



CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GETTING HERE:

- Directions and a map to the Capitol are on our website www.house.louisiana.gov under "Citizens Guide."
- You may park in areas without a reserved sign or orange cone

ENTERING THE CAPITOL:

- Enter the Capitol through the side doors (ground level below the main steps) and proceed through security.
- Please limit items that may set off a metal detector/x-ray machine or call for a detailed bag search (such as extra jewelry and large bags). This will delay your entry into the Capitol.
- No weapons of any kind are allowed inside the Capitol building.

ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- House committee meetings are held in Committee Rooms 1-6.
- Rooms 1 & 2 are located in the ground floor in Bigby Hall
- Rooms 3-6 are located in Alario Hall down a set of steps at the end of Bigby Hall. An elevator is available.
- Senate Committee Rooms A-B,C,E, and F are located on the ground floor in Duval Hall. Access to the John Hainkel Committee Room is down a set of steps at the end of Duval Hall. An elevator is available.
- You may not approach the desk to speak to committee members. Staff will sanitize witness tables between each speaker.
- Please place ALL cell phones and other electronic devices on vibrate mode. You may take phone calls in the hallway only, not in committee rooms.
- Food and drinks are prohibited in committee hallways and committee rooms.

FOR YOUR COMFORT

- Restrooms and vending machines are available near the committee room hallways in the foyer of the ground floor. Water fountains are available near the restrooms, as well as in Bigby Hall and in Duval Hall. Restrooms and water fountains are also available in Alario Hall.

Your Legislators want to know your thoughts. Make sure they do.

The committee hearing is an opportunity to inform legislators of your position regarding pending legislation or just to observe the legislative process. However, the length of the meeting agenda and the number of people who wish to testify may require the imposition of time limitations. If you are with a group, it is advisable to appoint a spokesperson.

To register support or opposition...

You do not have to speak in committee to register your support or opposition to a bill. Please use the witness cards to indicate your position and whether you would like to testify. Green cards indicate support, red cards opposition, and white cards if you wish to provide unbiased information.

Green cards are used to support an item

Red cards are used to oppose an item

HOUSE WITNESS CARD - AFFIRMATION - IN SUPPORT

Committee: _____ Date: _____

Regarding: HB No. _____ SB No. _____
HCR No. _____ SCR No. _____
HR No. _____ other: _____

CHECK ONE: I am present and would like to speak
 I am present and will provide information, if requested
 I am present and in support, but do not wish to speak

PLEASE PRINT:
Name: _____
Representing: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I hereby affirm that the written or oral testimony I give before this committee will be true and correct. By signing my signature below, I acknowledge that I will be giving sworn testimony, under oath, and that any intentional false statement material to the matter or issue before this committee is a violation of that oath.

Signature of Witness: _____

This is a public record. Information contained on this card is subject to disclosure.



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These witness cards are available in the committee room and overflow rooms on the witness tables. Carefully read, fill out, and sign the back of the witness card. Your signature is an oath that you will tell the truth. **If you wish to speak, please check the appropriate box on the card.** Please return completed cards to the designated staff member or sergeant-at-arms.

Important Note: You must fill out a separate card for each bill you are supporting or opposing.

Your oral and written comments and positions stated on the cards are important and become part of the permanent public record. Thank you for your opinion.