



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 Senators and members of the public may participate remotely in hearings for standing committees, special committees, subcommittees or special subcommittees, and service committees.

Under this process, utilizing Zoom video conferencing technology administered by the Legislative Information System, Senate committees are able to conduct hearings on posted legislative measures and subject matter hearings. Committee members, legislative sponsors, and scheduled witnesses will be able to participate remotely.

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>. The committee chair will call the meeting to order. The committee chair will call upon members and witnesses individually to testify. Members and those testifying 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. Members may use an approved virtual background during hearings.

All roll calls shall be conducted orally with video feed of the member viewable to the committee and public. However, traditional Senate voting procedures such as agreed bills lists, voting with leave of the committee, or partisan roll calls may continue to be used with the consent of the committee.

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

Organization, if any

Legislative Measure

Committee Hearing Name, Date and Time.

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 1 Proponent Jane Doe.pdf

If you are seeking to testify on a legislative matter that was posted before the hearing, we ask that you submit your testimony request no later than 24 hours prior to the hearing. If you are seeking to testify on a committee or floor amendment, the measure as amended, or a joint action motion, we ask that you submit your testimony request no later than 30 minutes prior to the hearing. The committee chair and committee staff for both caucuses will be given notice of your request to testify. A member of staff will contact you to confirm your attendance and provide instructions on how to present testimony.

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 must be submitted electronically through the General Assembly website at least an hour before the hearing. 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>.

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.

Illinois Senate Committee Email Addresses

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Committee Email Address</u>
<u>Agriculture</u>	<u>agriculturecommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>appropriationscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Assignments</u>	<u>assignmentscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Behavioral and Mental Health</u>	<u>behavioralandmentalhealthcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Commerce</u>	<u>commercecommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Committee of the Whole</u>	<u>committeeofthewhole@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Criminal Law</u>	<u>criminallawcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>educationcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Energy and Public Utilities</u>	<u>energycommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Environment and Conservation</u>	<u>environmentcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Ethics</u>	<u>ethicscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Executive</u>	<u>executivecommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Executive Appointments</u>	<u>executiveappointmentscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Financial Institutions</u>	<u>financialinstitutionscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Health</u>	<u>healthcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Healthcare Access and Availability</u>	<u>healthcareaccesscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Higher Education</u>	<u>highereducationcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Human Rights</u>	<u>humanrightscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>insurancecommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Judiciary</u>	<u>judiciarycommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Labor</u>	<u>laborcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Licensed Activities</u>	<u>licensedactivitiescommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Local Government</u>	<u>localgovernmentcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Pensions</u>	<u>pensionscommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>publicsafetycommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Redistricting</u>	<u>redistrictingcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>revenuecommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>State Government</u>	<u>statelawcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Tourism and Hospitality</u>	<u>tourismcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Transportation</u>	<u>transportationcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>
<u>Veterans Affairs</u>	<u>veteranslawcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov</u>