, committee reports to be introduced, and bills and joint resolutions ready for second reading, and to assist the calendar committee in preparation of a daily consent calendar;
- (3) To sign the certificate of origin of all bills passed by the Legislature;

- (4) To attest to the signing of all bills, memorials, resolutions, commemorations, writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by the house;
- (5) To deliver to the secretary of state at the close of each session the journals and all books, bills, documents, resolutions, and papers in possession of the Legislature; to preserve one true copy of each printed bill, joint resolution, and concurrent resolution of each legislative session; to attach the copy together with a signed certificate that it is a true and complete copy of each printed bill, joint resolution, and concurrent resolution of the legislative session; and to file such certified copies with the secretary of state within ten days after adjournment of the Legislature; and
- (6) To perform all other acts appertaining to the office as may be required by the house or its presiding officer.

### **3-3. Office of Engrossing and Enrolling.**

The Legislative Research Council shall perform all engrossing and enrolling duties. In addition, each house may hire secretaries necessary to conduct the business of the standing committees. Any secretary appointed to a committee is responsible to the committee chair. In each house, a secretary is provided to the majority and minority parties.

**3-4. Engrossing and enrolling.** The engrossing and enrolling duties of the Legislative Research Council are:

- (1) To engross and enroll all bills and resolutions delivered to them;

- (2) To provide and supervise secretarial assistance to legislators as requested;
- (3) To collect from the secretaries of all standing and special committees the minutes of such committees and retain them in the Legislative Research Council Library; and
- (4) To correct clerical errors, with the consent of the code counsel, in any bill or resolution. Clerical errors that may be corrected are: errors in spelling, errors in numbering sections, errors of omission or commission due to addition or deletion of material, and errors due to copying incorrectly from the most recent statute. The code counsel shall inform the principal sponsor of each correction.

**3-5. Chaplains.** The chief chaplain shall schedule a chaplain to serve in each house for each legislative day. The duty of the chaplain of each house is to open each day's session with a prayer.

**3-6. Disputes or complaints involving a legislative session employee.** Any dispute or complaint involving the competency or decorum of a legislative session employee, including any violation of SDCL 2-12, shall be referred to the president pro tempore of the Senate or the speaker of the House. The officer may dismiss, suspend, or otherwise discipline the employee.

**3-7. Sexual harassment prohibited.** All employees are responsible for ensuring that the workplace is free from sexual harassment. All employees shall avoid any action or conduct which could be viewed as sexual harassment. An employee shall report any sexual harassment complaint within one year of its occurrence. Such complaints may be reported to:

- (1) The president pro tempore of the Senate, in the case of a Senate employee;
- (2) The speaker of the House, in the case of a House employee;
- (3) Any legislator who supervises House or Senate employees, respectively;
- (4) A majority or minority party legislative secretary; or
- (5) The Legislative Research Council Director, Deputy Director, or intern coordinators.

Any complaints received pursuant to (3), (4), or (5) shall be reported promptly, in writing, by the recipient of the complaint to the president pro tempore of the Senate or the speaker of the House, respectively. If the situation is not resolved, the employee shall forward the complaint to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council. The provisions of this section apply only to complaints which are made on a timely basis under the provisions of this section.

## **CHAPTER 4. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**4-1. Daily order of business.** After call to order, the daily order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Prayer by the chaplain and pledge of allegiance;
- (2) Roll call and determination of a quorum;
- (3) Approval of the journal;
- (4) Communications and petitions;
- (5) Reports of standing committees;
- (6) Reports of select committees;
- (7) Messages from the other house;
- (8) Motions and resolutions;
- (9) Consideration of committee reports;

- (10) Introduction, first reading and reference of bills and joint resolutions originating in the house;
- (11) First reading and reference of bills and joint resolutions originating in the other house;
- (12) Second reading of consent calendar bills and resolutions;
- (13) Second reading of bills and joint resolutions originating in the house;
- (14) Second reading of bills and joint resolutions originating in the other house;
- (15) Announcements.

The presiding officer of the floor session may change the order of business unless a member objects to the change. If a member objects to changing the order of business, the chamber may by motion, approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of members present, revert to a previous order of business or proceed to a further order of business.

Any message or communication from the Governor or other state officer may be received at any time.

**4-2. Special orders.** Any bill, resolution, memorial or other subject matter may be made a special order for some subsequent time by a majority vote of the members present.

**4-3. Order of bills and resolutions.** Each bill and resolution up for consideration under any order of business shall be listed and taken up in the order in which it is listed on the daily calendar unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the members present.

## **CHAPTER 5. MOTIONS**

**5-1. Entertainment of motions.** No motion may be entertained and debated until it is seconded.

Following the second of a debatable motion, the presiding officer of a floor session shall first recognize the member making the motion.

### **5-1.1. Repealed.**

### **5-2. Restatement and reading of motions.**

When a motion is made and seconded, the presiding officer of the floor session shall restate the motion, and, if requested by the presiding officer or a member, the motion must be displayed electronically or reduced to writing and read aloud.

**5-2.1. Provision of copies of motions.** If a motion to amend is displayed electronically or offered in writing or if each member of the body has been given a copy of the motion, the reading of that motion is automatically waived.

**5-2.2. Withdrawal of motions.** After a motion is stated by the presiding officer of the floor session, it may not be withdrawn without unanimous consent of the members present.

**5-3. Priority of motions.** When a question is under debate, no motion may be made except the following motions which have precedence in the order listed:

- (1) To adjourn; (nondebatable)
- (2) To recess;
- (3) To call the house;
- (4) To lay on the table; (nondebatable)
- (5) To call the previous question;  
(nondebatable)
- (6) To defer indefinitely;
- (7) To defer to a day certain;
- (8) To refer to committee;
- (9) To amend.

**5-4. Priority of motion for adjournment.**

A motion for adjournment is always in order, unless the roll is being called or the previous question has been ordered, and shall be decided without debate.

**5-5. Application and nondebatability of motions to lay on the table.**

A motion to lay on the table which effects a disposition on the merits of any bill or resolution requires the vote of a majority of the members-elect to carry and shall be decided without debate. Any other motion to lay on the table requires the vote of a majority of the members present and shall be decided without debate. No member may make introductory remarks prior to making a motion to lay on the table.

**5-5.1. Scope of motions to lay on the table.**

A motion to lay on the table may be made so as to apply either to the main question or to a proposed amendment or to the bill and all pending amendments, and the motion shall clearly state to which it is intended to apply.

**5-5.2. Motion to take from the table.** Whenever any bill or resolution is laid on the table, it requires a majority vote of the members-elect to take it from the table. The motion to take from the table is debatable.

**5-5.3. Scope of motion to defer to day certain beyond sine die.**

The rules pertaining to motions to table and to defer to a day certain beyond sine die shall be the same except that a motion to defer to a day certain beyond sine die is debatable.

**5-6. Motion to call the previous question.**

A motion for the previous question shall be decided immediately by a majority of the members present and without debate. The motion shall clearly indicate the question to which it applies. No member may make introductory remarks prior to making a

motion to call the previous question. The effect of adopting a motion to call the previous question is to close debate, to prevent the moving of amendments or other subsidiary motions, and to bring to vote immediately the question to be voted upon. The effect of defeating a motion to call the previous question is to allow continuation of debate on the question before the house.

**5-7. Priority of vote after call of the previous question.** After a motion to call the previous question has prevailed, it is not in order to move a call of the house or to move to adjourn, prior to a decision of the question before the house.

**5-8. Dilatory motions to defer or refer.** If a motion to defer to a day certain, to defer indefinitely or to refer to committee is decided in the negative, such motion is not again in order at the same stage of consideration of the bill or proposition.

**5-8.1. Motion to defer indefinitely or to the 41st day as final action.** A motion to defer indefinitely or to the 41st day requires the vote of a majority of the members-elect.

**5-9. Division of the question.** Any member may call for a division of the question. The presiding officer of the floor session shall divide the question if it contains questions so distinct that, one being taken away, the rest may stand as a separate proposition. A member may not call for the division of a bill.

**5-10. Motions to strike the enacting clause.** A motion to strike the enacting clause of a bill has precedence to a motion to amend, and if carried, is equivalent to the rejection of the bill.

**5-11. Notice of intention to reconsider.** Notice of intention to move for reconsideration shall be made before the body proceeds to the next item of business. If any member fails to give notice of intention to reconsider, the vote on a question shall be deemed to have been moved for reconsideration and such motion for reconsideration to have been laid on the table.

**5-11.1. Motions to reconsider.** Having given notice of intent to reconsider, the member giving notice may move to reconsider the question not later than the next legislative day, except as provided in Joint Rule 5-13. Any motion to reconsider shall be made under order of business No. 8, except as provided in Joint Rule 5-13, and takes precedence over all other motions except to recess or to adjourn. No motion to reconsider the same question may be made twice in the same house without unanimous consent. Every motion to reconsider shall be decided by a majority vote of the members-elect on a roll call vote. No question may be reconsidered except the final disposition of bills and joint resolutions and the override of vetoes. No motion to lay on the table is subject to reconsideration. If a motion to reconsider a question is approved, the question shall be immediately reconsidered unless there is a motion to defer.

**5-12. Failure to make timely motion for reconsideration.** If any member has given notice of intent to move for reconsideration and does not move for reconsideration before the stated deadline, the presiding officer of the floor session shall immediately state that any member may move for reconsideration.

**5-13. Motion for reconsideration during final legislative days.** During the seven final legislative days, any member who has given notice of intent to

move for reconsideration shall make such motion at a time prior to the conclusion of business on the legislative day that the question sought to be reconsidered was acted upon. Such motion may be made at any time prior to adjournment.

**5-13.1. Immediate consideration of emergency measures.** If the only reason a bill requires a two-thirds majority of members-elect for passage is that it contains an emergency clause, and if the affirmative vote for the bill is less than two-thirds but more than one-half of the members-elect, the vote shall be immediately reconsidered.

**5-13.2. Motion for reconsideration on last day to move bills.** On the last day to move a bill or joint resolution out of the house of origin, as established in Joint Rules chapter 17, any member who has given notice of intent to move for reconsideration must make the motion to reconsider at a time before the conclusion of business on that day. The motion to reconsider may be made at any time before adjournment.

**5-14. Germaneness of amendments.** No motion to amend a bill is in order unless it is germane to the subject as expressed in the title of the bill.

**5-15. Order of motions.** All questions, other than privileged motions as listed in Joint Rule 5-3, shall be put in the order they are moved.

**5-16. Limitations on number of motions to amend and substitute motions.** When a motion or proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend that amendment is in order. It is also in order to offer a further amendment as a substitute, but such substitute is not subject to amendment.

**5-17. Motion to delay action on amendments.**

Final action upon any amendment to a bill or resolution may not be had until the next legislative day, if a request for delay is made and is supported by at least one-fifth of the members. However, no such request is in order after the deadline prescribed by Joint Rule Chapter 17. This rule cannot be invoked more than two times on the same bill in each house.

**5-17.1. Motion to delay action on amendments is nondebatable.** No member invoking Joint Rule 5-17 may speak to the merits of the amendment or make any other introductory remarks.

**CHAPTER 6.  
BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND  
COMMEMORATIONS**

**CHAPTER 6A.  
FORM OF BILLS - DEFINITIONS OF  
RESOLUTIONS - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

***Art. III, § 18. Enacting clause--Assent by majority--Recording of votes.***

*The enacting clause of a law shall be: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota" and no law shall be passed unless by assent of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature. And the question upon the final passage shall be taken upon its last reading, and the yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journal.*

***Art. III, § 21. One subject expressed in title.***

*No law shall embrace more than one subject, which shall be expressed in its title.*

**Art. XII, § 2. Contents of general appropriation bill--Separate appropriation bills.**

*The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but appropriations for ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the state, the current expenses of state institutions, interest on the public debt, and for common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one object, and shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members of each branch of the Legislature.*

**STATUTORY PROVISIONS****§ 22-12A-18. Fraudulent alteration of bill after passage as felony.**

*Any person who fraudulently alters a bill which has been passed by the Legislature of this state, with intent to have it approved by the Governor, certified by the secretary of state, or printed or published by the printer of the statutes, in language different from that in which it was passed by the Legislature, is guilty of a Class 6 felony.*

**RULES**

**6A-1. Legislative Documents.** Only bills and the following may be introduced in the Legislature:

- (1) A House or Senate resolution pertains to the affairs of one house only and requires action only by the legislative chamber concerned. A House or Senate resolution may be used to express an opinion or principle of one house, to express an opinion to or make a request of the other house, to regulate procedure, or to refer a topic to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council for possible study by an interim study committee;

- (2) A concurrent resolution does not have the force of law. A concurrent resolution shall only be used to express an opinion or principle of the Legislature, to authorize interim studies, sessions or committees, to instruct a department of state government, or to petition federal agencies;
- (3) A joint resolution contains matters of legislation only. A joint resolution may be used to refer a matter for referendum to the people, to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot, to ratify proposed amendments to the United States Constitution, or to grant a water right pursuant to § 46-5-20.1;
- (4) A House or Senate resolution of disapproval as provided under Article IV, Section 8, of the South Dakota Constitution; and
- (5) A legislative commemoration expresses recognition of service or achievements of national or statewide importance or expresses sorrow over death or loss.

**6A-2. Format of bills and joint resolutions.** If a bill amends an existing statute, the new matter shall be underscored and the omitted matter shall be overstricken. If an entire title, chapter, or section is to be repealed, only the code citation need be listed.

**6A-3. Format of joint resolutions.** If a joint resolution amends an existing provision of the Constitution, the omitted matter shall be overstricken and the new matter shall be underscored. A joint resolution shall contain sufficient introductory wording to give reasonable notice of the effect of the proposed amendment.

**6A-4. Bills at the request of the Governor, executive agencies, and the Chief Justice.** A bill introduced at the request of the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, a department, board, commission, or any other agency of state government, shall indicate on the bill at whose request such bill is being introduced.

**6A-5. Review of bills by the Legislative Research Council.** Before a bill, resolution, or commemoration may be introduced, it shall be reviewed by the Legislative Research Council for style and form. No bill, House resolution, Senate resolution, concurrent resolution, or joint resolution may be submitted to the Legislative Research Council for review less than one legislative day prior to the final introduction date for bills, House resolutions, Senate resolutions, concurrent resolutions, or joint resolutions as provided in Joint Rule Chapter 17. The draft must be submitted by 5 p.m. in order to allow for an intervening legislative day. However, if a day of legislative recess intervenes between the submission deadline and the introduction deadline, the requirement of submission is fulfilled if the submission is made by 5 p.m. on the day before the legislative recess.

**6A-6. Title of repealed law.** A bill introduced for the sole purpose of repealing an existing law shall include in its title the general subject to which the law relates.

**6A-7. Placement of emergency clause.** Any bill containing an emergency clause shall have the emergency clause added at the end of the bill.

**6A-8. Title and sponsors placed on bills and resolutions.** Before a bill or resolution is introduced, its title and the name or names of the member, members, or committee introducing the bill or resolution shall be shown on it.

**6A-9. Amendment of administrative rule through legislation.** A bill may include:

- (1) A repeal of an existing administrative rule section; or
- (2) A requirement that an executive branch entity promulgate, pursuant to chapter 1- 26, specific changes to the existing text of an administrative rule section. The bill language may include the rule section language and the legislatively required text changes.

## **CHAPTER 6B. INTRODUCTION AND SPONSORSHIP**

### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

**§ 2-7-4. Prefiled bills--Persons authorized--Rules.** *Any person who has been duly elected or appointed to serve during a regular session of the Legislature may file bills and resolutions with the Legislative Research Council at any time within thirty days prior to the convening of such regular session. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2-7-6.1, any interim committee of the Legislative Research Council may file bills and resolutions under the provisions of this section. The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall prescribe rules for the handling and placing in proper form of such bills and resolutions, subject to the provisions of §§ 2-7-4 and 2-7-5.*

**§ 2-7-5. Prefiled bills--Numbering, printing, and disposition--Introduction.**

*The director of the Legislative Research Council shall, in accordance with rules adopted by the Legislature, receive the prefiled bills and resolutions, place them in proper form, and assign them numbers for introduction in the proper house. The director shall electronically deliver each bill and resolution to the secretary of the Senate or the chief clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, on the day when the session convenes. However, the director may not deliver any prefiled bill or resolution until every sponsor of the bill or resolution has been duly sworn into office.*

*Upon prefiling, the bills and resolutions become the property of the Legislature and may not thereafter be withdrawn. Prefiled bills and resolutions shall be considered as introduced on the first legislative day.*

**§ 2-7-6.1. Committee introduction of bills and resolutions.**

*No bill or joint resolution may be introduced in either house of the Legislature by any committee thereof, except:*

- (1) A bill or a joint resolution introduced by any standing committee of either house;*
- (2) A bill or joint resolution referred to the Legislature from an interim committee of the State Legislative Research Council;*
- (3) A bill or joint resolution introduced at the request of the interim Rules Review Committee, the interim Government Operations and Audit Committee, the interim Retirement Laws Committee, the interim Joint Bonding Review Committee, and the interim State-Tribal Relations Committee by one or more committee members upon majority vote of the interim committee; or*

(4) *A bill or joint resolution introduced at the request of the Governor, an executive agency or of the chief justice of the Supreme Court.*

*The committee shall obtain a written request for such introduction from either the council, the Governor, department head of an executive agency, a constitutional officer or board, or the chief justice and shall retain such request in its file. Committee bills introduced on behalf of a department head of an executive agency, a constitutional officer or board may be introduced by the chairman without a vote of the committee for purposes of prefiling. Nothing in this section prohibits one or more legislators from introduction of a bill or a joint resolution.*

## **RULES**

**6B-1. Time for introduction of bills and bills are property of Legislature.** Any member or committee desiring to introduce a bill, or resolution, or any member desiring to introduce a commemoration shall electronically file the bill, resolution, or commemoration at least two hours prior to the opening of the daily session. Any bill, resolution, or commemoration filed and duly numbered becomes the property of the Legislature.

**6B-1.1. Withdrawal of bills and resolutions.** The provisions of 6B-1 and 6D-1 notwithstanding, prior to the first committee hearing in the house of origin, the prime sponsor of any bill or resolution may withdraw any bill or resolution in the house of origin. The presiding officer of the floor session shall then declare the bill or resolution formally withdrawn and order that an entry be made in the bill status system stating the bill or resolution has been withdrawn.

**6B-2. Numbering of bills and resolutions.**

Bills shall be numbered consecutively as introduced, beginning with No. 1 for Senate bills and with No. 1001 for House bills. Joint resolutions shall be numbered consecutively as introduced, beginning with No. 501 for Senate joint resolutions and with No. 5001 for House joint resolutions. Concurrent resolutions shall be numbered consecutively as introduced, beginning with No. 601 for Senate concurrent resolutions and with No. 6001 for House concurrent resolutions. Resolutions shall be numbered consecutively as introduced, beginning with No. 701 for Senate resolutions and with No. 7001 for House resolutions.

**6B-3. Limit on number of bills that may be introduced.**

A legislator may introduce as prime sponsor only three individual bills or joint resolutions during the last three days for bill and resolution introduction prescribed by Joint Rule Chapter 17. A legislator may introduce as prime sponsor only four combined House, Senate, or concurrent resolutions, only one of which may be introduced during the last three days for bill and resolution introduction prescribed by Joint Rule Chapter 17.

**6B-4. Sponsorship of bills and resolutions.**

Any bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution may be introduced by any member or members of the house of origin. Any member or members of the other house may join the member or members of the house of origin in introducing the bill or resolution. After introduction, a member's name may be electronically added as a cosponsor or as prime sponsor to a bill or resolution upon the request of the member and the approval of the prime sponsor of the bill or resolution any time before the enrolling of the bill. After introduction, a member's name may be removed upon the request

of the member any time before the enrolling of the bill.

**6B-5. Committee introduction of bills and resolutions.** No bill or joint resolution may be introduced in either house of the Legislature by any committee thereof, except:

- (1) A bill or a joint resolution introduced by any standing committee of either house;
- (2) A bill or joint resolution referred to the Legislature from an interim committee of the State Legislative Research Council;
- (3) A bill or joint resolution introduced at the request of the interim Rules Review Committee, the interim Government Operations and Audit Committee, the interim Retirement Laws Committee, the interim Joint Bonding Review Committee, and the interim State-Tribal Relations Committee by one or more committee members upon majority vote of the interim committee; or
- (4) A bill or joint resolution introduced at the request of the Governor, an executive agency or of the chief justice of the Supreme Court.

**6B-5.1. Bill introduction by standing committees.** Before a bill or joint resolution can be introduced by a standing committee pursuant to § 2-7-6.1, the bill or resolution shall have received an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of a standing committee at one of its regular meetings. The chair of the committee shall electronically file the bill or resolution for the committee.

**6B-6. Pre-filing of agency bills.** No bill or resolution introduced at the request of a department, board, commission, or any other agency of state government, except bills or resolutions introduced at the request of the Governor or Chief Justice, may be considered by the Legislature unless such bill or resolution is pre-filed with the Director of the Legislative Research Council at least forty-eight hours before the opening of a legislative session and available for introduction on the first legislative day. The chairman may approve introduction of the bill electronically.

**6B-7. Disposition of copies of bills when introduced.** An original and one copy of each bill or resolution introduced shall be disposed of as follows:

- (1) The original, which shall have endorsed thereon the word "Original," shall be retained by the house of origin; and
- (2) The copy shall be delivered to the prime sponsor.

## **CHAPTER 6C.**

### **FISCAL NOTES AND ACTUARIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **RULES**

**6C-1. Bills and resolutions that require fiscal notes.** A bill, amendment, or resolution that has an effect on the revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of the state or any political subdivision of the state may include a fiscal note incorporating an estimate of the effect. This rule does not apply to the cost of legislative processing, or any appropriation bill with specific dollar amounts. A fiscal note is an estimate of the fiscal implications relating to revenues, expenditures or debt, and the probable cost of the bill, amendment, or resolution. In preparing the fiscal note, the Director of the

Legislative Research Council may use information or data supplied by any person, agency, organization, or governmental unit that the director deems reliable. The director shall state the sources of the information or data used and may state the extent to which the director relied on the information or data in preparing the fiscal note. If the director is unable to acquire or develop sufficient information or data to prepare a fiscal note, the director may prepare the fiscal note stating that fact, and the fiscal note shall be deemed to comply with this rule. If the director determines that the fiscal impact of a bill, amendment, or resolution cannot be determined, the director may prepare the fiscal note stating that fact, and the fiscal note shall be deemed to comply with this rule.

**6C-1.1. Request for fiscal note.** A fiscal note may be requested by:

- (1) The president pro tempore or the speaker when a bill, amendment, or resolution is introduced;
- (2) The chair of the standing committee possessing the bill, amendment, or resolution;
- (3) A majority vote of the standing committee possessing the bill, amendment, or resolution; or
- (4) A legislator, if the legislator is supported by a vote of one-fifth of the body before the second reading of the bill or resolution.

**6C-1.2. Certain bills require fiscal note.** The Director of the Legislative Research Council shall prepare a fiscal note for any bill which amends session law to affect the General Appropriations Act enacted in a prior legislative session.

**6C-1.3. Repealed.****6C-2. Deferral of bills without fiscal note.**

The bill or resolution for which a fiscal note has been requested must include a notation of the requirement on the Legislative Research Council website for the bill or resolution. The completed fiscal note must be published on the Legislative Research Council website before the bill or resolution may be placed on the second reading calendar. However, the presiding officer of a floor session may place the bill or resolution on the second reading calendar if the presiding officer determines a fiscal note is no longer required.

**6C-3. Displaying fiscal note to bill or resolution.**

If a fiscal note is available, it shall be displayed on the Legislative Research Council internet site for the bill or resolution.

**6C-4. Retirement system actuarial statement.**

Each bill introduced affecting the benefits payable by the state or a local government retirement system must have an actuarial statement displayed on the Legislative Research Council website for the bill. The actuarial statement must be requested from the governing board of the retirement system affected and the statement must identify the costs of the proposed change in the law as stated by the actuary for the affected retirement plan. If there is a doubt as to the need for an actuarial statement, the president pro tempore shall make the final decision for a Senate bill and the speaker shall make the final decision for a House bill. After the bill is introduced, the actuarial statement must be published on the Legislative Research Council website for the bill.

**CHAPTER 6D.  
FIRST READING AND REFERRAL  
CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

***Art. III, § 17. Reading of bills.***

*Every bill shall be read twice, by number and title once when introduced, and once upon final passage, but one reading at length may be demanded at any time before final passage.*

**RULES**

**6D-1. Referral of bills and resolutions to standing committees.** Unless otherwise ordered, each bill or joint resolution shall be referred to a standing committee after its first reading.

If any member introduces an appropriation bill, the bill shall be referred directly to a standing committee. If any Committee on Appropriations introduces an appropriation bill, the president pro tempore of the Senate or the speaker of the House may waive referral to a standing committee. If a bill has received final disposition from the Joint Committee on Appropriations, the president pro tempore of the Senate or the speaker of the House may waive the referral of the bill to a standing committee.

For the purposes of the Joint Rules, an appropriation bill is any bill that appropriates money from public funds and that appropriation is expressed in the title of the bill.

The president pro tempore of the Senate or the speaker of the House may waive the referral of Senate resolutions, House resolutions, or concurrent resolutions to a standing committee. A copy of any

concurrent resolution, Senate resolution, or House resolution shall be posted to the Legislative Research Council internet site before the resolution is acted upon.

**6D-2. Referral of resolutions of disapproval.**

Any resolution of disapproval shall be referred to a committee unless ordered to be placed directly on the calendar by a majority vote of the members present.

**CHAPTER 6E.  
AMENDMENTS AND SUBSTITUTE BILLS**

**RULES**

**6E-1. Amendments to be germane to bill.** No amendment to a bill or joint resolution may embrace more than one subject, which shall be expressed in the title of the bill.

**6E-1.1. Amendments to the title of a bill.** An amendment that alters the subject of a bill in a manner that requires a new title shall also amend the title in that amendment in accordance with the altered subject of the bill.

**6E-2. Hoghouse amendments.** A substitute bill shall be treated as an amendment and shall be governed by the rules governing amendments. Final committee action on any bill amended with a substitute bill may not be heard until one legislative day has intervened, if a request for delay is made and supported by at least one-fifth of the committee members-elect unless the chair otherwise delays action on the bill as amended. A request for delay is not in order on the final day for the committee to act upon the bill, according to the committee's schedule.

**6E-3. Message required when one house amends bill or resolution of other house.**

Whenever a bill or joint resolution is passed in one house and amended and passed in the other, a message to the house of origin shall indicate that the bill or resolution has been amended.

**CHAPTER 6F.  
SECOND READING****6F-1. No second reading until engrossment.**

No bill or resolution amended after introduction may be read the second time until it is correctly engrossed.

**6F-2. Second reading at least one day after committee report.**

No bill or joint resolution may have its second reading or receive final passage until at least one legislative day after it has been reported to the house by the committee to which the same has been referred and such report has been read to the house.

**6F-3. Action on committee reports.** No report of any standing committee or select committee may be acted upon until at least one legislative day after it has been read to the body, except the report of the committee on legislative procedure, or the reports of standing committees requesting referral to another standing committee of a bill or resolution which may be acted upon immediately. However, during the last three days of the session, reports of conference committees may be acted upon the same day as reported.

**6F-4. Placement of unamended bills and resolutions on calendar.**

If any committee makes a report that a bill or resolution "Do Pass" without proposing any amendment thereto, the bill or resolution shall be placed upon the calendar for second reading on the next legislative day.

**6F-5. Placement of amended bills and resolutions on calendar.** If any standing committee returns a bill or resolution to the house with the recommendation that the bill or resolution do pass with proposed amendments, the report shall be received, read and entered upon the journal. The committee report shall be placed on the calendar for adoption the following legislative day and the bill shall be placed on the calendar for floor action on the legislative day following the adoption of the committee report. On the final day for the committee to act upon a bill, the report may be placed directly on the calendar for floor action. A report recommending the passage of a bill or resolution with proposed amendments is not subject to change or amendment.

**6F-6. Placement of bills and resolutions not receiving a "Do Pass" recommendation on the calendar.** Any bill or resolution reported "Do Not Pass" or "without recommendation" shall fail if no motion is made for its disposition under the order of business of Consideration of Committee Reports on the next legislative day after delivery to the house. A motion to place a bill or resolution on the calendar where a committee reports a bill or resolution "Do Not Pass" or "without recommendation" shall require the vote of a majority of the members-elect to carry. A bill or resolution failing to be placed on the calendar is lost after time for reconsideration has passed.

**CHAPTER 6G.**  
**PRINTING, ENGROSSING, AND ENROLLING**  
**STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

**§ 2-7-17. Certification and filing of printed bills and resolutions--Judicial notice.**

*It shall be the duty of the secretary of the Senate and chief clerk of the House of Representatives to preserve one true copy of each printed bill, of each printed joint resolution, and of each printed concurrent resolution of each session of the Legislature; and to attach same together, to attach thereto, their signed certificate that they are true and complete copies of all the printed bills, joint resolutions, and concurrent resolutions of the certain session of the Legislature, and to file said copies so certified in the Office of the Secretary of State within ten days after adjournment of the session.*

*All copies so certified and filed shall be subject to judicial notice in all courts of record.*

**§ 2-7-18. Engrossment of bills and amendments.**

*All bills, in either house of the Legislature, which have been favorably acted upon, preparatory to going upon the calendar shall be engrossed if amendments have been made thereto. Amendments to any bill made by either Senate or House of Representatives, after engrossment, shall likewise be engrossed.*

**§ 2-7-19. Enrollment of bill after passage by both houses.**

*A bill which has passed both houses of the Legislature shall at once be enrolled by the house in which it originated.*

**§ 2-7-20. Presentation of bill to Governor--Filing with secretary of state--Photocopy to code counsel.**

*The original copy of each enrolled bill shall be signed*

*by the president of the Senate, secretary of the Senate, speaker of the House of Representatives, and chief clerk of the House of Representatives and presented to the Governor. If the Governor approves the bill, the Governor shall sign and transmit it to the secretary of state who shall deliver a photocopy of the signature page to the code counsel to be used in preparing copy for session laws. The secretary of state shall provide a permanent form of binder for the original enrolled bills and the bills vetoed with the veto message attached. The secretary of state shall also provide the code counsel with a photocopy of the signature page of each vetoed bill and the veto message.*

**§ 22-12A-17. Fraudulent alteration of bill or resolution as felony.**

*Any person who fraudulently alters the draft of any bill or resolution which has been presented to either house of the Legislature to be passed or adopted, with intent to procure it to be passed or adopted by either house, or certified by the presiding officer of either house, in language different from that intended by such house, is guilty of a Class 6 felony.*

## **RULES**

**6G-1. Determination of procedures.** The committees on legislative procedure shall jointly determine uniform procedures for the printing, engrossing and enrolling of bills and joint resolutions.

**6G-2. (Reserved)**

**6G-3. (Reserved)**

**6G-4. (Reserved)**

**6G-5. Engrossing of bills and resolutions.** If a bill or resolution is amended, the amendment shall be engrossed on the bill or resolution before advancing to the next stage of the legislative process. Amendments to any bill or resolution, made by either house after engrossment, shall likewise be engrossed upon the original bill or resolution.

**6G-6. Report to committee on legislative procedure.** The chief of the office of engrossing and enrolling shall examine all amended bills and joint resolutions.

**6G-7. Enrolling of bills and joint resolutions.** A bill which has passed both houses of the Legislature shall be at once enrolled. An enrolled bill or joint resolution shall be free from erasures, marks and interlineations, and each sheet thereof shall be initialed by the chief of engrossing and enrolling and numbered for identification. The cover of the bill or joint resolution shall indicate the house of origin.

**6G-8. Review and signing of bills and joint resolutions.** The committee on legislative procedure and the chief of engrossing and enrolling shall compare enrolled with engrossed bills and joint resolutions as passed by both houses and make a report thereon to the house of origin. If a bill or joint resolution is reported by the committee as correctly enrolled, the bill or joint resolution must be presented to the presiding officers of the floor sessions for both houses for their signatures.

**6G-9. Presentation of bills and joint resolutions to Governor.** After a bill or joint resolution is signed by the officers of both houses, the chairmen of the committees on legislative procedure shall jointly cause such bill to be presented to the Governor for the Governor's signature and such joint resolution to the secretary of state for filing. The committees

shall, at any time, report such presentations to both houses.

## **CHAPTER 6H. COMMEMORATIONS**

**6H-1. Introduction of commemorations.** Any member may introduce a legislative commemoration, which may be cosponsored by other members of either house, by electronically filing it. The prime sponsor shall submit all necessary information to the legislative research council prior to introduction. However, no member may introduce a legislative commemoration after the deadline prescribed by Joint Rule Chapter 17.

**6H-2. Numbering of commemorations.** Each legislative commemoration shall be numbered consecutively as introduced beginning with No. 801 for the Senate and No. 8001 for the House of Representatives.

**6H-3. Calendaring of commemorations.** Upon introduction, the presiding officer of a floor session shall place each pending legislative commemoration on the calendar of the next legislative day.

**6H-4. Approval of commemorations in the house of origin.** Any member of the body may object to the approval of any legislative commemoration by so stating on the floor of the body at any time before adjournment on the legislative day upon which the legislative commemoration is calendared. If no such objection is made, the legislative commemoration shall be deemed approved and the presiding officer of the floor session shall deliver it to the other house. If there is objection, the legislative commemoration shall be deemed disapproved. The objection is not debatable.

**6H-5. Calendaring of commemorations in the second house.** Upon receipt of a legislative commemoration from the other house, the presiding officer of the floor session shall place it on the next day's legislative calendar.

**6H-6. Approval of commemorations in the second house.** Any member of the receiving body may object to the approval of any legislative commemoration by so stating on the floor of the body at any time before adjournment on the legislative day upon which the legislative commemoration is calendared. If no such objection is made, the legislative commemoration shall be deemed approved and the presiding officer of the floor session shall deliver it to the house of origin. If there is objection, the legislative commemoration shall be deemed disapproved. The objection is not debatable.

**6H-7. Enrollment of commemorations.** The secretary of the Senate or the chief clerk of the House of Representatives shall deliver the original enrolled legislative commemoration to the prime sponsor.

## **CHAPTER 6I. COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION SYSTEM**

**6I-1. Bill Status.** The bill status, created by the computerized information system, is the official record of action to the bill.

**6I-2. Waiving electronic requirement.** The president pro tempore for a Senate bill and the speaker for a House bill may waive the requirement that any filing, submission, or approval be done electronically, if the electronic system is not available and functional.

## CHAPTER 7. COMMITTEES

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

#### **§ 2-6-1. Administration of oaths by committee member.**

*Any member of the Senate or House of Representatives, while acting as a member of any committee thereof, shall have authority to administer oaths to such persons as shall be examined before such committee.*

#### **§ 2-6-2. Composition and appointment of Government Operations and Audit Committee--Duties and reports--Assistance.**

*There shall be appointed at each regular session of the Legislature a Government Operations and Audit Committee of ten, consisting of five members of the Senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the Judiciary Committee, and five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, one of whom shall be a member of the Judiciary Committee, for the purpose of inquiry and review of any phase of the operations and the fiscal affairs of any department, institution, board, or agency of the state, to review any findings of abuse or neglect in a juvenile corrections facility, to make a continuing study of the operation of the state's correctional system, and to make a detailed report to the Senate and House of Representatives and submit a copy of its report to the appropriation committee of each house of the Legislature at the next succeeding session of the Legislature or any special session of the Legislature upon request of the body.*

*The Legislative Research Council shall provide assistance, including clerical help, to the committee upon request.*

**§ 2-6-4. Government Operations and Audit Committee--Investigative authority--Subpoenas and discovery procedures--Compliance--Expenditures from fund.**

The Government Operations and Audit Committee may examine all records and vouchers, summon witnesses by request or by issuing a subpoena, and thoroughly examine all expenditures and the general management of each department of state government. The committee may issue a subpoena for an individual, a document, or both. The committee may take the deposition of any witness and issue written interrogatories and requests for production of documents or things to any person in the same manner as discovery is conducted in a civil action. The committee may use the procedure provided in chapter 21-34 to enforce its subpoena or discovery procedure when the subject of the subpoena or discovery procedure refuses to comply with the command to appear and testify before the committee or comply with the discovery procedure. The committee may authorize one or more members of the committee, or any other individual, to:

- (1) Conduct an investigation on behalf of the committee;
- (2) Use the discovery procedures the committee is authorized to use; and
- (3) Use the procedure provided in chapter 21-34 to enforce the discovery procedures of the committee.

Any individual authorized by the committee to conduct an investigation must comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding confidentiality and any additional restrictions imposed by the committee.

The committee may authorize the director of the Legislative Research Council to expend moneys from the legislative priority fund for the purpose of carrying out the duties of this section.

**§ 2-6-4.1. Report may be required where audit finding reoccurs--Contents of report.**

*If an audit report of any department, institution, board, or agency of the state includes an audit finding that also occurred in an immediately preceding year, the Government Operations and Audit Committee may require the department, institution, board, or agency to present a report, as part of its budget hearing, during the succeeding legislative session. The report to the Appropriations Committees shall include the reasons for not implementing the audit recommendations and a corrective action plan.*

**§ 2-6-4.2. Criteria for issuing subpoena.**

*Before a subpoena may be issued by the Government Operations and Audit Committee, the committee shall determine that:*

- (1) A legislative purpose exists pursuant to §§ 2-6-2 and 2-6-4;*
- (2) The subpoenaed person or documents are relevant and material to accomplish the legislative purpose; and*
- (3) The information sought is not otherwise practically available.*

*It is not a legislative purpose to subpoena a person or documents to collect information that may be used for a criminal proceeding or to legislatively determine guilt or inflict punishment upon an identifiable person.*

**§ 2-6-5. Disobedience of legislative summons as misdemeanor.**

*Any person who is summoned to attend as a witness before either house of the Legislature or any committee thereof authorized to summon or subpoena witnesses, and who refuses or neglects without lawful excuse to attend pursuant to the summons or subpoena, is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.*

**§ 2-6-6. Refusal to testify or produce evidence before Legislature as misdemeanor.**

*Any person who, being present before either house of the Legislature or any committee thereof authorized to summon witnesses, willfully refuses to be sworn or affirmed, or to answer any material and proper question, or to produce upon reasonable notice any material or proper books, papers, or documents in his possession or under his control, is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.*

**§ 2-6-7. Forfeiture of office by legislator in violation--Disqualification from public office.**

*The conviction of a member of the Legislature of any crime defined in § 2-6-5 or 2-6-6 involves as a consequence, in addition to the punishment prescribed therein, a forfeiture of his office and disqualifies him from ever thereafter holding any public office under this state.*

**§ 2-6-8. Retirement laws study committee created--Purpose.**

*There is hereby created the South Dakota Retirement Laws Committee to make a continuing study of the pension and annuity and benefit laws relating to employees and officers in public service.*

**§ 2-6-9. Appointment and terms of Retirement Laws Committee members--Political affiliations.**

*The Retirement Laws Committee shall consist of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and five members of the Senate to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate. The members of the Retirement Laws Committee shall be appointed biennially for terms expiring on January first of each succeeding odd-numbered year and shall serve until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.*

*The appointing authority shall appoint members to the committee proportional to a party's representation in the authority's legislative body. The minority party in each legislative body shall have at least one member.*

**§ 2-6-10. Officers of Retirement Laws Committee--Staff assistance.**

*The Retirement Laws Committee shall select a chairman and vice-chairman and shall be provided with staff assistance from the Legislative Research Council staff.*

**§ 2-6-11. Study of retirement laws by committee--Emphasis.**

*The Retirement Laws Committee shall continue the study of the retirement and pension laws applicable to employees and officers in government service throughout the state and shall appraise and evaluate existing laws relating to retirement and pension. It shall give particular study and consideration to the financial affairs of the retirement funds and shall recommend revisions in financial provisions and methods of amortizing the accrued liabilities of such funds without impairment of any of the rights and equities of participants and beneficiaries but in conformity with sound and established principles of financing retirement fund obligations.*

**§ 2-6-12. Legislative drafts and recommendations by Retirement Laws Committee--Reports--Review of proposals.**

*The Retirement Laws Committee shall present legislative drafts to effect sound and equitable public employees retirement programs. The Retirement Laws Committee shall study and make recommendations concerning the extension of retirement coverage to public employees to whom retirement protection has not been accorded.*

*The Retirement Laws Committee shall from time to time report to the Legislature which report shall include but not be limited to the financial soundness of the system. The Retirement Laws Committee shall review all proposed legislation that affects public employee retirement in the state and shall make its report to the Legislature. During the legislative session, however, the standing committees established to review retirement laws legislation shall review proposed legislation that affects public employee retirement.*

## **RULES**

### **7-1. Committee procedure--Relaxed debate.**

The rules of procedure in a committee are the same as the rules of the body insofar as the rules are applicable to committee procedure. However, as conditions permit, the rules limiting debate may be relaxed to allow free discussion and to facilitate the work of the committee. Discussion and debate may be permitted by the chair on an amendment that has not been moved.

**7-1.1. Subcommittees.** The president pro tempore of the Senate, speaker of the House or a chair of a standing committee may designate subcommittees, the number of members to serve on each subcommittee, the chair of each subcommittee, the members of the subcommittee, and the period of time the subcommittee shall serve.

**7-1.2. Committee action on bills and resolutions.** Unless otherwise ordered under Joint Rule 6D-1, all bills or resolutions shall be referred to one of the standing committees. The chair of a standing committee may then assign a bill or resolution to a subcommittee of that standing committee. All subcommittees shall return such bills or resolutions as are assigned to them for

consideration, to the standing committee with or without recommendation and within the time which will permit the full standing committee to act upon the bill or resolution.

**7-1.3. Meetings open to public.** Subject to Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution, all committee or subcommittee meetings shall be open to the public.

**7-1.4. Posting of agendas.** Agendas of the bills, resolutions, and other proposals to be considered at any meeting of a standing committee or subcommittee, excepting committee bill introductions, shall be posted on the bulletin board of the respective house. At least one legislative day shall intervene between the date of posting and the date of consideration. An agenda must be posted by 5 p.m. in order to allow for an intervening legislative day. However, if a day of legislative recess intervenes between the date of posting and the date of consideration, the requirement of posting is fulfilled if posting is made by 5 p.m. on the day before the legislative recess.

This rule does not apply to:

- (1) Consideration of a bill or resolution for which action is required pursuant to Joint Rule 7-7; or
- (2) Any bills or resolutions for consideration in an afternoon committee meeting that were on the committee's agenda for its morning meeting on the same day.

The term, consideration, means any taking of testimony by the committee, questioning by the committee, holding of committee discussion, or committee final action on a bill, resolution, or other proposal.

**7-1.5. Consideration of matters not posted.**

A two-thirds majority of the committee members present may bring a matter up for consideration at any time.

**7-1.6. Final disposition required on all legislative proposals.**

A standing committee shall take final disposition on each legislative proposal submitted for committee consideration.

**7-1.7. Vote requirement.** Final disposition on a bill or resolution requires a majority vote of the committee members-elect taken by roll call.

**7-1.8. Final disposition.** Final disposition is any action which moves a bill out of a committee to the floor of a house or to another committee or which removes it from further consideration by the committee. Examples of final disposition include "Do Pass," "Do Pass, Amended," "Refer to Another Committee," "Lay on the Table," and "Defer to 41st Day."

**7-1.9. Attachment of amendments to bills or resolutions reported unfavorably.** Unless a bill has been ordered to be delivered pursuant to Joint Rule 7-7, a committee may amend a bill or resolution that it reports "Do Not Pass" or "Without Recommendation."

**7-1.10. Amendment of a previously tabled bill.**

If a bill is removed from the table and amended so that it requires a title amendment, the title must be amended and then the bill reported for a new hearing pursuant to Joint Rule 7-1.4, unless placed by Joint Rule 7-1.5.

**7-2. Committee reports.** Each committee shall report final committee actions on legislative proposals. The chair of a committee shall electronically approve the reports of the committee and present them to the body when the call for committee reports is made. The chair is responsible for the accuracy and propriety of the chair's statements and shall answer any questions pertaining to the report. This rule does not prohibit the committees on legislative procedure from reporting at any time. Formal actions shall be reported to the body not later than the next legislative day in an informational committee report which is printed in the daily journal.

**7-3. Reports of select committees.** Select committees to which matters are referred shall in all cases report a statement of facts and their opinion on the matters to the body.

**7-4. Dissenting reports.** If the members of a committee cannot agree on its report, the majority and minority may each make a report. Any member dissenting in whole or in part from the reasoning and conclusions of both majority and minority may also present a statement of the member's reasoning and conclusions. All reports must be entered in the journal if found by the presiding officer of the floor session to be decorous in language and respectful to the house.

**7-5. Filing of committee minutes.** The minutes of all standing committees shall be prepared and filed on a computerized legislative information system. Computer terminals shall be available in the Presidents' and Speakers' lobbies of the capitol.

**7-6. Contents of committee minutes.** Minutes of standing committees filed pursuant to Joint Rule 7-5 shall contain the number of each proposal considered; the title or a brief summary of each proposal's major provisions; the committee's action, if any, on each proposal, including a brief minority report if requested by any committee member; a record of how each committee member voted when action was taken, including votes on motions to postpone consideration of proposals; and a list of all persons testifying before the committee on each proposal and the interest they represent. Minutes of budget hearings conducted by an appropriations committee may contain a synopsis of testimony received. Minutes shall be open to the public for inspection.

**7-7. Demand for delivery of bill or resolution to house--"Smoke-out."** Each house may, by a motion supported by at least one-third of the members-elect, order a committee of that house to deliver a bill or resolution in the committee's possession to that house, if no more than three legislative days have passed since the committee reported that the bill or resolution was tabled or deferred to the 41st legislative day.

Except as provided in Joint Rule 7-7.1, if a house orders a committee to deliver a bill or resolution, the chair of the committee must, not later than the next legislative day, deliver the bill or resolution to the house without recommendation in the same form the bill or resolution was in when it was tabled or deferred to the 41st legislative day.

**7-7.1. Recommendation on a "smoked-out" bill or resolution--Optional committee meeting if all members were not present.** When a bill or resolution is subject to Joint Rule 7-7 and was previously tabled or deferred to the 41st legislative

day by a committee that did not have all members of that committee present when the bill or resolution was considered, the chair may convene a meeting of the committee with all members of the committee present to consider returning the bill or resolution to the house with a "Do Pass" or "Do Not Pass" recommendation. If the committee meets pursuant to this section, the committee must consider the bill or resolution in the same form the bill or resolution was in when it was tabled or deferred.

If a majority of all the members of the committee do not vote in favor of a "Do Pass" or "Do Not Pass" recommendation on the bill or resolution under this section, the chair must deliver the bill or resolution without recommendation in accordance with Joint Rule 7-7.

**7-7.2. Placement of a "smoked-out" bill or resolution on calendar.** If a committee votes to report a bill or resolution with a "Do Pass" recommendation pursuant to Joint Rule 7-7.1, the bill is placed on the house's calendar pursuant to Joint Rule 6F-4 or 6F-5.

If the committee votes to report the bill with a "Do Not Pass" recommendation under Joint Rule 7-7.1, or if the chair delivers the bill or resolution without recommendation, the bill or resolution is calendared pursuant to Joint Rule 6F-6.

**7-8. Placement of a "smoked-out" bill or resolution on calendar on the last day for passage.** If Joint Rule 7-7 is invoked for a bill or resolution on the last day for passage out of the applicable house, the bill or resolution must be delivered to that house pursuant to Joint Rules 7-7 and 7-7.1, as applicable, on the same legislative day.

If the bill or resolution is reported out of committee on the last day for passage with a "Do Pass" recommendation, pursuant to Joint Rule 7-7.1, the bill or resolution must be placed on that day's calendar, Chapter 6F notwithstanding.

If the bill or resolution is reported out of committee on the last day for passage without recommendation, pursuant to Joint Rule 7-7, or with a "Do Not Pass" recommendation, pursuant to Joint Rule 7-7.1, the bill or resolution must be addressed under motions and resolutions and may be placed on that day's calendar by a motion approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members-elect of the house, Chapter 6F notwithstanding.

**7-9. Calendar committee.** The calendar committee in the Senate consists of the president pro tempore, the Senate majority leader, and the Senate minority leader. The calendar committee in the House consists of the speaker of the House, the House majority leader, and the House minority leader. The committee shall determine the daily legislative calendar.

**7-10. Co-chairs of joint committees.** Chairs of standing committees operating and voting as joint committees shall serve as co-chairs of the joint committees.

**7-11. Introduction of general appropriation bill.** Any general appropriation bill shall be introduced in the House of Representatives in even-numbered years and in the Senate in odd-numbered years.

**7-11.1. Selection of revenue targets.** The Joint Committee on Appropriations shall select general fund revenue targets for the current and next fiscal years by February 15th for the purpose of setting appropriations. The Committee may subsequently adjust the general fund revenue targets.

**7-12. Joint committee on appropriations.** The Joint Committee on Appropriations, consisting of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations, is deemed to be a standing committee of the Senate and House of Representatives for the limited purposes of introducing, hearing, or acting on:

- (1) Agency or other budget presentations;
- (2) Bills authorizing the sale of state property;
- (3) Bills appropriating money; or
- (4) Bills adjusting school district property tax levies.

**7-12.1. Joint committee on appropriations action.** All Joint Committee on Appropriations action shall be approved by a majority vote of the Joint Committee unless a member calls for a separate vote of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Appropriations in which case a majority vote of each committee is required to adopt the action.

**7-12.2. Joint committee on appropriations agenda.** Each agenda for the Joint Committee on Appropriations shall be electronically approved by the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the chair of the House Committee on Appropriations. The respective vice chair of each committee may electronically approve the agenda in the absence of the chair.

**7-12.3. Joint committee on appropriations subcommittee action.** Any Joint Committee on Appropriations subcommittee action requires a majority vote of the members appointed to the subcommittee for passage.

**7-13. Entertainment of motions.** No motion may be debated until it is seconded. Following the second of a debatable motion, the chair shall first recognize the member making the motion. See House Rule H3-2 regarding introductory remarks prior to making a motion in a House committee.

**7-14. Restatement and reading of motions.** When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be restated by the chair.

**7-15. Withdrawal of motions.** After a motion is stated by the chair, it may not be withdrawn without consent of the members who made and seconded the motion.

**7-16. Motions.** When a question is under debate, no motion may be made except the following motions:

- (1) Adjourn; (nondebatable)
- (2) Recess;
- (3) Call the previous question; (nondebatable)
- (4) Lay on the table; (nondebatable)
- (5) Defer to the 41st day;
- (6) Do pass;
- (7) Do pass, amended;
- (8) Do not pass;
- (9) Do not pass, amended;
- (10) Without recommendation;
- (11) Without recommendation, amended;
- (12) Defer to a day certain;
- (13) Refer to another committee;
- (14) Refer to another committee, amended;
- (15) Refer to another committee, with or without recommendation;
- (16) Do adopt;
- (17) Do concur;
- (18) Amend;
- (19) Approve or amend minutes; and
- (20) Appoint a subcommittee.

**7-17. Application and nondebatability of motions to lay on the table.** A motion to lay on the table which effects a disposition on the merits of any bill or resolution requires the vote of a majority of the committee members-elect to carry and shall be decided without debate. No other motion may be made until the members have voted on the motion to lay on the table. Any other motion to lay on the table requires the vote of a majority of the committee members present and shall be decided without debate. No committee member may make introductory remarks prior to making a motion to lay on the table.

**7-18. Scope of motions to lay on the table.** A motion to lay on the table may be made so as to apply either to the main question or to a proposed amendment or to the bill and all pending amendments, and the motion shall clearly state to which it is intended to apply.

**7-19. Motion to take from the table or recall a bill.** Notwithstanding Joint Rule 7-19.1, a motion to recall a bill or resolution from a day certain beyond sine die or take a bill or resolution from the table requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the members-elect of the committee. The motion to take from the table or to recall is debatable.

If a committee adopts a motion to recall a bill or resolution from a day certain beyond sine die or take a bill or resolution from the table pursuant to this section and the committee does not establish by motion the date to which consideration of the bill is deferred, the chair of the committee must schedule the bill or resolution for consideration before the required deadline to deliver the bill or resolution to the floor, pursuant to Joint Rules chapter 17.

Except as provided in Joint Rule 7-19.1, a member may not make a motion to take from the table or recall a bill from a day certain beyond sine die, on the last day for a committee to deliver a bill or resolution:

- (1) To the floor of the house of origin, as established in Join Rules chapter 17; or
- (2) To the floor of the second house, as established in Join Rules chapter 17.

**7-19.1. Motion to take from the table or recall a bill and consider immediately.** If a bill or resolution has been laid on the table or has been deferred to a day certain beyond sine die, a member may make motion to recall a bill or resolution from a day certain beyond sine die or take a bill or resolution from the table and immediately consider the bill, pursuant to Joint Rule 7-1.5. A motion made pursuant to this section requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members-elect of the committee.

A motion made pursuant to this section is debatable.

**7-20. Scope of motion to defer to day certain beyond sine die.** The rules pertaining to motions to table and to defer to a day certain beyond sine die shall be the same except that a motion to defer to a day certain beyond sine die is debatable.

**7-21. Motion to call the previous question.** A motion for the previous question shall be decided immediately by a majority of the committee members present and without debate. The motion shall clearly indicate the question to which it applies. No committee member may make introductory remarks prior to making a motion to call the previous question. The effect of adopting a motion to call the previous question is to close debate, to prevent the moving of amendments or other subsidiary motions,

and to bring to vote immediately the question to be voted upon. The effect of defeating a motion to call the previous question is to allow continuation of debate on the question before the committee.

**7-22. Priority of vote after call of the previous question.** After a motion to call the previous question has prevailed, it is not in order to move to adjourn, prior to a decision of the question before the committee.

**7-23. Dilatory motions to defer or refer.** If a motion to defer to a day certain, to defer indefinitely or to refer to another committee is decided in the negative, such motion is not again in order at the same stage of consideration of the bill or proposition.

**7-24. Motion to postpone as final action.** A motion to defer indefinitely or to a date beyond the sine die adjournment of the Legislature requires the vote of a majority of the committee members-elect.

**7-25. Germaneness of amendments.** No motion to amend a bill is in order unless it is germane to the subject as expressed in the title of the bill.

**7-26. Limitations on number of motions to amend and substitute motions.** When a motion or proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend that amendment is in order. It is also in order to offer a further amendment as a substitute, but such substitute is not subject to amendment.

**7-27. Division of the question.** Any member may call for a division of the question. The chair shall divide the question if it contains questions so distinct that, one being taken away, the rest may stand as a separate proposition. A member may not call for the division of a bill.

**7-28. Committee procedure - Remote electronic testimony.** During any regular or special session of the Legislature, a committee chair may permit a person to appear from a remote site and give testimony before the committee by electronic audio or video means. A person shall make a request to the committee chair to give testimony under this section at least twenty-four hours before the start of the committee meeting. The committee chair may waive this requirement if the chair deems the person's testimony necessary for immediate committee discussion.

**7-29. Repealed.**

## **CHAPTER 8. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

**8-1. Appointment and composition of conference committees.** In every case of disagreement between the two houses, if either house requests a conference and appoints a committee for that purpose, the other house shall appoint a committee to confer with a like committee of the other house upon the subject of the disagreement, and to report back to its house of appointment. A conference committee is a joint meeting of two committees, each consisting of three members from each house. The speaker shall appoint the committee from the House of Representatives. The president pro tempore shall appoint the committee from the Senate. Insofar as possible, members appointed to a conference committee must be representative of the decision of the house for the issue under consideration.

The speaker and the president pro tempore shall each designate one appointed member as a co-chair.

The chair position for a conference committee rotates between the Senate and House of Representatives every calendar day the conference committee meets, with the co-chair of the house of origin acting as chair at the first meeting.

**8-2. Conference committee meetings, quorum, and voting.** The presiding officer of the floor session of the house of origin shall announce to that body the time and location of each conference committee meeting. A conference committee must meet in open session, and minutes must be taken and prepared in a like manner as provided for in Joint Rule 7-6. A quorum of a conference committee is a majority of the conference committee members from each house. The adoption of any motion offered in a conference committee must be approved by the recorded affirmative vote of at least two conference committee members from each house.

**8-2.1. Conference committee action--Report.** Each conference committee co-chair shall electronically approve the conference committee report, which must include the recommendation of the conference committee and be reported to the co-chair's respective house. The conference committee report must be germane to the subject of the bill or resolution as expressed in the title of the bill or resolution, as it was submitted to the conference committee.

**8-3. Final disposition and distribution of report.** Adoption of a conference committee report recommending passage of a bill or resolution constitutes final disposition. The vote required to adopt a conference committee report recommending passage of a bill or resolution is the same as required for final passage. Before the final

vote on the adoption of a conference committee report may be taken, any member of the body may require that the report be made available in electronic form or be distributed in written form to the members of the body, if not available in electronic form.

**8-4. Motion to not appoint a new conference committee--Final disposition.** If a conference committee report is not adopted, any member may move not to appoint a new conference committee. If that motion prevails it constitutes final disposition of the bill or resolution.

## **CHAPTER 9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**9-1. Designation of committee of the whole chair.** If either house sits as a committee of the whole, the president pro tempore in the Senate and the speaker in the House of Representatives shall name a member as chair of the house concerned, who shall be vested with all the authority of that house's presiding officer while the committee of the whole is in session.

**9-2. Rules of the committee of the whole.** The rules observed by the house concerned shall govern as far as practicable, except that:

- (1) The yeas and nays may not be called;
- (2) The previous question may not be enforced;  
and
- (3) The time of speaking may not be limited.

**9-3. Adjournment of the committee of the whole.** A motion that the committee rise is always in order and shall be decided without debate.

## CHAPTER 10. JOURNALS

### CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

#### **Art. III, § 13. Legislative journals--Recording of yeas and nays.**

*Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings and publish the same from time to time, except such parts as require secrecy, and the yeas and nays of members on any question shall be taken at the desire of one-sixth of those present and entered upon the journal.*

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

#### **§ 2-7-7. Secretary and chief clerk--Duties.**

*The secretary of the Senate and chief clerk of the House of Representatives shall:*

- (1) Keep correct journals of the proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively;*
- (2) Have custody of all records, accounts, and other papers committed to them;*
- (3) At the close of each session of the Legislature, deposit for safekeeping with the secretary of state all books, bills, documents, resolutions, and papers in the possession of the Legislature, correctly labeled, folded, and classified;*
- (4) Deposit the Senate and House of Representatives journals, respectively, with the secretary of state within forty days after the adjournment of the Legislature; and*
- (5) Perform duties as assigned by the Senate or House of Representatives, respectively.*

**§ 2-7-10. Permanent journals as official record of proceedings.**

*The corrected daily copies of the journal of the Senate and House of Representatives, together with the index thereof, shall constitute, and be the official permanent record of the legislative proceedings.*

**§ 2-7-11. Index and distribution of journals.**

*The Legislative Research Council shall prepare and include the journal indexes of the Legislature within ninety days after copy therefor has been furnished. The Legislative Research Council shall provide for the electronic distribution of the daily journals at least two hours before the convening of the Legislature on the next legislative day.*

**§ 2-7-12. Certified copies of journals as prima facie evidence of proceedings.**

*Duly certified copies of such journals shall be received in all courts of the state as original evidence, and the volumes wherein the same are published by authority of the state, shall be prima facie evidence of such proceedings.*

## **RULES**

**10-1. Daily journal.** A journal of each house shall be made available daily by posting to the Legislative Research Council internet site by the following morning. The journal need not be read unless ordered. The secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House shall report on the correctness of the journal to the committees on legislative procedure. The committees on legislative procedure shall in turn report to their respective houses.

**10-2. Journal contents.** In keeping a correct journal, the secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House shall record in the journals of their respective houses the motions, rules, and decisions of the respective houses.

**10-3. Journal format and certification.** The secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House shall each furnish a corrected copy of their respective compiled daily journals to the printer having the contract for the printing of the journals. The secretary and the chief clerk shall preface the journals by a title to appear on the first page of the permanent volumes of the journals, substantially as follows:

(Proceedings of the Senate or  
House of Representatives)  
of the  
Legislative Session  
State of South Dakota

(Seal of State)  
Begun and Held at Pierre South Dakota  
on  
Tuesday, January \_\_\_\_ 20\_\_  
and Concluded  
\_\_\_\_\_ March, \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_  
Published under the Direction and  
Authority of the Legislature

On the second page of the journal the secretary or chief clerk shall certify that the record contains a full, true, and correct proceeding of the legislative session.

One copy each of the daily permanent journals of the House and Senate shall be certified as follows:

I hereby certify that the following (Senate or House) journal of the \_\_\_\_\_ legislative day is correct.

(Secretary of the Senate  
or Chief Clerk of the House)

The certified copies shall be filed with the secretary of state not later than forty days after the adjournment of the Legislature.

#### **10-4. Repealed.**

### **CHAPTER 11. RULES**

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

***Art. III, § 9. Each house as judge of qualifications--Quorum--Rules of proceedings--Officers and employees.***

*Each house shall be the judge of the election returns and qualifications of its own members.*

*A majority of the members of each house shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day-to-day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such a manner and under such penalty as each house may provide. Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, shall choose its own officers and employees and fix the pay thereof, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.*

#### **RULES**

**11-1. Joint rule suspension or amendment.** No joint rule may be suspended or amended without the concurrence of a two-thirds majority of the members-elect of either house. The final vote on any amendment may not be taken upon the same day it was offered.

**11-2. Adopting joint rules.** A joint rule may be adopted by concurrence of a majority of the members-elect of each house.

**11-3. Proceedings governed by Mason's Manual.**

In all cases not covered by these rules, *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* governs the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

**CHAPTER 12.****VOTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE****CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS****Art. III, § 18. Enacting clause--Assent by majority--Recording of votes.**

*The enacting clause of a law shall be: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota" and no law shall be passed unless by assent of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature. And the question upon the final passage shall be taken upon its last reading, and the yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journal.*

**Art. XI, § 13. Vote required to increase certain tax rates or valuations.**

*The rate of taxation imposed by the state of South Dakota on personal or corporate income or on sales or services, or the allowable levies or the percentage basis for determining valuation as fixed by law for purposes of taxation on real or personal property, shall not be increased unless by consent of the people by exercise of their right of initiative or by two-thirds vote of all the members elect of each branch of the Legislature.*

**Art. XI, § 14. Vote required to impose or increase taxes.**

*The rate of taxation imposed by the State of South Dakota in regard to any tax may not be increased and no new tax may be imposed by the State of South Dakota unless by consent of the people by exercise of their right of initiative or by two-thirds vote of all the members elect of each branch of the Legislature.*

**Art. XII, § 2. Contents of general appropriation bill--Separate appropriation bills.**

*The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but appropriations for ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the state, the current expenses of state institutions, interest on the public debt, and for common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one object, and shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members of each branch of the Legislature.*

**Art. XXIII, § 1. Amendments.**

*Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by initiative or by a majority vote of all members of each house of the Legislature. An amendment proposed by initiative shall require a petition signed by qualified voters equal in number to at least ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The petition containing the text of the proposed amendment and the names and addresses of its sponsors shall be filed at least one year before the next general election at which the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters. A proposed amendment may amend one or more articles and related subject matter in other articles as necessary to accomplish the objectives of the amendment; however, no proposed amendment may embrace more than one subject. If more than one amendment is submitted at the same election, each amendment shall be so prepared and distinguished that it can be voted upon separately.*

**STATUTORY PROVISIONS****§ 4-8A-1. Definition of terms.**

*Terms as used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, mean:*

- (1) *"Agency," a principal functional and administrative entity, including each department and bureau of state government, as designated in the general appropriation bill;*
- (2) *"Budget unit," a unit of government contained within an agency, including each institution, for which separate appropriations in the general appropriation bill are made;*
- (3) *"General appropriation bill," the bill enacted by the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of S.D. Const., Art. XII, § 2, requiring a majority vote of all the members of each house of the Legislature;*
- (4) *"General contingency funds," appropriated funds for expenditures arising from or subject to unforeseen conditions of an agency's operations for which a general fund appropriation has not been provided and which are deemed by the Governor and the special committee to be in the interest of the state and its agencies; and*
- (5) *"Special committee," the committee created by § 4-8A-2.*

## RULES

### **12-1. Voting required, exceptions, passes.**

Each member who is in the chamber when a question is put shall vote unless the body excuses the member. A member may pass only once on any roll call vote.

**12-2. Voting restrictions.** No member may vote on any question unless within the chamber and voting before the result of the vote is announced.

**12-3. Voting procedures.** Questions shall be put in this form: "As many as favor the question, as stated, say 'Yea'; as many as are opposed to the question, as stated, 'Nay'." If the presiding officer of a floor session doubts the result of a vote or if a division is called for, the members shall divide. Those in the affirmative shall rise from their seats and remain standing until counted. A vote of "aye" or "yes" shall be recorded as "yea" and a vote of "no" shall be recorded as "nay."

**12-4. Changing votes.** If the yeas and nays have been taken on any question, no member may change a vote after the decision is announced from the chair, unless by unanimous consent of the house.

**12-5. Majority vote required for resolutions.** Any joint or concurrent resolution requires a majority vote of the members elected to each house of the Legislature, and the yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journal. Any House or Senate resolution requires a majority vote of the members elected to that house, and the yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journal.

**12-6. Two-thirds majority vote required to repeal or amend a sunset provision in the case of a tax statute.** Any repeal of or amendment to a provision which automatically abolishes the imposition of a tax at a specified time allowing the tax to continue in force requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elect.

**12-7. Voting Standard.** Except when otherwise provided under the South Dakota Constitution, these joint rules, Senate rules, House rules, or South Dakota codified law, vote requirements for all motions shall be based on the majority of the members present and voting.

**12-8. Vote required for certain fees.** If a bill proposes to increase a fee, impose a new fee, or authorize a state agency to impose or increase a fee and the new fee or increased fee amount is deposited in the general fund or in a continuously appropriated fund, the bill requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members-elect for passage. For purposes of this joint rule, the term, fee, means a financial payment or charge imposed by the state and does not include a financial payment or charge imposed by a political subdivision.

## **CHAPTER 13. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**13-1. Consent calendar recommendations by standing committees.** Each standing committee may report an uncontested bill or resolution out of committee with the recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar. As used in this rule, an "uncontested bill or resolution" is any bill or resolution, except a revenue measure, which receives a do-pass or do-pass-as-amended recommendation from the committee to which it is referred, by unanimous vote of the members present.

**13-2. Consent calendar placement, objections.** If any bill or resolution receives an affirmative "Do Pass" vote of all members present of the committee, the committee chair may certify the bill or resolution as uncontested for placement on the consent calendar. If any committee member objects to the committee chair's certification, the bill or resolution may not be certified for placement on the consent calendar. Any bill or resolution certified by a committee chair must be placed on the consent calendar by the secretary of the Senate or the chief clerk of the House of Representatives.

If any member objects to the placement or retention of any bill or resolution on the consent calendar during a floor session, the bill or resolution must be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the house calendar for second reading on the following legislative day. The objection is not debatable. No consent calendar bill or resolution may be considered for adoption until the legislative day following the day of its placement on the consent calendar.

**13-3. Consent calendar scheduling.** The calendar committee in each house may schedule consent calendar bills and resolutions at any time.

**13-4. Consent calendar items--Questions, voting.** Bills and resolutions on the consent calendar are not debatable. The presiding officer of the floor session shall allow a reasonable time for questions from the floor and shall permit the proponents of the bills or resolutions to answer the questions. Immediately before voting on the first bill or resolution on the consent calendar, the presiding officer of the floor session shall call to the attention of the members the fact that the next roll call will be the roll call on the bill or resolution on the consent calendar.

## **CHAPTER 14. EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION AND VETO CONSIDERATIONS**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

***Art. III, § 22. Effective date of acts--  
Emergency clause.***

*No act shall take effect until ninety days after the adjournment of the session at which it passed, unless in case of emergency, (to be expressed in the preamble or body of the act) the Legislature shall by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected of each house, otherwise direct.*

**Art. IV, § 4. Veto power.**

*Whenever the Legislature is in session, any bill presented to the Governor for signature shall become law when the Governor signs the bill or fails to veto the bill within five days, not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, of presentation. A vetoed bill shall be returned by the Governor to the Legislature together with the Governor's objections within five days, not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, of presentation if the Legislature is in session or upon the reconvening of the Legislature from a recess. Any vetoed bill shall be reconsidered by the Legislature and, if two-thirds of all members of each house shall pass the bill, it shall become law. Whenever a bill has been presented to the Governor and the Legislature has adjourned sine die or recessed for more than five days within five days from presentation, the bill shall become law when the Governor signs the bill or fails to veto it within fifteen days after such adjournment or start of the recess.*

*The Governor may strike any items of any bill passed by the Legislature making appropriations. The procedure for reconsidering items struck by the Governor shall be the same as is prescribed for the passage of bills over the executive veto. All items not struck shall become law as provided herein.*

*Bills with errors in style or form may be returned to the Legislature by the Governor with specific recommendations for change. Bills returned shall be treated in the same manner as vetoed bills except that specific recommendations for change as to style or form may be approved by a majority vote of all the members of each house. If the Governor certifies that the bill conforms with the Governor's specific recommendations, the bill shall become law. If the Governor fails to certify the bill, it shall be returned to the Legislature as a vetoed bill.*

**STATUTORY PROVISIONS****§ 2-14-16. Effective date of legislative acts.**

*Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and statutes relating to vetoes and the referendum, an act of the Legislature which does not prescribe when it shall take effect, if passed at a regular session, takes effect on the first day of July after its passage and if passed at a special session on the ninety-first day after the final adjournment of such session.*

**§ 2-7-20.1. Certificate of conformity by Legislature in form and style.**

*Whenever the Governor certifies, pursuant to paragraph four of section 4 of article IV of the Constitution, that the Legislature has conformed a bill to the Governor's recommendations, that certificate must be typed and signed on the enrolled bill.*

**§ 2-7-20.2. Veto of bills passed before last four session days--Message to house of origin--Reconsideration--Filing with secretary of state.**

*Whenever the Governor vetoes any bill or any items of a bill presented to the Governor five or more calendar days before an adjournment or a recess of the Legislature, the Governor shall transmit the Governor's veto message with the original bill to the secretary of the Senate or chief clerk of the House of Representatives, whichever was the house of origin, on the date of the Governor's exercise of the power, but no later than noon on the last legislative day prior to adjournment or recess. The officer of the house receiving the veto message shall certify on the original copy of the bill whether reconsideration was had and the vote on any reconsideration and shall transmit the bill and veto message to the secretary of state for filing when the time for reconsideration has passed.*

**§ 2-7-20.3. Veto of bills too late for return to Legislature--Transmittal to secretary of state.**

*Whenever the Governor vetoes a bill or any items of a bill presented to the Governor during the final four days preceding an adjournment or a recess, and it cannot be transmitted to the house of origin in session, the Governor shall transmit the original bill and the Governor's veto message to the secretary of state within one day following the Governor's veto, but no later than the sixteenth day following adjournment or recess.*

**§ 2-7-20.4. Bills becoming law without Governor's signature or objections.**

*Whenever the Governor fails to veto any bill which shall become law without the Governor's signature or the certificate referred to in § 2-7-20.1, the Governor shall deliver it to the secretary of state, who shall note, beneath the signature line provided for the Governor, that it was delivered by the Governor without the Governor's signature and without objection. The secretary of state may not file or record any communication relating to the Governor's reasons for not signing the bill.*

**CHAPTER 15.  
INTERHOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AND  
TRANSMISSIONS**

**15-1. Communications by messages.** Any communication between the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be by message which shall be approved by the secretary or chief clerk, respectively, and transmitted to the house to which it is addressed.

**15-2. Notification of bill or resolution rejection.** If a bill or joint resolution which has passed one house is rejected by the other, the house of origin shall be immediately notified of this action.

**15-3. Notification of bill or resolution deferred to the 41st day.** If the consideration of any bill or joint resolution which originated in one house shall be postponed in the other house to a day so distant that it will not be taken up again by the present session, the house of origin shall be immediately notified of such action.

## **CHAPTER 16. JOINT SESSION**

**16-1. Organization of a joint session.** While the two houses are acting together on any matter, the president of the Senate shall preside and all questions of order shall be decided by the president, subject to an appeal of both houses, as though but one body was in session.

**16-2. Call of the house.** A call of the members of either house may be had in joint session by order of the house in which the call is desired.

**16-3. Recording of the proceedings.** The secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House shall be the clerks of the joint session and keep a record of the proceedings and enter the record in the journals of the Senate or of the House.

**16-4. Motion to defer or adjourn.** Any motion to defer or adjourn shall be decided by a joint vote of both houses, and, if required, the yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journals of both houses.

**16-5. Suspension of floor privileges.** During a joint session, former Governors, Lieutenant Governors, members of the Congress of the United States from South Dakota and former members of the South Dakota Legislature may not be admitted to the chamber. The presiding officer of the joint session shall instruct the sergeant at arms to provide a reserve seating section in the chamber

gallery for these former officials who wish to witness the joint session.

## CHAPTER 17. LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES

<b>Legislative Deadlines</b>	
<b>Legislative Action</b>	<b>40 Day Session</b>
A. Last day for unlimited introduction of individual bills and joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and resolutions of the house of origin <sup>1</sup>	12th Day
B. Last day for introduction of individual bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and resolutions of the house of origin <sup>1</sup>	15th Day
C. Last day for introduction of committee bills and joint resolutions <sup>1</sup>	16th Day
D. Last day to move required delivery of bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, or resolutions of the house of origin by a committee to the house of origin; and last day upon which Joint Rule 5-17 can be invoked on a bill or resolution in either house	27th Day
E. Last day to pass bills or joint resolutions by the house of origin and to invoke Joint Rule 7-7 in the house of origin	28th Day
F. Last day for introduction of commemorations <sup>1</sup>	33rd Day
G. During the seven final legislative days motions to reconsider and reconsideration being made upon the same day (any time before adjournment)	34th Day

H. Last day to move required delivery of bills, joint resolutions, or concurrent resolutions by a committee to the second house	35th Day
I. Last day for a bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution to pass both houses; and to invoke Joint Rule 7-7 in the second house	36th Day
J. The last day of a legislative session is reserved for the consideration of vetoes	40th Day
<sup>1</sup> Bills, concurrent resolutions, Senate resolutions, House resolutions, and joint resolutions must be submitted to the Legislative Research Council in advance of the deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 6A-5.	

**17-1. Exceptions to deadlines for appropriation bills.** Any general appropriation bill, any bill that amends a prior year's general appropriations bill, or any bill that adjusts school district property tax levies pursuant to an appropriations bill is not subject to the legislative deadlines of C, D, E, H, and I, in this chapter, except that the general appropriation bill requested by the Governor is subject to legislative deadline C.

Except for a general appropriation bill, any appropriation bill that is referred to or reported to the floor by the Joint Committee on Appropriations is subject to the following legislative deadlines, in lieu of the legislative deadlines of D and E, in this chapter:

- (1) Last day to move required delivery of bills by a committee to the house of origin: 30th Day;
- (2) Last day to pass bills by the house of origin: 31st Day.

**17-2. Calendar less than 40 days.** If a Session Calendar is adopted for a period of thirty-five (35) days to thirty-nine (39) days, inclusive, the legislative deadlines set forth in this chapter, including the deadlines for appropriation bills provided in Joint Rule 17-1, are decreased as follows:

- (1) The deadlines occurring after the 16<sup>th</sup> day but prior to the 34<sup>th</sup> day are decreased by one (1) day for every two (2) days that the length of the adopted calendar is less than forty (40) days;
- (2) The deadlines occurring on and after the 34<sup>th</sup> day are decreased by the same number of days that the length of the adopted calendar is less than forty (40) days.

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**PROCEDURE AT A GLANCE**  
**(FORMAT: ACTION / CITE / REQUIRED VOTE)**

**Adjournment** / J.R. 5-4 / Termination of meeting / Majority of members present / Not debatable.

**Amendment, to state constitution** (by Joint Resolution) / S.D. Const. Art. XXIII, § 1 / Majority of members-elect.

**Appeal the Decision of the Chair** / J.R. 1-3 / Majority of members-present.

**Appointments, confirmation of gubernatorial** / SDCL 1-7-9, S7-1 / Majority vote of senators-elect.

**Appropriations (other than General Appropriations Bill)** / S.D. Const. Art. XII, § / 2/3 vote of the members-elect.

**Calendar, placing of bills on** / "Do Not Pass" bills / J.R. 6F-6 / Majority of members-elect.

"Without Recommendation" bills / J.R. 6F-6 / Majority of members-elect.

**Call of the House** / J.R. 2-2 / Compel attendance of absent members / 1/6 of members-elect.

**Change of Vote** / J.R. 12-4 / Unanimous consent.

**Changing Order of Business** / J.R. 4-3 / Revert to or pass to a new order of business / Majority of members present.

**Conference Committee Report Adoption** / J.R. 8-3 / Same as final passage of the bill or resolution.

**Consideration of Matters Not Posted** / J.R. 7-1.5 / 2/3 of committee members-present.

**Discipline of Member** / See Senate Chapter 8 or House Chapter 6.

**Division of Question** / J.R. 5-9 / No vote necessary / Decision of presiding officer.

**Emergency Measure** / S.D. Const. Art. III, § 1 / Bills necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or the support of the state government / 2/3 vote of members-elect.

**General Appropriations Bill** / S.D. Const. Art. XII, § 2 and SDCL 4-8A-1(1) / Majority of members-elect.

**Lay-Over Motion** / J.R. 5-17 / Final action upon pending amendment delayed until the next legislative day / Not amendable / Not debatable / 1/5 of members-elect.

**Postpone Indefinitely or to a Date Beyond Adjournment** / J.R. 5-8.1 / Majority of members-elect.

**Previous Question Motion** / J.R. 5-6 / Not debatable / Majority of members-present.

**Recall of Deferred Bill** / J.R. 7-19 / Debatable / Majority of members-elect of the committee.

**Recall for Immediate Consideration** / J.R. 7-19.1 / Debatable / 2/3 of members-elect of the committee.

**Recess** / J.R. 5-3 / Suspension of meeting / Majority of members-elect.

**Reconsideration** / J.R. 5-11.1 / Majority vote of members-elect. Unanimous consent if motion to reconsider same question made twice. (Only final disposition of bills and joint resolutions and override of vetoes may be reconsidered.)

**Resolutions** / J.R. 12-5 / All resolutions require a majority vote of the members-elect.

**Resolution of disapproval** / S.D. Const. Art IV § 8 / Majority of members-elect of either house.

**Roll Call Vote, request for** / S.D. Const. Art. III, § 13 / 1/6 of members-present.

**Rules Adoption** / J.R. 11-2, S5-1, H4-1 / Majority of members-elect.

**Rules Amendment** / J.R. 11-1, S5-1, H4-1 / 2/3 of members-elect.

**Rules Suspension** / J.R. 11-1, S5-1, H4-1 / 2/3 of members-elect.

**Smoke Out** / J.R. 7-7 / Requires a committee to deliver a bill to the floor by the next legislative day / 1/3 of members-elect.

**Special Orders** / J.R. 4-2 / Majority of members present.

**Strike Enacting Clause** / J.R. 5-10 & J.R. 7-1.7 / Majority of members-elect.

**Table, Lay on the** / J.R. 5-5 / Not debatable / Majority of members-elect, when motion effects disposition of a bill; majority of members present required on all other tabling motions.

**Table, Take from the** / J.R. 5-5.2 / Debatable / Majority of members-elect.

**Table, Take from for Immediate Consideration** / J.R. 7-19.1 / Debatable / 2/3 of members-elect of the committee.

**Tax Increases and New Taxes** / S.D. Const. Art. XI, § 14 / Any new tax or increase in an existing tax / 2/3 vote of the members-elect.

**Veto, Override** / S.D. Const. Art. IV, § 4 / 2/3 of the members-elect.

**Withdrawal of Motion** / J.R. 5-2.2 / Unanimous consent of members-present.





# STANDING COMMITTEES

## 101<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session Meeting Schedule – 2026

TIME	ROOM	MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY	TUESDAY/THURSDAY
7:45 – 9:45 a.m.	414	<b>House State Affairs</b> <i>Rep. Scott Odenbach, Chair</i> <i>Rachel Hale, Staff</i>	<b>House Ag &amp; Natural Resources</b> <i>Rep. Marty Overweg, Chair</i> <i>Lance Nixon, Staff</i>
7:45 – 9:45 a.m.	413	<b>House Education</b> <i>Rep. Lana Greenfield, Chair</i> <i>Jacob Carlson, Staff</i>	<b>Senate Judiciary</b> <i>Sen. Steve Kolbeck, Chair</i> <i>Melanie Dumdei, Staff</i>
7:45 – 9:45 a.m.	412	<b>Senate Health &amp; Human Services</b> <i>Sen. Kevin Jensen, Chair</i> <i>Matthew Server, Staff</i>	<b>House Health &amp; Human Services</b> <i>Rep. Brian Mulder, Chair</i> <i>Matthew Server, Staff</i>
7:45 – 9:45 a.m.	423	<b>Senate Transportation</b> <i>Sen. Randy Deibert, Chair</i> <i>Lance Nixon, Staff</i>	<b>Senate Education</b> <i>Sen. Kyle Schoenfisch, Chair</i> <i>Jacob Carlson, Staff</i>
7:45 – 9:45 a.m.	464		<b>House Taxation</b> <i>Rep. Aaron Aylward, Chair</i> <i>Will Steward, Staff</i>
<b>Joint Committee on Appropriations</b>			
Appropriations 362	<i>Rep. Mike Derby, Lead Co-Chair, Sen. Ernie Otten, Co-Chair</i> <i>Mehlhoff, Jessop, Knofczynski, Douglas, Honan, McDonald, Kaitfors, Staff</i>		

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>	<b>MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY/THURSDAY</b>
<b>10:00 a.m. – Noon</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>Senate State Affairs</b> <i>Sen. Jim Mehlhoff, Chair</i> <i>Anna Madsen, Staff</i>	<b>House Local Government</b> <i>Rep. Greg Jamison, Chair</i> <i>Ben Vukovich, Staff</i>
<b>10:00 a.m. – Noon</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>House Judiciary</b> <i>Rep. Mike Stevens, Chair</i> <i>Melanie Dumdei, Staff</i>	<b>House Transportation</b> <i>Rep. Tony Randolph, Chair</i> <i>Amanda Marsh, Staff</i>
<b>10:00 a.m. – Noon</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>Senate Local Government</b> <i>Sen. Tim Reed, Chair</i> <i>Ben Vukovich, Staff</i>	<b>Senate Commerce &amp; Energy</b> <i>Sen. Casey Crabtree, Chair</i> <i>Rachel Hale, Staff</i>
<b>10:00 a.m. – Noon</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>Senate Taxation</b> <i>Sen. Sue Peterson, Chair</i> <i>Will Steward, Staff</i>	<b>Senate Ag &amp; Natural Resources</b> <i>Sen. Tom Pischke, Chair</i> <i>Anna Madsen, Staff</i>
<b>10:00 a.m. – Noon</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>House Commerce &amp; Energy</b> <i>Rep. Karla Lems, Chair</i> <i>Matthew Server, Staff</i>	
<b>Meets at the Call of the Chair</b>		<b>Government Operations &amp; Audit</b> ( <i>Chairs: Sen. Howard &amp; Rep. Overweg/Jacob Carlson</i> ) <b>Legislative Procedure</b> ( <i>Chairs: Sen. Karr &amp; Rep. Hansen/John McCullough</i> ) <b>Military &amp; Veterans Affairs</b> ( <i>Chairs: [H/MWF PM] Rep. Goodwin &amp; [S/TTH PM] Sen. Zikmund/Server</i> ) <b>Retirement Laws</b> ( <i>Chairs: Sen. Deibert &amp; Rep. Weisgram/Jeff Mehlhoff, Mitch Honan</i> )	

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# 101<sup>th</sup> SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALENDAR

2026  38 Legislative Days

Please refer to the Joint Rules, Chapter 17 for complete information.

January 2026						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Session Opens 12 Noon (CST) <i>State of the State</i> 1:00 p.m.	<i>State of the Judiciary</i> 10:00 a.m.  <i>State of the Tribes</i> 1:00 p.m.	LD 2	LD 3	LD 4
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<i>Martin Luther King Jr.</i> Day	Executive orders filed (Constitution, Art. IV, Sec. 8)	LD 1	<i>Jt. Memorial Service</i> 3:00 p.m.		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Bill and resolution draft requests due to LRC by 5:00 p.m. (for unlimited introduction)	LD 10	LD 11	LD 12	
				Last day for unlimited bill and resolution introduction (JR 6B-3) (TWO HOURS prior to session)		

February 2026						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 All bill and resolution draft requests due to LRC by 5:00 p.m. LD 13	3 Committee bill and resolution draft requests due to LRC by 5:00 p.m. LD 14	4 Last day for introduction of individual bills and resolutions (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 15	5 Last day for introduction of committee bills and resolutions (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 16	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Last day for JCA selection of general fund revenue targets (JR 7-11.1) LD 21	13	14
15	16 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Last day to move required delivery of bills or resolutions by a committee to the house of origin, and Last day to use JR 5-17 LD 26	24 Last day to pass bills or joint resolutions by the house of origin (Crossover Day), and Last day to invoke JR 7-7 in the house of origin LD 27	25	26 Last day for JCA to move required delivery of special appropriation bills to house of origin (JR 17-1) LD 29	27	28

March 2026						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 Last day for house of origin to pass special appropriation bills referred from JCA (JR 17-1), and Commemoration requests due to LRC by 5:00 p.m. LD 30	3  LD 31	4 JR 5-13 in effect, and Last day for introduction of commemorations (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 32	5 Last day to move required delivery of bills or joint resolutions by a committee to the second house LD 33	6	7
8	9 Last day for a bill or joint resolution to pass both houses, and Last day to invoke JR 7-7 in the second house LD 34	10  LD 35	11  LD 36	12  LD 37	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Reserved for consideration of gubernatorial vetoes LD 38	31				

