

Open Meetings and Notice Requirements

It is a commonly held view that “the legislature’s business is the people’s business.” According to the 1985 Florida Select Subcommittee on Open Government Laws, “Open government is inherent in the very concept of political democracy and representative government.” In a 1993 *State Issue Brief* on open meeting laws, Common Cause stated “Public bodies that make decisions behind closed doors and by secret votes breed the suspicion that private interests are being served, not the public interest.”

Open meetings and public notice requirements are essential if citizens and interest group representatives are to participate in legislative deliberations. At the same time, however, governments have occasional need for confidentiality—for example, when discussing matters that deal with personnel issues or affect the security of the state.

The Alabama Legislature enacted the first open meetings law in 1915. Although all 50 states have open meetings laws today, their applicability to the legislature and its committees varies.

Floor sessions. The floor sessions of most legislatures must be open. Only four chambers—the Delaware House, Hawaii Senate, Kentucky House and New Jersey Senate—reported that this was not true (see table 02-6.23). The requirement for open floor sessions usually is set by state constitution. Open floor session provisions also may be found in statutes and chamber rules (see table 02-6.24). It is the traditional practice of the Maine and Oklahoma Houses to hold open floor sessions.

There are occasions when a floor session may be closed by a vote of the body. Fifty-two legislative chambers reported that they have this ability (see table 02-6.25), and table 02-6.26 provides information on the vote required to do so.

Committees. The applicability of open meeting laws or rules to committees may vary by type of committee. The requirements for three major types of legislative committees—standing, conference and interim—are discussed below.

Standing committees. Standing committee meetings in almost all legislatures are open to the public. In fact, only one chamber—the New Jersey Senate—reported that it does not require open meetings of its standing committees (see table 02-6.27).

Open meeting laws or rules may allow standing committees to close meetings upon a certain vote (see tables 02-6.29 and 02-6.30). The 46 chambers in which this practice is permitted are listed in table 02-6.29. In the Iowa House, only one standing committee has the ability to limit access to its meetings; the Administration and Rules Committee may close a meeting to discuss certain personnel matters.

Conference committees. Table 02-6.31 lists the 67 chambers that require conference committees to be open. In the Illinois Senate, only conference committees that deal with appropriation matters are required to be open. The Delaware House, Nebraska Legislature and New Jersey Senate do not use conference committees. Thirteen legislative bodies do not require conference committees to hold open meetings.

In 45 legislative chambers, conference committees do not have the ability to close their meetings (see table 02-6.33). Eighteen chambers allow conference committee meetings to be closed by a majority vote. In seven chambers, it takes a supermajority vote.

Interim committees. The vast majority of legislatures require interim committee meetings to be open. In fact, only three chambers—the Iowa Senate and House and Washington House—indicated that they do not have such requirements (see table 02-6.35). Interim committees are not used by the Illinois House, Massachusetts Senate and House, Michigan House, Ohio Senate and House, and Pennsylvania Senate and House.

Although most legislatures require interim committee meetings to be open, almost half of the chambers give these committees the ability to close meetings (see table 02-6.37).

Notice requirements. Public understanding of the legislature and its work is important, and it is enhanced by access. One way that state legislatures increase access is by letting the public know when committee meetings will occur. The requirements for—and the timing of—meeting notices often vary among the different types of committees, however.

Most legislative assemblies require advance notice of standing committee meetings (see table 02-6.39); in fact, only 12 chambers reported that they do not. Although the Kansas and Oklahoma Houses do not specifically require that standing committees provide advance notice, it usually is given. The timing for standing committee meeting notices varies considerably, however, ranging from hours to weeks (see table 02-6.40).

Conference committees often occur late in the legislative session. As a result, advance notice of meetings may not be required (see table 02-6.41), or the notice deadlines are shorter than those for standing and interim committees (see table 02-6.42). The Arizona and Massachusetts Senate rules do not require advance notice for conference committee meetings, but the chambers' custom and practice is to provide it.

Most legislatures require advance notice of interim committee meetings (see table 02-6.43). Although no specific requirements exist in the Alaska Senate and House, the recent practice is to provide "reasonable notice." Table 02-6.44 shows the timing for interim committee notices, and it is often longer than for standing or conference committees.

Table 02-6.45 describes the information contained in meeting notices. The items most commonly included in a notice are the name of the committee and the date, time and location of the meeting. The items to be discussed usually must be included in the meeting notice as well. As table 02-6.46 shows, however, committees often have the ability to take up issues not listed.

Where may interested individuals or groups find legislative committee meeting notices? Most legislatures post meeting notices in the capitol or legislative building. Due to increased computer use, legislative assemblies now commonly enter notices into their computer systems and post meeting listings on their Internet or Intranet sites. Only 13 chambers reported that they advertise committee meetings in newspapers, and six use radio or television announcements (see tables 02-6.47-02.6-48).

Table 02-6.23 Floor Sessions Must Be Open**In the following chambers, floor sessions are required to be open.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate and House | Montana Senate and House |
| Alaska Senate and House | Nebraska Senate |
| Arizona Senate and House | Nevada Senate and Assembly |
| Arkansas Senate and House | New Hampshire House |
| California Senate and Assembly | New Mexico Senate and House |
| Colorado House | North Carolina House |
| Connecticut Senate | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Florida Senate and House | Ohio Senate and House |
| Georgia Senate and House | Oklahoma Senate and House |
| Hawaii House | Oregon Senate |
| Idaho Senate and House | Pennsylvania Senate and House |
| Illinois Senate and House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Indiana House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Iowa Senate and House | Tennessee Senate |
| Kansas Senate and House | Texas Senate and House |
| Kentucky Senate | Utah Senate and House |
| Louisiana Senate and House | Vermont Senate and House |
| Maine Senate and House | Virginia Senate and House |
| Maryland Senate | Washington Senate and House |
| Massachusetts Senate and House | West Virginia Senate and House |
| Michigan Senate and House | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Minnesota Senate and House | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Mississippi House | American Samoa House |
| Missouri Senate and House | Puerto Rico House |

In the following chambers, floor sessions are not required to be open.

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Delaware House | Kentucky House |
| Hawaii Senate | New Jersey Senate |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.24 Where Requirement for Open Floor Session Is Found

| State (1) | Constitution | Statute | Joint, Senate or House rule | Other |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Alabama | B | | | |
| Alaska | | B | B | |
| Arizona | | B | B | |
| Arkansas | B | H | | |
| California | B | S | | |
| Colorado | H | H | | |
| Connecticut | S | | | |
| Delaware | | | | |
| Florida | B | | B | |
| Georgia | B | | S | |
| Hawaii | | | H | |
| Idaho | B | | | |
| Illinois | B | | | |
| Indiana | H | H | | |
| Iowa | B | | | |
| Kansas | | B | S | |
| Kentucky | | | S | |
| Louisiana | B | S | B | |
| Maine | | S | | 2 |
| Maryland | S | S | | |
| Massachusetts | | H | S | |
| Michigan | B | | | |
| Minnesota | B | | | |
| Mississippi | | H | | |
| Missouri | S | B | | |
| Montana | B | | | |
| Nebraska | S | | | |
| Nevada | B | | S | |
| New Hampshire | H | | | |
| New Jersey | | | | |
| New Mexico | B | | | |
| New York | | | | |
| North Carolina | | H | | |
| North Dakota | B | | | |
| Ohio | B | H | | |
| Oklahoma | H | B | H | 3 |
| Oregon | S | S | S | |

Table 02-6.24 Where Requirement for Open Floor Session Is Found, cont'd.

| State (1) | Constitution | Statute | Joint, Senate or House rule | Other |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Pennsylvania | S | H | | |
| Rhode Island | | S | | |
| South Carolina | | | | |
| South Dakota | B | | | |
| Tennessee | S | | | |
| Texas | B | S | S | |
| Utah | B | | H | |
| Vermont | B | | | |
| Virginia | | B | H | |
| Washington | B | | | |
| West Virginia | | B | | |
| Wisconsin | B | B | H | |
| Wyoming | B | | | |
| American Samoa | | | H | |
| Puerto Rico | H | | H | |

Key:

S=Senate

H=House or Assembly

B=Both chambers

Notes:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.
2. Maine: By tradition, the House holds open floor sessions.
3. Oklahoma: By practice, the House holds open floor sessions.

Table 02-6.25 Ability to Close Floor Sessions**In the following chambers, floor sessions may be closed by a vote of the body.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate and House | Nevada Senate |
| Alaska Senate and House | New Jersey Senate |
| Arizona Senate and House | North Carolina House |
| Arkansas Senate and House | Ohio Senate and House |
| California Senate and Assembly | Oklahoma Senate and House |
| Colorado House | Pennsylvania Senate |
| Hawaii Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Illinois Senate and House | Tennessee Senate |
| Iowa Senate and House | Texas Senate |
| Kansas Senate and House | Utah Senate and House |
| Louisiana Senate | Vermont Senate |
| Maine Senate | Virginia House |
| Maryland Senate | Washington Senate and House |
| Massachusetts Senate | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Michigan Senate and House | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Minnesota Senate and House | American Samoa House |
| Mississippi House | Puerto Rico House |

In the following chambers, floor sessions cannot be closed by a vote of the body.

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Connecticut Senate | Nebraska Senate |
| Delaware House | Nevada Assembly |
| Florida House | New Hampshire House |
| Georgia Senate and House | New Mexico Senate and House |
| Idaho Senate and House | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Indiana House | Oregon Senate |
| Kentucky Senate and House | Pennsylvania House |
| Louisiana House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Maine House | Texas House |
| Massachusetts House | Vermont House |
| Missouri Senate and House | Virginia Senate |
| Montana Senate and House | West Virginia Senate and House |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.26 Vote Required to Close Floor Session

| State (1) | Majority of the members elected | Majority of the members present and voting | Three-fifths of the members present and voting | Two-thirds of the members elected | Two-thirds of the members present and voting | Other |
|------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--------------|
| Alabama | | S | | | | 2 |
| Alaska | | B | | | | |
| Arizona | H | S | | | | |
| Arkansas | B | | | | | |
| California | | S | | H | | |
| Colorado | H | | | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | | | |
| Delaware | | | | | | |
| Florida | | | | | | 3 |
| Georgia | | S | | | | |
| Hawaii | | B | | | | |
| Idaho | | | | | | |
| Illinois | | | | B | | |
| Indiana | | | | | | |
| Iowa | | S | | | | |
| Kansas | H | | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | | | |
| Louisiana | | | | S | | |
| Maine | | | S | | | |
| Maryland | | S | | | | |
| Massachusetts | | | | | | |
| Michigan | S | | | | | 4 |
| Minnesota | | H | | | | 5 |
| Mississippi | | | H | | | |
| Missouri | | | | | | |
| Montana | | | | | | |
| Nebraska | | | | | | |
| Nevada | | S | | | | |
| New Hampshire | | | | | | |
| New Jersey | | S | | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | | | |
| New York | | | | | | |
| North Carolina | | H | | | | |
| North Dakota | | | | | | |
| Ohio | | | | | B | |
| Oklahoma | | H | | | S | 6 |
| Oregon | | | | | | |

Table 02-6.26 Vote Required to Close Floor Session, cont'd.

| State (1) | Majority of the members elected | Majority of the members present and voting | Three-fifths of the members present and voting | Two-thirds of the members elected | Two-thirds of the members present and voting | Other |
|------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--------------|
| Pennsylvania | | S | | | | |
| Rhode Island | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | | 7 |
| Tennessee | | | | | | 8 |
| Texas | S | | | | | |
| Utah | | | | | B | |
| Vermont | | | | | S | |
| Virginia | | H | | | | |
| Washington | | B | | | | |
| West Virginia | | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | S | B | | | | |
| Wyoming | | | | | | 9 |
| American Samoa | | H | | | | |
| Puerto Rico | | H | H | | | |

Table 02-6.26 Vote Required to Close Floor Session, cont'd.**Key:**

S=Senate

H=House or Assembly

B=Both chambers

Notes:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.
2. Alabama: The House did not provide a description.
3. Florida: The constitution authorizes closed sessions of the Senate when appointments for public office are being considered, but it does not specify the vote requirement.
4. Michigan: A floor session also may be closed for safety reasons by order of the Senate president or House speaker.
5. Minnesota: According to the Senate, the constitution does not specify the vote requirement.
6. Oklahoma: In case of disturbances or disorderly conduct, a floor session also may be closed by the House speaker or a member who is presiding.
7. South Dakota: The constitution does not specify a vote requirement for either chamber.
8. Tennessee: The Senate requires a vote of three-fourths of the members present and voting.
9. Wyoming: The constitution does not specify a vote requirement for either chamber.

Table 02-6.27 Standing Committee Meetings Must Be Open**In the following chambers, standing committee meetings must be open to the public.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate and House | Montana Senate and House |
| Alaska Senate and House | Nebraska Senate |
| Arizona Senate and House | Nevada Senate and Assembly |
| Arkansas Senate and House | New Hampshire House |
| California Senate and Assembly | New Mexico Senate and House |
| Colorado House | North Carolina House |
| Connecticut Senate | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Delaware House | Ohio Senate and House |
| Florida Senate and House | Oklahoma Senate and House |
| Georgia Senate and House | Oregon Senate |
| Hawaii Senate and House | Pennsylvania Senate and House |
| Idaho Senate and House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Illinois Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Indiana House | Tennessee Senate |
| Iowa Senate and House | Texas Senate and House |
| Kansas Senate and House | Utah Senate and House |
| Kentucky Senate and House | Vermont Senate |
| Louisiana Senate and House | Virginia Senate and House |
| Maine Senate and House | Washington Senate and House |
| Maryland Senate | West Virginia Senate and House |
| Massachusetts Senate and House | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Michigan Senate and House | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Minnesota Senate and House | American Samoa House |
| Mississippi House | Puerto Rico House |
| Missouri Senate and House | |

In the following chamber, standing committee meetings are not required to be open.

New Jersey Senate

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.28 Where Requirement for Open Standing Committee Meetings Is Found

| State (1) | Constitution | Statute | Joint, Senate or House rule | Committee rule |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alabama | | B | | |
| Alaska | | B | B | |
| Arizona | | B | B | |
| Arkansas | H | B | H | |
| California | S | S | H | |
| Colorado | | H | | |
| Connecticut | | | | S |
| Delaware | | | H | |
| Florida | B | | B | |
| Georgia | B | | S | |
| Hawaii | S | | H | |
| Idaho | B | B | B | |
| Illinois | B | | | |
| Indiana | | H | H | |
| Iowa | | | B | |
| Kansas | | B | S | |
| Kentucky | | | S | H |
| Louisiana | B | S | H | |
| Maine | | S | H | |
| Maryland | | S | | |
| Massachusetts | | | B | |
| Michigan | H | S | | |
| Minnesota | H | B | S | |
| Mississippi | | H | | |
| Missouri | | B | | |
| Montana | B | | B | |
| Nebraska | | | S | |
| Nevada | B | | | |
| New Hampshire | | H | | |
| New Jersey | | | | |
| New Mexico | H | B | S | |
| New York | | | | |
| North Carolina | | H | | |
| North Dakota | B | | | |
| Ohio | S | B | S | |
| Oklahoma | | S | H | |
| Oregon | S | S | S | S |

Table 02-6.28 Where Requirement for Open Standing Committee Meetings Is Found, cont'd.

| State (1) | Constitution | Statute | Joint, Senate or House rule | Committee rule |
|----------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Pennsylvania | | B | | |
| Rhode Island | | S | | |
| South Carolina | | | | |
| South Dakota | B | | | |
| Tennessee | | | | S |
| Texas | S | B | B | |
| Utah | | B | S | S |
| Vermont | S | | | |
| Virginia | | B | B | |
| Washington | | | B | |
| West Virginia | | B | | |
| Wisconsin | H | B | B | |
| Wyoming | | | B | |
| American Samoa | | | H | |
| Puerto Rico | H | | H | H |

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B=Both chambers

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.29 Ability to Close Standing Committee Meetings**In the following chambers, a standing committee meeting may be closed by a vote of the committee.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alaska Senate and House | Mississippi House |
| Arizona Senate and House | Missouri House |
| Arkansas House | Nebraska Senate |
| California Senate and Assembly | Nevada Senate |
| Colorado House | New Jersey Senate |
| Delaware House | New Mexico Senate |
| Georgia Senate and House | North Carolina House |
| Hawaii Senate | Oklahoma Senate and House |
| Idaho Senate | Tennessee Senate |
| Illinois House | Texas Senate |
| Kansas Senate and House | Utah Senate and House |
| Louisiana Senate and House | Vermont Senate |
| Maine Senate | Virginia Senate and House |
| Maryland Senate | Washington Senate |
| Massachusetts Senate and House | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Michigan Senate | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Minnesota House | American Samoa House |

In the following chambers, a standing committee meeting cannot be closed by a vote of the committee.

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate and House | Montana Senate and House |
| Arkansas Senate | Nevada Assembly |
| Connecticut Senate | New Hampshire House |
| Florida House | New Mexico House |
| Hawaii House | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Idaho House | Ohio House |
| Illinois Senate | Oregon Senate |
| Indiana House | Pennsylvania Senate and House |
| Iowa Senate | Rhode Island Senate |
| Kentucky Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Maine House | Texas House |
| Michigan House | Washington House |
| Minnesota Senate | West Virginia Senate and House |
| Missouri Senate | Puerto Rico House |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.30 Vote Required to Close a Standing Committee Meeting

| State (1) | Majority of the members appointed | Majority of the members present and voting | Three-fifths of the members present and voting | Two-thirds of the members appointed | Two-thirds of the members present and voting | Other |
|------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--------------|
| Alabama | | | | | | |
| Alaska | | B | | | | |
| Arizona | | B | | | | |
| Arkansas | H | | | | | |
| California | S | H | | | | |
| Colorado | | | | | | 2 |
| Connecticut | | | | | | |
| Delaware | | | | | | 3 |
| Florida | | | | | | 4 |
| Georgia | H | S | | | | |
| Hawaii | | S | | | | |
| Idaho | | | | H | | |
| Illinois | | | | | | 5 |
| Indiana | | | | | | |
| Iowa | | | | | | |
| Kansas | H | | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | | | |
| Louisiana | | H | | S | | |
| Maine | | | S | | | |
| Maryland | | S | | | | |
| Massachusetts | | B | | | | |
| Michigan | S | | | | | |
| Minnesota | | H | | | | |
| Mississippi | | | H | | | |
| Missouri | H | | | | | |
| Montana | | | | | | |
| Nebraska | S | | | | | |
| Nevada | | S | | | | |
| New Hampshire | | | | | | |
| New Jersey | | S | | | | |
| New Mexico | | S | | | | 6 |
| New York | | | | | | |
| North Carolina | | H | | | | |
| North Dakota | | | | | | |
| Ohio | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | H | | | | 7 |
| Oregon | | | | | | |

Table 02-6.30 Vote Required to Close a Standing Committee Meeting, cont'd.

| State | Majority of the members appointed | Majority of the members present and voting | Three-fifths of the members present and voting | Two-thirds of the members appointed | Two-thirds of the members present and voting | Other |
|----------------|--|---|---|--|---|--------------|
| Pennsylvania | | | | | | |
| Rhode Island | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | | | | | | 8 |
| Texas | S | | | | | |
| Utah | | | | | B | |
| Vermont | | | | | S | |
| Virginia | | B | | | | |
| Washington | | H | | | | |
| West Virginia | | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | | B | | | | |
| Wyoming | B | | | | | |
| American Samoa | | H | | | | |
| Puerto Rico | | | | | | |

Table 02-6.30 Vote Required to Close a Standing Committee Meeting, cont'd.**Key:**

S=Senate

H=House or Assembly

B=Both chambers

Notes:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.
2. Colorado: In the House, a standing committee meeting may be closed upon the vote of three-fourths of the members appointed to the committee.
3. Delaware: In the House, Rule 33(d) permits a committee chair to call an executive session.
4. Florida: The president of the Senate—after consultation with appropriate law enforcement, public health, emergency management or security authorities—may close committee meetings to allow discussion of certain security issues.
5. Illinois: Committee meetings may be closed to the public when, by a recorded vote of two-thirds of the members elected, the House determines that to do so is in the best public interest.
6. New Mexico: By Senate rule, a committee meeting is closed automatically when discussion on selected issues takes place.
7. Oklahoma: In the House, the committee chair also may call an executive session.
8. Tennessee: In the Senate, a standing committee meeting may be closed upon the vote of three-fourths of the committee members present and voting.

Table 02-6.31 Conference Committee Meetings Must Be Open**In the following chambers, conference committee meetings must be open to the public.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate and House | Missouri Senate and House |
| Alaska Senate and House | Montana Senate and House |
| Arizona Senate and House | Nevada Senate and Assembly |
| Arkansas Senate and House | New Hampshire House |
| California Senate and Assembly | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Colorado House | Ohio Senate |
| Connecticut Senate | Oklahoma House |
| Florida Senate and House | Oregon Senate |
| Georgia Senate and House | Pennsylvania Senate and House |
| Hawaii Senate and House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Idaho Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Indiana House | Texas Senate and House |
| Kansas House | Utah Senate and House |
| Kentucky Senate | Vermont Senate and House |
| Maine Senate and House | Virginia Senate and House |
| Maryland Senate | Washington Senate and House |
| Massachusetts Senate and House | West Virginia Senate and House |
| Michigan Senate and House | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Minnesota Senate and House | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Mississippi House | American Samoa House |

In the following chambers, conference committee meetings are not required to be open.

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Illinois House | North Carolina House |
| Iowa Senate and House | Ohio House |
| Kentucky House | Oklahoma Senate |
| Louisiana Senate and House | Tennessee Senate |
| New Mexico Senate and House | Puerto Rico House |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.32 Where Requirement for Open Conference Committee Meetings Is Found

| State (1) | Constitution | Statute | Joint, Senate or House rule | Committee rule |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alabama | | | B | |
| Alaska | | B | B | |
| Arizona | | B | B | |
| Arkansas | H | B | H | |
| California | S | S | B | |
| Colorado | | H | | |
| Connecticut | | | | S |
| Delaware | | | | |
| Florida | B | | B | |
| Georgia | B | | S | |
| Hawaii | | | B | |
| Idaho | B | B | B | |
| Illinois | | | S | |
| Indiana | | H | H | |
| Iowa | | | | |
| Kansas | | B | S | |
| Kentucky | | | S | |
| Louisiana | | | | |
| Maine | | B | | |
| Maryland | | S | | |
| Massachusetts | | | B | |
| Michigan | H | S | | |
| Minnesota | | B | S | |
| Mississippi | | | H | |
| Missouri | | B | | |
| Montana | | | B | |
| Nebraska | | | | |
| Nevada | B | | S | |
| New Hampshire | | H | | |
| New Jersey | | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | |
| New York | | | | |
| North Carolina | | | | |
| North Dakota | B | | | |
| Ohio | S | S | S | |
| Oklahoma | | | H | |
| Oregon | | S | S | |

Table 02-6.32 Where Requirement for Open Conference Committee Meetings Is Found, cont'd.

| State (1) | Constitution | Statute | Joint, Senate or House rule | Committee rule |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pennsylvania | | B | | |
| Rhode Island | | S | | |
| South Carolina | | | | |
| South Dakota | | B | | |
| Tennessee | | | | |
| Texas | S | S | B | |
| Utah | | B | B | S |
| Vermont | B | | | |
| Virginia | | B | | |
| Washington | | | B | |
| West Virginia | | B | | |
| Wisconsin | H | B | B | |
| Wyoming | B | | | |
| American Samoa | | | H | |
| Puerto Rico | | | | |

Key:

S=Senate

H=House or Assembly

B=Both chambers

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.33 Ability to Close Conference Committee Meetings**In the following chambers, a conference committee meeting may be closed by a vote of the committee.**

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alaska Senate and House | Massachusetts Senate and House |
| Arkansas House | Mississippi House |
| California Assembly | Nevada Senate |
| Colorado House | Oklahoma House |
| Georgia Senate and House | Utah Senate and House |
| Iowa Senate and House | Virginia House |
| Kansas Senate and House | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Maine Senate | American Samoa House |
| Maryland Senate | Puerto Rico House |

In the following chambers, a conference committee meeting cannot be closed.

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate and House | Montana Senate and House |
| Arizona Senate and House | Nevada Assembly |
| Arkansas Senate | New Hampshire House |
| California Senate | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Connecticut Senate | Ohio House |
| Florida Senate and House | Oklahoma Senate |
| Hawaii Senate and House | Oregon Senate |
| Idaho Senate and House | Pennsylvania Senate and House |
| Indiana House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Kentucky Senate | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Louisiana Senate | Texas Senate and House |
| Maine House | Vermont Senate and House |
| Michigan Senate and House | Virginia Senate |
| Minnesota Senate and House | Washington House |
| Missouri Senate and House | West Virginia Senate and House |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.34 Vote Required to Close a Conference Committee Meeting

| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Majority of the members appointed to the committee | |
| Arkansas House | Kansas House |
| Georgia House | Massachusetts Senate |
| Iowa House | |
| Majority of the committee members present and voting | |
| Alaska Senate and House | Virginia House |
| Iowa Senate | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Massachusetts House | American Samoa House |
| Nevada Senate | Puerto Rico House |
| Oklahoma House | |
| Supermajority vote requirement | |
| Colorado House (3/4 appointed) | Mississippi House (3/5 present) |
| Georgia Senate (2/3 appointed) | Utah Senate and House (2/3 present) |
| Maine Senate (3/5 present) | Puerto Rico House (3/5 appointed) |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.35 Interim Committee Meetings Must Be Open**In the following chambers, interim committee meetings must be open to the public.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate and House | Montana Senate and House |
| Alaska Senate and House | Nebraska Senate |
| Arizona Senate and House | Nevada Senate and Assembly |
| Arkansas Senate and House | New Hampshire House |
| California Senate and Assembly | New Mexico Senate and House |
| Colorado House | North Carolina House |
| Connecticut Senate | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Florida Senate and House | Oklahoma Senate and House |
| Georgia Senate and House | Oregon Senate |
| Hawaii Senate and House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Idaho Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Illinois Senate | Tennessee Senate |
| Indiana House | Texas Senate and House |
| Kansas Senate and House | Utah Senate and House |
| Kentucky Senate and House | Vermont Senate and House |
| Louisiana Senate and House | Virginia Senate and House |
| Maine Senate and House | Washington House |
| Maryland Senate | West Virginia Senate and House |
| Michigan Senate | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Minnesota Senate and House | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Mississippi House | American Samoa House |
| Missouri Senate and House | Puerto Rico |

In the following chambers, interim committee meetings are not required to be open.

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Iowa Senate and House | Washington Senate |
|-----------------------|-------------------|

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.36 Where Requirement for Open Interim Committee Meetings Is Found

| State (1) | Constitution | Statute | Joint, Senate or House rule | Committee rule | Other |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Alabama | | B | | | |
| Alaska | | B | B | | |
| Arizona | | B | B | | |
| Arkansas | H | B | H | | |
| California | S | S | H | | |
| Colorado | | H | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | S | |
| Delaware | | | | | |
| Florida | B | | B | | |
| Georgia | S | | B | | |
| Hawaii | S | | H | | |
| Idaho | B | B | | | |
| Illinois | | | | | 2 |
| Indiana | | H | | | |
| Iowa | | | | | |
| Kansas | | B | S | | |
| Kentucky | | | | H | 3 |
| Louisiana | H | S | B | | |
| Maine | | S | H | | |
| Maryland | | S | | | |
| Massachusetts | | | | | |
| Michigan | | S | | | |
| Minnesota | | B | S | | |
| Mississippi | | H | | | |
| Missouri | | B | | | |
| Montana | B | | | | |
| Nebraska | | | S | | |
| Nevada | H | S | | | |
| New Hampshire | | H | | | |
| New Jersey | | | | | |
| New Mexico | | H | | | |
| New York | | | | | |
| North Carolina | | H | | | |
| North Dakota | B | | | | |
| Ohio | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | S | H | | |
| Oregon | S | S | S | S | |

Table 02-6.36 Where Requirement for Open Interim Committee Meetings Is Found, cont'd.

| State (1) | Constitution | Statute | Joint, Senate or House rule | Committee rule | Other |
|----------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------|
| Pennsylvania | | | | | |
| Rhode Island | | S | | | |
| South Carolina | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | B | |
| Tennessee | | | | S | |
| Texas | S | B | B | | |
| Utah | | B | S | S | |
| Vermont | S | H | | | |
| Virginia | | B | H | | |
| Washington | | | H | | |
| West Virginia | | B | | | |
| Wisconsin | H | B | B | | |
| Wyoming | | | B | | |
| American Samoa | | | H | | |
| Puerto Rico | H | | H | H | |

Key:

S=Senate

H=House or Assembly

B=Both chambers

Notes:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.
2. Illinois: The Senate uses the same process for interim committees as it does for standing committees.
3. Kentucky: Senate interim committees follow Legislative Research Commission policy.

Table 02-6.37 Ability to Close Interim Committee Meetings

In the following chambers, an interim committee meeting may be closed by a vote of the committee.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alaska Senate and House | Missouri House |
| Arizona Senate and House | Nebraska Senate |
| Arkansas House | Nevada Senate |
| California Senate and Assembly | New Mexico Senate |
| Colorado House | North Carolina House |
| Georgia Senate and House | Oklahoma House |
| Hawaii Senate | Tennessee Senate |
| Idaho Senate and House | Utah Senate and House |
| Iowa Senate | Vermont Senate and House |
| Kansas Senate and House | Virginia Senate and House |
| Maine Senate | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Maryland Senate | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Michigan Senate | American Samoa House |
| Mississippi House | Puerto Rico House |

In the following chambers, an interim committee meeting cannot be closed.

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate and House | Montana Senate and House |
| Arkansas Senate | Nevada Assembly |
| Connecticut Senate | New Hampshire House |
| Florida House | New Mexico House |
| Hawaii House | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Illinois Senate | Oklahoma Senate |
| Indiana House | Oregon Senate |
| Kentucky Senate and House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Louisiana Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Maine House | Texas Senate and House |
| Minnesota Senate and House | Washington House |
| Missouri Senate | West Virginia Senate and House |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.38 Vote Required to Close an Interim Committee Meeting

| | |
|---|--|
| Majority of the members appointed to the committee | |
| Arkansas House | Michigan Senate |
| California Senate | Missouri House |
| Georgia House | Nebraska Senate |
| Kansas House | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Majority of the committee members present and voting | |
| Arizona Senate and House | New Mexico Senate |
| California Assembly | North Carolina House |
| Georgia Senate | Oklahoma House |
| Hawaii Senate | Virginia Senate and House |
| Iowa Senate | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Maryland Senate | American Samoa House |
| Nevada Senate | Puerto Rico House |
| Supermajority vote requirement | |
| Colorado House (3/4 appointed) | Tennessee Senate (3/4 present) |
| Idaho Senate and House (2/3 appointed) | Utah Senate and House (2/3 present) |
| Maine Senate (3/5 present) | Vermont Senate (2/3 present) |
| Mississippi House (3/5 present) | Puerto Rico House (3/5 or 3/4 appointed) |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.39 Advance Notice of Standing Committee Meetings**In the following chambers, advance notice of standing committee meetings is required.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alabama House | Nebraska Senate |
| Alaska Senate and House | Nevada Senate and Assembly |
| Arizona Senate and House | New Hampshire House |
| Arkansas Senate and House | New Jersey Senate |
| California Senate and Assembly | New Mexico Senate |
| Colorado House | North Carolina House |
| Connecticut Senate | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Delaware House | Ohio Senate and House |
| Florida Senate and House | Oklahoma Senate |
| Georgia Senate | Oregon Senate |
| Hawaii Senate and House | Pennsylvania Senate and House |
| Idaho House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Illinois Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Indiana House | Tennessee Senate |
| Iowa House | Texas Senate and House |
| Kansas Senate | Utah Senate and House |
| Louisiana Senate and House | Vermont Senate |
| Maine Senate and House | Virginia House |
| Maryland Senate | Washington Senate and House |
| Massachusetts Senate and House | West Virginia Senate |
| Michigan Senate and House | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Minnesota Senate and House | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Mississippi House | American Samoa House |
| Missouri Senate and House | Puerto Rico House |
| Montana Senate and House | |

In the following chambers, advance notice of standing committee meetings is not required.

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Alabama Senate | New Mexico House |
| Georgia House | Oklahoma House |
| Idaho Senate | Vermont House |
| Iowa Senate | Virginia Senate |
| Kansas House | West Virginia House |
| Kentucky Senate and House | |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.40 Timing for Standing Committee Meeting Notices

| State (1) | Timing for notice is not specified | As much time as possible | 1 day | 2 days | 3 days | 4 days | 5 days | Other |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Alabama | | | H | | | | | |
| Alaska | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Arizona | | | | | | | S | 3 |
| Arkansas | S | | H | | | | | |
| California | | | | | | B | | |
| Colorado | | H | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | | | | S | |
| Delaware | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Florida | | | | B | | | | 5 |
| Georgia | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Hawaii | | | | H | S | | | |
| Idaho | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Illinois | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Indiana | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Iowa | | | H | | | | | |
| Kansas | B | H | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | | | | | |
| Louisiana | | | S | | | | | 10 |
| Maine | | | | | | | | 11 |
| Maryland | S | | | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | S | | | H | | | | |
| Michigan | | | | | | | | 12 |
| Minnesota | | S | | | B | | | |
| Mississippi | H | | | | | | | 13 |
| Missouri | | | B | | | | | |
| Montana | | | | | B | | | |
| Nebraska | | | | | | | | 14 |
| Nevada | B | | | | | | | |
| New Hampshire | | | H | H | | H | | |
| New Jersey | | | | | | | S | |
| New Mexico | | | | | | | | 15 |
| New York | | | | | | | | |
| North Carolina | H | | | | | | | |
| North Dakota | | | | | B | | | |
| Ohio | | | B | | | | H | |
| Oklahoma | | | S | | | | | |
| Oregon | | | S | | | | | 16 |

Table 02-6.40 Timing for Standing Committee Meeting Notices, cont'd.

| State (1) | Timing for notice is not specified | As much time as possible | 1 day | 2 days | 3 days | 4 days | 5 days | Other |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Pennsylvania | | | B | | | | | |
| Rhode Island | | | | S | | | | |
| South Carolina | | | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | B | | | | |
| Tennessee | | | | | | | | 17 |
| Texas | | | S | | | | H | 18 |
| Utah | | | B | | | | | |
| Vermont | S | | | | | | | |
| Virginia | | | | | H | | | 19 |
| Washington | | | | | | | B | |
| West Virginia | | S | | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | | | B | | | | | 20 |
| Wyoming | | | B | | | | | |
| American Samoa | | H | | | | | | |
| Puerto Rico | | | | | H | | | |

Table 02-6.40 Timing for Standing Committee Meeting Notices, cont'd.**Key:**

S=Senate
H=House or Assembly
B=Both chambers

Notes:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.
2. Alaska: The Senate and House require that standing committees provide notice of their meetings by 4 p.m. on Thursday of the week preceding the meeting.
3. Arizona: The House requires that standing committees provide notice of their meetings by 4 p.m. on Wednesday or Thursday of the week preceding the meeting.
4. Delaware: Notice of the next meetings of House standing committees is released on the last legislative day of each week.
5. Florida: After the 50th day of session, Senate standing committees may meet following an announcement of the meeting by the committee chair or vice chair during session and upon the posting of a notice on the bulletin board in the public corridor leading to the Senate chamber at least four hours before the meeting. After the 45th day of session, any House standing committee must provide notice one day prior to its meeting.
6. Georgia: In the Senate, standing committees normally must provide notice one week before their meetings. For any "specially called" meeting, however, only one-day notice is required.
7. Idaho: There is no required time, but the House requests that committees provide notice 48 hours in advance of their meetings.
8. Illinois: The Senate and House require standing committees to provide notice six days in advance.
9. Indiana: In the House, except for hearings on the budget bill, all standing committee meetings must be announced on the preceding session day, and notices must be posted as soon as possible.
10. Louisiana: In the House, standing committees must post meeting notices no later than 4 p.m. on the day before or the day after the House convenes, whichever is later. Each committee also must post a notice for the subsequent week's meeting by the day after its last meeting in a calendar week.
11. Maine: The Senate and House require that standing committees provide two weeks' notice.
12. Michigan: The Senate and House require that a standing committee provide 18 hours' notice of its meeting.
13. Mississippi: Meetings of House standing committees must be announced during open session of the House.

Table 02-6.40 Timing for Standing Committee Meeting Notices, cont'd.

14. Nebraska: A standing committee may call executive session at any time. The clerk of the Legislature is required, however, to announce the executive session from the rostrum.
15. New Mexico: In the Senate, standing committees must provide notice of their meetings by the Friday of the previous week.
16. Oregon: In the Senate, when sine die adjournment is imminent, the president may invoke a one-hour notice rule.
17. Tennessee: The Senate requires standing committees to provide notice six days before a meeting is held.
18. Texas: In the House, the posting requirement for a formal meeting in which testimony will not be taken is either two hours in advance or by announcement from the floor during session immediately prior to the meeting.
19. Virginia: In the House, "non-regularly scheduled" meetings are permitted when notice is given with as much time as possible under reasonable circumstances.
20. Wisconsin: The Senate and House allow two-hour emergency notice for good cause.

Table 02-6.41 Advance Notice of Conference Committee Meetings**In the following chambers, advance notice of conference committee meetings is required.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alabama House | New Hampshire House |
| Arizona House | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Arkansas Senate | Ohio Senate and House |
| California Senate and Assembly | Oregon Senate |
| Colorado House | Pennsylvania Senate and House |
| Florida Senate and House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Hawaii Senate and House | Tennessee Senate |
| Indiana House | Texas House |
| Kansas Senate and House | Utah House |
| Maryland Senate | Virginia House |
| Michigan Senate and House | Washington Senate and House |
| Minnesota Senate and House | West Virginia Senate |
| Mississippi House | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Missouri Senate and House | American Samoa House |
| Montana Senate and House | Puerto Rico House |
| Nevada Senate and Assembly | |

In the following chambers, advance notice of conference committee meetings is not required.

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate | Massachusetts House |
| Alaska Senate and House | New Mexico Senate and House |
| Arkansas House | North Carolina House |
| Connecticut Senate | Oklahoma Senate and House |
| Georgia Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Idaho Senate and House | Texas Senate |
| Illinois Senate and House | Utah Senate |
| Iowa Senate and House | Vermont Senate and House |
| Kentucky Senate and House | Virginia Senate |
| Louisiana House | West Virginia House |
| Maine Senate and House | Wyoming Senate and House |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.42 Timing for Conference Committee Meeting Notices

| State (1) | Timing for notice is not specified | As much time as possible | 1 day | 2 days | Other |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Alabama | | H | | | |
| Alaska | | | | | |
| Arizona | | | B | | |
| Arkansas | S | | | | |
| California | | | S | H | |
| Colorado | | H | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | | |
| Delaware | | | | | |
| Florida | | | | | 2 |
| Georgia | | | | | |
| Hawaii | | | B | | |
| Idaho | | | | | |
| Illinois | | | | | |
| Indiana | | | | | 3 |
| Iowa | | | | | |
| Kansas | B | H | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | | |
| Louisiana | | | | | |
| Maine | | | | | |
| Maryland | S | | | | |
| Massachusetts | | | S | | |
| Michigan | | | | | 4 |
| Minnesota | | B | | | |
| Mississippi | H | | | | |
| Missouri | S | B | | | |
| Montana | B | | | | |
| Nebraska | | | | | |
| Nevada | B | | | | |
| New Hampshire | | H | | | |
| New Jersey | | | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | | |
| New York | | | | | |
| North Carolina | | | | | |
| North Dakota | B | | | | |
| Ohio | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | | | | |
| Oregon | | | S | | 5 |

Table 02-6.42 Timing for Conference Committee Meeting Notices, cont'd.

| State (1) | Timing for notice is not specified | As much time as possible | 1 day | 2 days | Other |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Pennsylvania | H | | S | | |
| Rhode Island | | | | S | |
| South Carolina | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | |
| Tennessee | S | | | | |
| Texas | | | | | 6 |
| Utah | | H | | | |
| Vermont | | | | | |
| Virginia | | H | | | |
| Washington | S | | H | | |
| West Virginia | | S | | | |
| Wisconsin | | | S | | 7 |
| Wyoming | | | | | |
| American Samoa | | | | | 8 |
| Puerto Rico | | | | | 9 |

Key:

S=Senate

H=House or Assembly

B=Both chambers

Notes:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.
2. Florida: In the Senate, before the 50th day of session, conference committees must file a notice with the secretary of the Senate at least two hours in advance of a meeting; after the 50th day, the notice must be filed not less than one hour before the meeting. In the House, conference committees must give two hours' notice.
3. Indiana: In the House, conference committees must give two hours' notice.
4. Michigan: In the Senate and House, conference committees must give six hours' notice.
5. Oregon: In the Senate, when sine die adjournment is imminent, the president may invoke a one-hour notice rule.
6. Texas: In the House, conference committees are asked to give reasonable notice.
7. Wisconsin: The Senate and House allow two-hour emergency notice for good cause.
8. American Samoa: Conference committees of the House must give one-week notice.
9. Puerto Rico: Conference committees of the House must give three or five days' notice.

Table 02-6.43 Advance Notice of Interim Committee Meetings**In the following chambers, advance notice of interim committee meetings is required.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Arizona Senate and House | Montana Senate and House |
| Arkansas Senate and House | Nevada Senate and Assembly |
| California Senate and Assembly | New Hampshire House |
| Colorado House | New Mexico Senate and House |
| Connecticut Senate | North Carolina House |
| Florida Senate and House | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Georgia Senate | Oklahoma Senate and House |
| Hawaii Senate and House | Oregon Senate |
| Idaho Senate and House | Rhode Island Senate |
| Illinois Senate | Tennessee Senate |
| Indiana House | Texas Senate and House |
| Kansas Senate and House | Utah Senate and House |
| Kentucky Senate and House | Vermont Senate and House |
| Louisiana Senate and House | Virginia House |
| Maine Senate and House | Washington Senate |
| Maryland Senate | West Virginia Senate and House |
| Michigan Senate | Wisconsin Senate and Assembly |
| Minnesota Senate and House | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Mississippi House | American Samoa House |
| Missouri Senate and House | Puerto Rico House |

In the following chambers, advance notice of interim committee meetings is not required.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate and House | Nebraska Senate |
| Alaska Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Georgia House | Virginia Senate |
| Iowa Senate and House | Washington House |

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Colorado Senate, Connecticut House, Delaware Senate, Indiana Senate, Maryland House, Mississippi Senate, New Hampshire Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, New York Senate and Assembly, North Carolina Senate, Oregon House, Rhode Island House, South Carolina Senate and House, Tennessee House, American Samoa Senate, District of Columbia Council, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico Senate and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 02-6.44 Timing for Interim Committee Meeting Notices

| State (1) | Timing for notice is not specified | As much time as possible | 1 day | 2 days | 3 days | 4 days | 5 days | 6 days | 10 days | Other |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| Alabama | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alaska | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arizona | | | S | H | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | | S | H | | | | | | | |
| California | | | | | | B | | | | |
| Colorado | | H | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | | | | S | | | |
| Delaware | | | | | | | | | | |
| Florida | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Georgia | | S | | | | | | | | |
| Hawaii | S | | | H | | | | | | |
| Idaho | | | | B | | | | | | |
| Illinois | | | | | | | | S | | |
| Indiana | | | | H | | | | | | |
| Iowa | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kansas | B | H | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Louisiana | | | S | | | | | | H | |
| Maine | S | H | | | | | | | | |
| Maryland | S | | | | | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | | | | | | | | | | |
| Michigan | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Minnesota | H | S | | | | | | | | |
| Mississippi | H | | | | | | | | | |
| Missouri | | | B | | | | | | | |
| Montana | B | | | | | | | | | |
| Nebraska | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nevada | H | | | | S | | | | | |
| New Hampshire | | | H | | | | | | | |
| New Jersey | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Mexico | | H | | | | | | | S | |
| New York | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Carolina | H | | | | | | | | | |
| North Dakota | B | | | | | | | | | |
| Ohio | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | | S | | | | | | H | 5 |
| Oregon | | | S | | | | | | | 6 |

Table 02-6.44 Timing for Interim Committee Meeting Notices, cont'd.

| State (1) | Timing for notice is not specified | As much time as possible | 1 day | 2 days | 3 days | 4 days | 5 days | 6 days | 10 days | Other |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| Pennsylvania | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rhode Island | | | | S | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | | | | | | | | S | | |
| Texas | | | S | | | | H | | | |
| Utah | | | B | | | | | | | |
| Vermont | B | | | | | | | | | |
| Virginia | | | | | H | | | | | |
| Washington | | | | | | | S | | | |
| West Virginia | | S | | | | | | | H | |
| Wisconsin | | | S | | | | | | | 7 |
| Wyoming | | | | | | | | | B | |
| American Samoa | H | | | | | | | | | |
| Puerto Rico | | | | | H | | H | | | |

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2. Florida: In the Senate, at least seven days prior to a meeting when the Legislature is not in session, a notice must be filed with the secretary of the Senate, who notifies the membership and the public. In the House, interim committees must provide notice seven calendar days before the Friday preceding the week of the meeting.
3. Kentucky: In the Senate and House, interim committees must provide two weeks' notice.
4. Michigan: In the Senate, interim committees must provide 18 hours' notice.
5. Oklahoma: The House requirement for 10-day notice does not apply to a committee, subcommittee or an interim study assigned for joint study.
6. Oregon: In the Senate, notice usually is given two weeks to one month prior to an interim meeting.
7. Wisconsin: The Senate and House allow two-hour emergency notice for good cause.

Table 02-6.45 Items Included in a Meeting Notice

| State (1) | Name of the committee | Name of the committee chair | Date(s) of the meeting | Time of the meeting | Location of the meeting | Items to be discussed | Other |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Alabama | B | | B | B | B | H | |
| Alaska | B | | B | B | B | B | 2 |
| Arizona | B | B | B | B | B | B | 3 |
| Arkansas | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| California | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| Colorado | H | | H | H | H | H | |
| Connecticut | S | | S | S | S | S | |
| Delaware | H | | H | H | H | H | |
| Florida | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| Georgia | S | | S | S | S | S | |
| Hawaii | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| Idaho | B | | B | B | B | B | |
| Illinois | H | H | B | B | B | B | |
| Indiana | | | H | H | H | H | |
| Iowa | S | | S | S | S | S | |
| Kansas | B | H | B | B | B | H | |
| Kentucky | B | | B | B | B | B | |
| Louisiana | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| Maine | B | | B | B | B | B | |
| Maryland | S | | S | S | S | | |
| Massachusetts | B | | B | H | B | B | |
| Michigan | B | H | B | B | B | B | |
| Minnesota | B | H | B | B | B | B | |
| Mississippi | H | | H | H | H | | |
| Missouri | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| Montana | | | | | | | |
| Nebraska | S | | S | S | S | S | |
| Nevada | B | | B | B | B | B | |
| New Hampshire | H | | H | H | H | | |
| New Jersey | | | | | | | |
| New Mexico | B | | B | B | B | B | |
| New York | | | | | | | |
| North Carolina | H | | H | H | H | | |
| North Dakota | B | | B | B | B | B | |
| Ohio | B | | B | B | B | H | |
| Oklahoma | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| Oregon | S | | S | S | S | S | |

Table 02-6.45 Items Included in a Meeting Notice, cont'd.

| State (1) | Name of the committee | Name of the committee chair | Date(s) of the meeting | Time of the meeting | Location of the meeting | Items to be discussed | Other |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Pennsylvania | B | S | B | B | B | B | |
| Rhode Island | S | | S | S | S | S | |
| South Carolina | | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | S | | S | S | S | S | |
| Texas | B | S | B | B | B | B | |
| Utah | H | H | B | B | B | B | |
| Vermont | B | | B | B | B | H | |
| Virginia | | | B | B | B | | 4 |
| Washington | B | | B | B | B | B | |
| West Virginia | B | H | B | B | B | H | |
| Wisconsin | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| Wyoming | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| American Samoa | H | H | H | H | H | H | |
| Puerto Rico | H | | H | H | H | H | |

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2. Alaska: In the Senate and House, committees must indicate if it is the first public hearing.
3. Arizona: In the House, meeting notices include the names of all committee members.
4. Virginia: In the House, the name of the committee is not required, but it always is included; committees also must indicate if public comment is to be heard.

Table 02-6.46 Committees May Take Up Items Not Listed in Notice

In the following chambers, committees may take up items that are not listed in the meeting notice.

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alabama Senate | Montana Senate and House |
| Arkansas Senate and House | Nevada Senate |
| Colorado House | New Mexico Senate and House |
| Delaware House | North Carolina House |
| Georgia Senate and House | North Dakota Senate and House |
| Idaho Senate and House | Ohio Senate and House |
| Iowa Senate and House | Oklahoma Senate and House |
| Kansas Senate and House | Pennsylvania House |
| Kentucky Senate and House | South Dakota Senate and House |
| Louisiana Senate | Texas House |
| Maine House | Vermont Senate and House |
| Maryland Senate | Virginia Senate and House |
| Massachusetts Senate | Washington Senate and House |
| Michigan House | West Virginia House |
| Minnesota Senate and House | Wyoming Senate and House |
| Mississippi House | American Samoa House |
| Missouri Senate and House | |

In the following chambers, committees cannot take up items that are not listed in the meeting notice.

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alabama House | Nebraska Senate |
| Alaska Senate and House | Nevada Assembly |
| Arizona Senate and House | Oregon Senate |
| California Senate and Assembly | Pennsylvania Senate |
| Connecticut Senate | Rhode Island Senate |
| Florida Senate and House | Tennessee Senate |
| Hawaii Senate and House | Texas Senate |
| Illinois House | Utah Senate and House |
| Louisiana House | Wisconsin Senate and House |
| Massachusetts House | Puerto Rico House |
| Michigan Senate | |

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Table 02-6.47 Main Methods Used to Publicize Committee Meetings

| State (1) | Post notices in the capitol or legislative building | Enter notices into legislative computer system | Post notices on Senate or House Internet site | Post notices on the Senate or House Intranet site | Distribute individual notices | List notices in the calendar or other legislative publication | Announce meetings from the floor |
|------------------|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Alabama | B | B | B | B | | | |
| Alaska | B | B | B | | B | B | B |
| Arizona | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Arkansas | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| California | S | S | S | | | B | B |
| Colorado | H | H | H | H | | H | H |
| Connecticut | S | S | S | | | S | S |
| Delaware | H | H | H | H | H | | H |
| Florida | B | B | B | S | H | B | B |
| Georgia | B | B | H | H | H | | B |
| Hawaii | B | B | B | B | B | H | B |
| Idaho | B | B | B | | B | B | B |
| Illinois | B | B | B | | B | B | S |
| Indiana | H | H | H | | | | H |
| Iowa | B | B | B | S | B | B | B |
| Kansas | B | H | | H | B | B | B |
| Kentucky | B | B | B | H | B | B | B |
| Louisiana | B | B | B | | B | B | B |
| Maine | B | B | B | S | B | B | B |
| Maryland | | S | S | | | S | |
| Massachusetts | B | B | B | | S | H | |
| Michigan | B | B | B | S | B | B | S |
| Minnesota | B | B | B | B | B | S | B |
| Mississippi | H | H | H | H | H | H | H |
| Missouri | B | B | B | H | B | H | B |
| Montana | B | B | B | | B | B | B |
| Nebraska | S | S | S | S | | S | S |
| Nevada | B | S | B | S | H | B | S |
| New Hampshire | H | H | H | | | H | H |
| New Jersey | | | | | | | |
| New Mexico | H | H | S | S | S | B | S |
| New York | | | | | | | |
| North Carolina | H | H | H | H | H | H | H |
| North Dakota | | B | B | | | B | B |
| Ohio | B | | S | H | B | H | B |
| Oklahoma | B | | B | | H | H | H |
| Oregon | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |

Table 02-6.47 Main Methods Used to Publicize Committee Meetings, cont'd.

| State (1) | Post notices in the capitol or legislative building | Enter notices into legislative computer system | Post notices on Senate or House Internet site | Post notices on the Senate or House Intranet site | Distribute individual notices | List notices in the calendar or other legislative publication | Announce meetings from the floor |
|----------------|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Pennsylvania | B | B | S | S | B | S | S |
| Rhode Island | S | S | S | | | S | S |
| South Carolina | | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | S | S | S | | | S | |
| Texas | B | B | B | B | S | S | B |
| Utah | B | H | B | | | H | S |
| Vermont | B | B | S | | S | B | B |
| Virginia | H | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Washington | H | B | B | S | B | B | S |
| West Virginia | B | B | H | | | B | B |
| Wisconsin | B | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| Wyoming | | B | B | B | B | B | B |
| American Samoa | | | | | H | H | H |
| Puerto Rico | | | | | H | | H |

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Table 02-6.48 Other Methods Used to Publicize Committee Meetings

| State (1) | Display notices on video monitor | Advertise in the newspaper | Announce meetings via radio or television | Other |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Alabama | H | | | |
| Alaska | | B | | |
| Arizona | B | | | |
| Arkansas | | | | |
| California | B | | | |
| Colorado | | | | |
| Connecticut | S | | | |
| Delaware | | | | |
| Florida | B | | | |
| Georgia | | | | |
| Hawaii | | | | |
| Idaho | | B | S | |
| Illinois | | | | |
| Indiana | | | | |
| Iowa | B | | | 2 |
| Kansas | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | |
| Louisiana | B | | | |
| Maine | H | B | | |
| Maryland | | | | |
| Massachusetts | | | | |
| Michigan | S | | | |
| Minnesota | B | S | S | |
| Mississippi | | | | |
| Missouri | | | | |
| Montana | B | B | | |
| Nebraska | | S | S | |
| Nevada | S | | | 3 |
| New Hampshire | | | | |
| New Jersey | | | | |
| New Mexico | H | | | |
| New York | | | | |
| North Carolina | | | | |
| North Dakota | B | | | |
| Ohio | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | | | |
| Oregon | | | | 4 |

Table 02-6.48 Other Methods Used to Publicize Committee Meetings, cont'd.

| State (1) | Display notices on video monitor | Advertise in the newspaper | Announce meetings via radio or television | Other |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------|
| Pennsylvania | S | H | | |
| Rhode Island | | | | |
| South Carolina | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | |
| Tennessee | S | | | |
| Texas | | | | |
| Utah | | | | |
| Vermont | | | S | 5 |
| Virginia | B | H | H | |
| Washington | | | | |
| West Virginia | S | | | |
| Wisconsin | | | | 6 |
| Wyoming | | | | |
| American Samoa | | | H | |
| Puerto Rico | | H | | |

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2. Iowa: The Senate is planning an e-mail subscription option for committee notices, minutes, etc.
3. Nevada: The House provides information on committee meetings to the news media.
4. Oregon: During the interim, the Senate mails a monthly legislative schedule publication.
5. Vermont: The Senate occasionally provides oral notice to individuals known to have an interest.
6. Wisconsin: The Senate is required to distribute this information to the media.