

Media or Public Information Services

Services provided to legislators and the public. Legislatures often provide media or public information services to members to help them keep in touch with citizens. Tables 99-8.24 and 99-8.25 illustrate the types of assistance made available. For example, 65 legislative bodies help write speeches for members; and 67 chambers provide help with post-session summaries. Legislators also may take advantage of television taping studios in 34 chambers or sound taping facilities in 43 legislative assemblies.

Legislatures also offer citizens direct access to legislative information in several ways. Most give individuals free printed copies of legislation, and a wide array of material is posted to legislative Internet web sites. In addition, 65 legislative assemblies provide toll-free phone lines (see table 99-8.26).

These phone lines are made available for a variety of purposes. The public may call to obtain bill status in 57 chambers or general information in 50 legislative bodies. In 21 chambers, citizens may call to speak to a legislator, and in 45 legislative assemblies, they may use the free phone lines to leave a message for a legislator.

Press access and accreditation. The media plays an integral part in the legislative process. As a result, legislatures often provide special access to the press. Eighty-four chambers provide a special press area on the chamber floor, while 35 legislative assemblies reserve space in the gallery (see table 99-8.27). Legislatures often provide additional space to the media, as well. Typically, there is no charge for the extra space, but 18 chambers charge groups (see table 99-8.28). Examples of the rates charged are shown below.

Arizona Senate	\$12.50 per square foot
Louisiana House	\$5 per square foot
Maine Senate	\$12.73 per square foot
Minnesota Senate	\$22 per square foot
New Mexico Senate	\$20 per square foot
Pennsylvania House	\$47.50 per month per media representative
Texas House	\$1,000 to \$2,000 per year

Access to these special press areas may be monitored (see table 99-8.29). Forty chambers require the media representatives to wear a visible identification badge. In 22 legislative bodies, the press may be required to show identification upon request. In addition, 31 chambers have established dress codes that members of the press must follow (see table 99-8.30).

As noted above, most legislative chambers offer space to media on the floor; however, members of the press generally are not allowed to circulate around the chamber during a floor session. Only 20 legislative bodies allow this (see table 99-8.31). When a recess in floor action occurs, the press is often given more freedom of movement. Sixty-six legislative assemblies allow media representatives to circulate around the chamber during a recess (see table 99-8.32).

Most legislatures do not allow unlimited claim to press privileges, however. As shown in table 99-8.33, accreditation, certification or registration processes are used by 75 chambers. Most

commonly, the accreditation processes are overseen by the chamber's clerk or sergeant at arms or by a press association (see table 99-8-34). In addition, the chief clerk or sergeant often are called upon to investigate accusations concerning problems with members of the media (see table 99-8.35).

Table 99-8.24 Media or Public Information Services for Legislators

State (1)	Speech writing	Press releases	News columns	Post-session wrap-ups	Newsletters	Media packets	Mass mailings	Capitol directory and other printed material about the legislature
Alabama	B	B	S	B	H			
Alaska	B	B	B	B		B		
Arizona	B	B		B				B
Arkansas	B	B	B	S		S	S	B
California	B	S	S	B		B	B	S
Colorado	B	B	B	B				B
Connecticut	H	H	H	B	H	H	B	H
Delaware	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
Florida	S	S	S	B	B	S		B
Georgia	H	B		B		S		B
Hawaii	H	H		H				
Idaho	S	S		B	S		B	B
Illinois	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Indiana	B	B	H	B	B	B	B	B
Iowa	B	B	S	B	B		S	B
Kansas	S	B	S	B	B			B
Kentucky	B	B	S	B	S	B	S	B
Louisiana	B	B	B	B	H	B		B
Maine	B	B	H	B	H		H	B
Maryland				S	S			S
Massachusetts		H						S
Michigan	B	B	B	B	B	S	B	B
Minnesota	B	B	H	H	H		H	B
Mississippi	B	B	B	B	S	S	S	B
Missouri	B	B	B	B	B	H	B	B
Montana								

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State (1)	Speech writing	Press releases	News columns	Post-session wrap-ups	Newsletters	Media packets	Mass mailings	Capitol directory and other printed material about the legislature
Nebraska								S
Nevada				B				B
New Hampshire	H	H	H			H		H
New Jersey	S	S	S		S			S
New Mexico	H	B	H	H		H		H
New York	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
North Carolina	B	B		B	S			B
North Dakota								B
Ohio	B	B	B	B	B	S	S	B
Oklahoma	B	B	B	B	B	H	H	B
Oregon	B	B		B	B	H	B	B
Pennsylvania	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Rhode Island	B	B	S	S	B	H	S	
South Carolina		H		H				H
South Dakota								
Tennessee	B	B	H	H	B		B	B
Texas	S	S	S	B	B	S	B	B
Utah	H	B		S			S	B
Vermont								S
Virginia	S	S			B		H	B
Washington	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
West Virginia	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
Wisconsin	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
Wyoming								
American Samoa		S	S					
District of Columbia					S		S	S
Puerto Rico	S	S						

Table 99-8.24 Media or Public Information Services for Legislators, cont'd.

Key:

S=Senate

H=House or Assembly

B=Both chambers

Note:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Delaware Senate, Hawaii Senate, Maryland House, New Hampshire Senate, New York Senate, American Samoa House, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico House and Virgin Islands Senate.

Table 99-8.25 More Media Services for Legislators

State (1)	Television taping studio	Sound taping facilities	Staff photographer	Web page development assistance	Capitol tours
Alabama		H	S	H	B
Alaska		B		B	
Arizona			H	B	B
Arkansas	S	S	B		H
California	B	B	B	B	S
Colorado		S		B	B
Connecticut			H	H	H
Delaware		H	H	H	H
Florida	S	S	B	S	S
Georgia	S	H	B	S	S
Hawaii				H	H
Idaho	S	S		B	B
Illinois	S	B	B	B	B
Indiana	H	H	B	B	B
Iowa			H	B	B
Kansas				B	B
Kentucky	S	B	B	S	B
Louisiana		S	B	B	H
Maine					B
Maryland			S		S
Massachusetts	H		B	S	H
Michigan	B	B	B	B	B
Minnesota	H	B	B	H	H
Mississippi			B	S	S
Missouri	B	B	B	B	
Montana					

Table 99-8.25 More Media Services for Legislators, cont'd.

State (1)	Television taping studio	Sound taping facilities	Staff photographer	Web page development assistance	Capitol tours
Nebraska			S		S
Nevada	S		S		
New Hampshire			H	H	H
New Jersey			S		S
New Mexico			H	H	B
New York	H	H	H	H	H
North Carolina			S		B
North Dakota	B				
Ohio	B	B	B	B	B
Oklahoma		B	B	S	
Oregon	B	H	S	B	B
Pennsylvania	B	B	B	B	B
Rhode Island	S	S	S		B
South Carolina			H		H
South Dakota					
Tennessee		B	S	S	S
Texas	B	B	B	B	B
Utah		S		S	B
Vermont					S
Virginia	H	H	H	B	B
Washington	B	B	B	B	B
West Virginia	H	H	H	H	H
Wisconsin		H	B	H	H
Wyoming					
American Samoa	S		S		
District of Columbia	S			S	
Puerto Rico		S	S	S	S

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Table 99-8.26 Toll-Free Public Information Phone Lines

State (1)	Available	Not available	Purpose			
			To obtain bill status	To speak to a legislator	To leave message for a legislator	For general information
Alabama	B		B		H	B
Alaska		B				
Arizona	B		B	B	B	B
Arkansas		B				
California		B				
Colorado	B		H		H	S
Connecticut	B		H	B	B	B
Delaware	H		H			H
Florida	B		B			S
Georgia	B		B	H	H	B
Hawaii	H		H	H	H	H
Idaho	B		B	H	B	B
Illinois	H	S	H			
Indiana	B		B	B	B	B
Iowa	H	S	H			H
Kansas	B		H		B	H
Kentucky	B		B	S	B	B
Louisiana	B		B			S
Maine	B				B	
Maryland	S		S	S	S	S
Massachusetts	H		H	H	H	H
Michigan	B		S	B	S	S
Minnesota	B		S			B
Mississippi	H	S	H			H
Missouri	S	H	S			S
Montana		B				

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State (1)	Available	Not available	Purpose			
			To obtain bill status	To speak to a legislator	To leave message for a legislator	For general information
Nebraska	S		S			S
Nevada	B		B	B	B	B
New Hampshire		H				
New Jersey	S	H	S			S
New Mexico		B				
New York	H		H			
North Carolina		B				
North Dakota	B		B		B	B
Ohio	B		B		B	B
Oklahoma	H	S	H	H	H	H
Oregon	B		B	H	B	B
Pennsylvania	S	H	S	S	S	S
Rhode Island		B				
South Carolina		B				
South Dakota		B				
Tennessee	H	S	H	H	H	H
Texas	S	H	S			
Utah	B		B		B	
Vermont	B		H		B	H
Virginia	B		B		H	S
Washington	B		B	H	B	B
West Virginia	B		B		B	B
Wisconsin	B		B		B	B
Wyoming	B		B		S	S
American Samoa		S				
District of Columbia		S				
Puerto Rico		S				

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Table 99-8.27 Space for the Media**The following chambers provide a specific area on the chamber floor**

Alabama House	Montana Senate and House
Alaska Senate and House	Nebraska Senate
Arizona Senate and House	Nevada Senate
Arkansas Senate and House	New Hampshire House
California Senate and Assembly	New Jersey Senate and General Assembly
Colorado Senate and House	New Mexico House
Connecticut Senate and House	New York Assembly
Delaware House	North Carolina Senate and House
Florida Senate	Ohio Senate and House
Georgia Senate and House	Oregon Senate and House
Idaho Senate and House	Pennsylvania Senate
Illinois Senate and House	Rhode Island Senate and House
Indiana Senate and House	South Carolina Senate and House
Iowa Senate and House	South Dakota Senate and House
Kansas Senate and House	Tennessee Senate and House
Kentucky Senate and House	Texas Senate and House
Louisiana Senate and House	Utah Senate and House
Maine Senate and House	Virginia Senate and House
Maryland Senate and House	Washington Senate and House
Massachusetts Senate and House	West Virginia Senate and House
Michigan Senate and House	Wisconsin Senate and House
Minnesota Senate and House	Wyoming Senate and House
Mississippi Senate and House	American Samoa Senate
Missouri Senate	District of Columbia Council

The following chambers reserve a specific area in the gallery

Alabama Senate	New York Assembly
Arkansas Senate and House	North Carolina Senate
Florida Senate and House	North Dakota Senate and House
Hawaii House	Oklahoma Senate and House
Illinois Senate	Oregon Senate and House
Indiana House	Pennsylvania Senate and House
Massachusetts Senate and House	Utah Senate and House
Minnesota Senate and House	Vermont House
Mississippi Senate	Virginia Senate and House
Missouri House	American Samoa Senate
Nevada Assembly	District of Columbia Council
New Mexico Senate and House	Puerto Rico Senate

Table 99-8.27 Space for the Media, cont'd.**The following chambers provide other space for the media**

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

Table 99-8.28 Charges for Extra Space for the Media**In the following chambers, press groups are charged for additional media space**

Arizona Senate	Oregon Senate and House
Louisiana Senate and House	Pennsylvania House
Maine Senate and House	Tennessee House
Minnesota Senate	Texas House
Mississippi House	Washington Senate
Montana Senate and House	Wyoming Senate
New Mexico Senate and House	

In the following chambers, press groups are not charged for additional media space

Alabama House	Minnesota House
Alaska Senate and House	Missouri House
Arkansas House	Nebraska Senate
California Senate and Assembly	Nevada Assembly
Colorado Senate and House	New Hampshire House
Connecticut Senate and House	New Jersey Senate
Delaware House	North Carolina Senate and House
Georgia Senate	North Dakota Senate and House
Hawaii House	Oklahoma House
Idaho Senate and House	Pennsylvania Senate
Illinois House	South Carolina Senate and House
Indiana Senate and House	South Dakota Senate and House
Iowa Senate	Virginia Senate and House
Maryland Senate	Washington House
Massachusetts Senate and House	Wisconsin Senate and Assembly
Michigan House	Puerto Rico Senate

Table 99-8.29 Access to the Chamber or Gallery Press Area

State (1)	Required to wear a visible identification badge	Voluntarily wears a visible identification badge	Always required to show an identification card	Required to show an identification card upon request	Does not have to show or wear any identification
Alabama	B				
Alaska				B	
Arizona				H	S
Arkansas	H				S
California			H		S
Colorado		S			H
Connecticut				S	H
Delaware					H
Florida	H			S	
Georgia	B				
Hawaii					H
Idaho	B				
Illinois					B
Indiana				B	
Iowa	S			H	
Kansas				S	H
Kentucky	B				
Louisiana	H			S	
Maine					B
Maryland	S		S		
Massachusetts					B
Michigan	B				
Minnesota	S			B	
Mississippi	S			H	
Missouri					B
Montana	B				

Table 99-8.29 Access to the Chamber or Gallery Press Area, cont'd.

State (1)	Required to wear a visible identification badge	Voluntarily wears a visible identification badge	Always required to show an identification card	Required to show an identification card upon request	Does not have to show or wear any identification
Nebraska	S				
Nevada					B
New Hampshire	H			H	
New Jersey	B				
New Mexico					B
New York	H				
North Carolina	S	H		H	
North Dakota	B				
Ohio					B
Oklahoma					B
Oregon					B
Pennsylvania	H			S	
Rhode Island				H	S
South Carolina	H				S
South Dakota	B				
Tennessee		S			H
Texas	B				
Utah				B	
Vermont					B
Virginia		B		B	
Washington	B				
West Virginia	H		S		
Wisconsin					B
Wyoming	B				
American Samoa			S		
District of Columbia	S				
Puerto Rico	S				

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Note:

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Table 99-8.30 Dress Code for Members of the Press**The following chambers have a dress code for members of the press**

Alabama Senate and House	Missouri Senate
Arkansas House	New Jersey Senate
California Senate	New York Assembly
Florida Senate	North Carolina Senate and House
Idaho Senate	Ohio Senate
Illinois Senate	Oklahoma House
Indiana Senate	Pennsylvania Senate
Iowa Senate	South Carolina Senate and House
Louisiana House	Tennessee House
Maine House	Texas Senate and House
Maryland Senate	Virginia Senate and House
Minnesota Senate	Washington House
Mississippi Senate	West Virginia House

The following chambers do not have a dress code for members of the press

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

Table 99-8.30 Dress Code for Members of the Press, cont'd.**In the following chambers, cameramen and photographers are exempt from the dress code**

Alabama Senate and House	Maryland Senate
California Senate	Mississippi Senate
Illinois Senate (gallery only)	New Jersey Senate
Indiana Senate	Ohio Senate
Iowa Senate	South Carolina Senate
Louisiana House	

Table 99-8.31 Media Circulation during Floor Session**In the following chambers, members of the press are allowed to circulate during a floor session**

Colorado House	North Dakota Senate and House
Connecticut House	Oregon Senate
Florida Senate (photographers only)	South Dakota Senate and House
Indiana Senate	Texas House
Iowa Senate	Utah Senate
Kansas Senate and House	Vermont Senate
Michigan House	American Samoa Senate
Montana Senate and House	District of Columbia Council
Nebraska Senate	

In the following chambers, members of the press are not allowed to circulate during a floor session

Alabama Senate and House	Missouri Senate and House
Alaska Senate and House	Nevada Senate and Assembly
Arizona Senate and House	New Hampshire House
Arkansas Senate and House	New Jersey Senate and General Assembly
California Senate and Assembly	New Mexico Senate and House
Colorado Senate	New York Assembly
Connecticut Senate	North Carolina Senate and House
Delaware House	Ohio Senate and House
Florida House	Oklahoma Senate and House
Georgia Senate and House	Oregon House
Hawaii House	Pennsylvania Senate and House
Idaho Senate and House	Rhode Island Senate and House
Illinois Senate and House	South Carolina Senate and House
Indiana House	Tennessee Senate and House
Iowa House	Texas Senate
Kentucky Senate and House	Utah House
Louisiana Senate and House	Vermont 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	Wisconsin Senate and Assembly
Minnesota Senate and House	Wyoming Senate and House
Mississippi Senate and House	Puerto Rico Senate

Table 99-8.32 Media Circulation during a Recess in Floor Action**In the following chambers, members of the press are allowed to circulate during a recess in floor action**

Alabama House	Nevada Senate and Assembly
Arizona Senate	New Jersey Senate and General Assembly
Arkansas Senate	New Mexico Senate and House
Colorado Senate and House	New York Assembly
Connecticut House	North Carolina Senate and House
Delaware House	North Dakota Senate and House
Florida Senate	Ohio Senate and House
Georgia Senate and House	Oklahoma Senate
Idaho Senate	Oregon Senate
Illinois House	Pennsylvania House
Indiana House	Rhode Island Senate and House
Iowa Senate and House	South Carolina House
Kansas Senate and House	South Dakota Senate and House
Kentucky Senate	Tennessee House
Louisiana Senate	Texas Senate and House
Maine Senate and House	Utah Senate and House
Michigan House	Vermont Senate and House
Minnesota Senate and House	Virginia Senate and House
Mississippi Senate and House	West Virginia Senate and House
Missouri Senate and House	Wyoming House
Montana Senate and House	American Samoa Senate
Nebraska Senate	District of Columbia Council

In the following chambers, members of the press are not allowed to circulate during a recess in floor action

Alabama Senate	Maryland Senate
Alaska Senate and House	Massachusetts Senate and House
Arizona House	Michigan Senate
Arkansas House	New Hampshire House
California Senate and Assembly	Oklahoma House
Connecticut Senate	Oregon House
Florida House	Pennsylvania Senate
Hawaii House	South Carolina Senate
Idaho House	Tennessee Senate
Illinois Senate	Washington Senate and House
Indiana Senate	Wisconsin Senate and Assembly
Kentucky House	Wyoming Senate
Louisiana House	Puerto Rico Senate

Table 99-8.33 Accreditation, Certification or Registration for the Media**The following chambers have an accreditation, certification or registration process for members of the press**

Alabama Senate and House	Nebraska Senate
Alaska Senate and House	Nevada Senate and Assembly
Arizona Senate and House	New Jersey Senate and General Assembly
Arkansas Senate and House	New York Assembly
California Senate and Assembly	North Carolina House
Colorado Senate	North Dakota Senate and House
Florida Senate and House	Ohio Senate and House
Georgia Senate and House	Oklahoma Senate and House
Idaho Senate and House	Oregon Senate and House
Illinois Senate	Pennsylvania Senate and House
Indiana Senate and House	Rhode Island House
Iowa Senate and House	South Carolina Senate
Kansas Senate and House	South Dakota Senate and House
Kentucky Senate and House	Tennessee Senate and House
Louisiana Senate and House	Texas Senate and House
Maryland Senate	Utah Senate and House
Massachusetts Senate and House	Washington Senate and House
Michigan Senate and House	West Virginia Senate and House
Minnesota Senate and House	Wisconsin Senate and Assembly
Mississippi Senate and House	Wyoming Senate and House
Missouri House	Puerto Rico Senate
Montana Senate and House	

The following chambers do not have an accreditation, certification or registration process for members of the press

Colorado House	New Mexico Senate and House
Connecticut Senate and House	Rhode Island Senate
Delaware House	South Carolina House
Hawaii House	Vermont Senate and House
Illinois House	Virginia Senate and House
Maine Senate and House	American Samoa Senate
Missouri Senate	District of Columbia Council
New Hampshire House	

Table 99-8.34 Who Is Responsible for Accreditation?

State (1)	President of the Senate or speaker of the House	Rules or management committee	Chief clerk or secretary	Sergeant at arms	Joint, Senate or House information or media office	Press association	Other
Alabama					B		
Alaska		B		B			
Arizona	B						
Arkansas	H					S	
California		H				S	
Colorado			S				
Connecticut							
Delaware							
Florida	H			B			
Georgia					B		
Hawaii							
Idaho						B	
Illinois	S		S			S	
Indiana					H	B	
Iowa			B				
Kansas	B						
Kentucky					B		
Louisiana	H			H		B	
Maine							
Maryland							2
Massachusetts						B	
Michigan			B	S			
Minnesota		H	S	S			3
Mississippi		H			S		
Missouri	H		H	H			
Montana	B		S	H			

Table 99-8.34 Who Is Responsible for Accreditation?, cont'd.

State (1)	President of the Senate or speaker of the House	Rules or management committee	Chief clerk or secretary	Sergeant at arms	Joint, Senate or House information or media office	Press association	Other
Nebraska			S				
Nevada			B				4
New Hampshire							
New Jersey						B	
New Mexico							
New York							
North Carolina			H	H		H	
North Dakota						B	
Ohio						B	
Oklahoma						B	
Oregon	S		H	H			
Pennsylvania			S			B	5
Rhode Island					H		
South Carolina			S				
South Dakota							6
Tennessee	B		S			B	
Texas		S			H		
Utah			B				
Vermont							
Virginia							
Washington				S		H	
West Virginia	S	H				S	
Wisconsin				B		H	
Wyoming							7
American Samoa							
District of Columbia							
Puerto Rico				S			

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Notes:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Delaware Senate, Hawaii Senate, Maryland House, New Hampshire Senate, New York Senate, American Samoa House, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico House and Virgin Islands Senate.
2. Maryland: The press accreditation for the Senate is done by the governor's press office.
3. Minnesota: In the House, press accreditation is done by the majority leader.
4. Nevada: In the Senate, press accreditation also is done by the majority leader.
5. Pennsylvania: In the Senate, press accreditation is done by the president pro tem.
6. South Dakota: Press accreditation for the Senate and the House is done by the Legislative Research Council.
7. Wyoming: Press accreditation for the Senate and the House is done by the Legislative Service Office.

Table 99-8.35 Who Investigates Problems or Accusations?

State (1)	President of the Senate or speaker of the House	President pro tem or speaker pro tem	Majority leader	Rules or management committee	Ethics committee	Chief clerk or secretary	Sergeant at arms	Other security officer	Joint, Senate or House information or media office	Press association	Other
Alabama						H	H	H	S		
Alaska	B		B	B			B			B	
Arizona	B					H	H				
Arkansas				B							
California				H						S	
Colorado	S				H		S				
Connecticut	B			S			S				
Delaware											
Florida	H			S			B	B			
Georgia	H					S	S		S		
Hawaii	H						H			H	
Idaho	H						S				
Illinois	B					S				S	
Indiana			S			S			H	B	
Iowa				S	S	B	B				
Kansas							S	S			
Kentucky									S		
Louisiana	S					B	H		H		
Maine	S					B	S				
Maryland							S				
Massachusetts				H	H		S				
Michigan			S			B	S	S			
Minnesota				H	B		S				
Mississippi				B							
Missouri				S		H					2
Montana	B										

Table 99-8.35 Who Investigates Problems or Accusations?, cont'd.

State (1)	President of the Senate or speaker of the House	President pro tem or speaker pro tem	Majority leader	Rules or management committee	Ethics committee	Chief clerk or secretary	Sergeant at arms	Other security officer	Joint, Senate or House information or media office	Press association	Other
Nebraska				S							
Nevada			S			S	S				3
New Hampshire						H	H	H	H		
New Jersey	B					S		S	S		
New Mexico	H										
New York											
North Carolina				H		B				S	
North Dakota	B		B								
Ohio				S						H	
Oklahoma									H	B	
Oregon										H	
Pennsylvania		S				S				S	
Rhode Island	B		B			H		H			
South Carolina				S		S	H				
South Dakota				B							
Tennessee	B					S	S				
Texas							H		B		
Utah	B				H	B	S				
Vermont	B			S		B	H				
Virginia	H			S		B					
Washington	S					B	S				
West Virginia	B			H			B			B	
Wisconsin						S	H			H	
Wyoming	H	H	H								
American Samoa					S						
District of Columbia						S					
Puerto Rico											

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Key:

S=Senate

H=House or Assembly

B=Both chambers

Notes:

1. The following chambers did not return a survey: Delaware Senate, Hawaii Senate, Maryland House, New Hampshire Senate, New York Senate, American Samoa House, Guam Senate, Northern Mariana Islands Senate and House, Puerto Rico House and Virgin Islands Senate.
2. Missouri: The Senate administrator investigates problems or accusations concerning the press.
3. Nevada: For the House, the Legislative Counsel Bureau investigates problems or accusations concerning the press.