



Remote Legislative Hearing Process

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-1(f), the President, in consultation with the Minority Leader, may establish a process by which members of the public may participate remotely in hearings for standing committees, special committees, subcommittees or special subcommittees, and service committees. The Senate committees, with approval of the chair, may allow remote testimony for witnesses who are out-of-town or have a medical condition that prevents their attendance in person. Remote testimony will not be available for registered lobbyists.

Under this process, utilizing Zoom video teleconferencing technology administered by the Legislative Information System, Senate committees are able to conduct hearings on posted legislative measures and subject matter hearings.

The committee hearing will be broadcast on the General Assembly's website in one of the Live Virtual Rooms here: <https://www.ilga.gov/senateaudvid.asp>. Note, all committee times are tentative. The committee chair will call the meeting to order. The committee chair may call upon witnesses individually to testify. Those seeking to testify should remain muted until called upon. All Senate virtual committee hearings are official hearings of the Senate, thus Senate decorum shall be followed including dress code.

Providing Testimony

If you are interested in providing oral testimony before virtual Senate Committees, please submit a witness slip through the General Assembly Dashboard: <https://my.ilga.gov>. After you have submitted your witness slip, please email your request to testify and the following information to the committee's email address (see Page 3 for the committee's email addresses):

- Full Name
- Legislative Measure
- Committee Hearing Name, Date and Time.
- Organization, if any
- Name of any registered lobbyist representing you or your organization
- Position on Legislative Measure (Support, Oppose, Neutral)

- Contact Phone Number Preferred Email Address
- Attach the Written Testimony as a valid PDF file. The PDF name should include the legislation type and number, position, and name: example: SB 1818 Proponent Jane Q. Public.pdf

If you are seeking to testify on a legislative matter that was posted for a hearing, we ask that you submit your testimony request no later than Noon the day prior to the hearing, i.e. if a hearing is scheduled for 10am on a Wednesday, February 15th, then your request must be emailed by Noon on Tuesday, February 14th. If you do not submit this information via email to the appropriate email account, you will not be sent a Zoom link to testify. Please do not reach out to legislative assistants and committee staff for a Zoom link unless you have complied with these requirements.

The committee chair and committee staff for both caucuses will be given notice of your request to testify. The chair will determine the volume of and whom may give virtual testimony. A member of staff will email you to confirm your attendance and provide instructions on how to present testimony. If you do not receive an email, then your request for virtual testimony was not granted. If you are unable to provide virtual testimony, you may submit written testimony to the committee email address.

Members of the public who do not wish to provide oral testimony may also submit electronic testimony and/or electronic witness slips in advance of the hearing. Written testimony submitted any later than 1 hour in advance will be shared electronically with members of the committee after the committee meets. The link to submit written testimony to the committee's email address (see Page 3 for the email addresses). To submit a witness slip, please visit the General Assembly Dashboard: <https://my.ilga.gov>.

If you receive a Zoom invite, please join the committee zoom room 15 minute before the start of the committee. When joining the committee Zoom, please use the name you submitted for testimony. You must have your video on in order to give testimony.

Media Guidelines

Any credentialed media outlet seeking video access to a Senate Committee hearing shall send such requests to John Patterson at JPatterson@senatedem.ilga.gov or Elizabeth Mitchell at emitchell@senatedem.ilga.gov.

Senate Committee Email Addresses

- Agriculture Committee – agriculturecommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Approp Ed Committee – appropedcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Approp Health & Human Services –
approphealthcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Approp Pub Safety & Infrastructure –
approppubsafetycommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Appropriations Committee –
appropriationscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Assignments Committee –
assignmentscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Behavioral & Mental Health Committee –
behavioralandmentalhealthcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Early Childhood Education Committee –
earlychildhoodeducationcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Education Committee – educationcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Energy & Public Utilities – energycommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Environment & Conservation –
environmentcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Executive Appointments –
executiveappointmentscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Executive Committee – executivecommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Financial Institutions Committee –
financialinstitutionscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Health & Human Services Committee –
healthcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Higher Education Committee –
highereducationcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Human Rights Committee –
humanrightscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Insurance Committee – insurancecommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Judiciary Committee – judiciarycommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Labor Committee – laborcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Licensed Activities – licensedactivitiescommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Local Government – localgovernmentcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Public Health Committee – publichealth@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Revenue – revenuecommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Senate Special Committee on the Chicago Elected Representative School Board - ChicagoERSBCommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Special Committee on Criminal Law & Public Safety:
specialcommitteeoncriminallawandpublicsafety@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Special Committee on Pensions –
specialcommitteeonpensions@senatedem.ilga.gov
- State Government – statelawcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Transportation Committee –
transportationcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov
- Veterans Affairs Committee –
veteranslawcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov