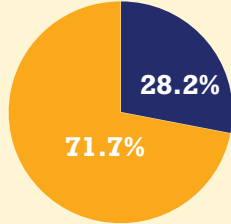


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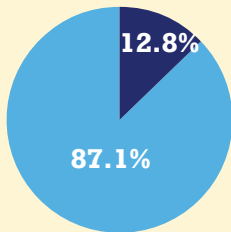
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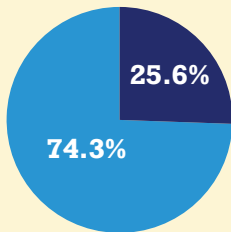
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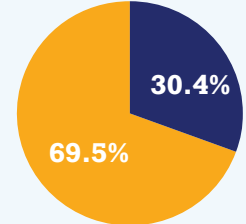
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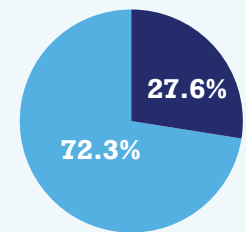
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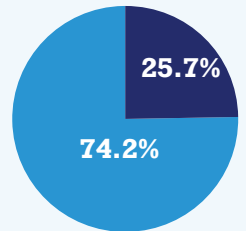
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Race

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Governor: Republican

In the Senate, Republicans currently have a supermajority, which is when they control more than 2/3 of the seats in the chamber.

In the House of Representatives, Republicans have almost enough seats to claim a supermajority.

If a party all votes together when they have a supermajority, it means they have enough votes to overturn gubernatorial vetoes or to act on some budget and tax provisions **without requiring any input from the other party.**

Contacting Your Legislator

Legislators are elected by people in their community to represent their interests in the law making process. Legislators vote on a variety of laws, from criminal justice, to environmental protection, and funding for our schools. **It is important for your legislator to hear directly from you about the issues that you care about!**

You can contact your legislator by calling or emailing them to share your perspective. You do not need to be an expert to contact your legislator, **you just need to share why it is important to you and your community.**

Find Your Legislator Here:



pcej.org/FindMyLegislator



Plan: What are you contacting your legislator about? Is there a specific bill that you want them to vote yes or no on? What is the story you want to tell them in your phone call or email? You can write down a script for yourself so you don't forget your main point!

Power Coalition often has a "OneClick" campaign to contact legislators about bills that we care about. This makes it easy for you to contact your legislator directly using a profiled form where you can add your personal story!

Power Tips

When you contact your legislator, you should **identify yourself as one of their constituents** (someone who lives in their district) and then **explain why you are contacting them.**

Your goal is to either persuade them to support or oppose a particular issue.

Alternatively, **it is important to thank your legislator when they take a vote that you support** as a reminder that they are representing the voices of their community members.



Call: Call your legislator using the phone number listed on the Louisiana legislative website. You may not be able to speak to them directly, but you can leave a message.



Email: Your legislator has a state email that you can contact, this can also be found on the Louisiana legislative website. Your email should have the same information you would include in a phone call. Identify yourself as a constituent and share why you are contacting them.



In Person: Legislators are typically in the State House in Baton Rouge on days that votes are happening. Though they do not all have individual offices, they can often be found between committee meetings or before going to the floor for a vote.

When the legislative session is not happening, many legislators attend events in their districts and this can be a time to speak with your legislators about local matters.



Delivering Testimony in Committees

There are limited opportunities during the legislative process when the public is able to go on the record and share information with legislators, but **when a bill is being heard in committee, the public can provide written statements ahead of time or can provide in person testimony.** Both of these options will go into the record and are a great opportunity to share your perspective with legislators before they vote on a bill.

Legislators want to hear from constituents! They are there to represent your voice in government and sharing your authentic story and additional information is a great way to encourage legislators to support good legislation or stop bad bills from moving forward.



Providing Testimony In Person

To address the committee, you must complete a witness card stating your name, agency, organization or other interest represented, address, and the bill number for which you would like to provide comments. The witness card will also indicate whether you are there in support of the bill, in opposition of the bill, or there for informational purposes only.

All testimony is delivered from the witness table in front of the committee after you are recognized by the chairman. You will deliver your testimony into the microphone at the witness table. **We recommend that you prepare your testimony ahead of time, have it written down, and have multiple copies available for members of the committee.**

Legislators may ask you questions after your testimony to help clarify your statements or based on information that you bring up.



Written Statements

If you do not feel comfortable providing testimony in person or are unable to go to Baton Rouge, you may submit a written statement. **The written statement should be sent to members of the committee and committee staff 24 hours ahead of the hearing and should include your name, contact information, and a clear explanation of your position on the legislation.**

If you are providing the written statements to the committee in Baton Rouge, you should have the number of copies to distribute to each committee member, two staff members, and the committee administrative assistant. At the committee meeting, you should give the written statements to the administrative assistant for numbering and distribution if necessary.

Best Practices

- ➔ If you use any statistics or other data, share where you got the information.
- ➔ Keep your statement on the shorter side—**what is the main takeaway for legislators?**
- ➔ Anticipate what questions legislators might have for you so that you can answer them.
- ➔ **Do not argue** with members of the committee, instead lay out your comments in an easy to understand way so that you can convince them.

Guidelines for effective testimony (written and spoken):

1. Identify yourself and the organization you represent (if applicable)
2. Greetings
3. **Clear presentation of your position:** State your position as “for” or “against” the proposed bill; identify the bill name and number
4. **Factual arguments and data** as evidence to support your position, if available
5. **Personal story or anecdotes** to demonstrate your position. This is often the most powerful part.
6. **Restate/review your position** at the end of your testimony
7. **Thank the committee** or task force for the opportunity to speak



Attending Committee Meetings

Attending Committee Meetings

- ➔ **Senate Committee Rooms A-B,C,E, and F** are located on the ground floor in Duval Hall. Access to the John Hainkel Room is down a set of steps at the end of Duval Hall. An elevator is available.
- ➔ **Can't clap, snap, or cheer** in chamber or committee rooms.
- ➔ **Before testifying you should plan.**
- ➔ In committee meetings bills will either be: voluntarily deferred, involuntarily deferred, voted favorably, or unfavorably.
- ➔ **You may not approach the desk** to speak to committee members.
- ➔ The committee hearing is an opportunity to inform legislators of your position regarding pending legislation or just to observe the legislative process. However, the length of the meeting agenda and the number of people who wish to testify may require the imposition of time limitations. If you are with a group, it is advisable to appoint a spokesperson.
- ➔ Please place ALL cell phones and other electronic devices on vibrate mode. You may take phone calls in the hallway only, not in committee rooms.
- ➔ Food and drinks are prohibited in committee hallways and committee rooms.

What are Green Cards and Red Cards?

HOUSE WITNESS CARD - AFFIRMATION IN SUPPORT

Committee: _____ Date: _____

Representing: HB No. _____ HCR No. _____ HR No. _____
SB No. _____ SCR No. _____ Other: _____

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

PLEASE PRINT:
Name: _____
Representing: _____
Address: _____
Primary telephone: () _____ Cell: () _____
e-mail address: _____

Your signature appears on the back (and is a certification that your testimony is true and correct) and your name/number will appear on the hearing power roll.

HOUSE WITNESS CARD - AFFIRMATION IN OPPOSITION

Committee: _____ Date: _____

Representing: HB No. _____ HCR No. _____ HR No. _____
SB No. _____ SCR No. _____ Other: _____

CHOOSE ONE:
 I am present and would like to speak.
 I am present and will provide information, if requested.
 Although I do not wish to speak, I am present and in opposition.

PLEASE PRINT:
Name: _____
Representing: _____
Address: _____
Primary telephone: () _____ Cell: () _____
e-mail address: _____

Your signature appears on the back (and is a certification that your testimony is true and correct) and your name/number will appear on the hearing power roll.

- ➔ A **GREEN CARD** is submitted to show your support for a bill.
- ➔ A **RED CARD** is submitted to share your opposition to a bill.
- ➔ If you submit a card, you have the option to speak but do not have to speak.
- ➔ These Witness Cards are available in the committee room and overflow rooms on the witness tables. Carefully read, fill out, and sign the back of the witness card. Your signature is an oath that you will tell the truth. **If you wish to speak, please check the appropriate box on the card.** Please return completed cards to the designated staff member or sergeant-at-arms.
- ➔ **Important Note:** You must fill out a separate card for each bill you are supporting or opposing.
- ➔ **Your oral and written comments and positions stated on the cards are important and become part of the permanent public record.**



Louisiana Legislative Glossary

Absent: When a legislator is not present at a session to cast a vote

Act: Legislation that has been made into law. This means a bill has passed both the House of Representatives, the Senate, and been signed by the governor or the legislature overrode a veto. It is a permanent measure and is the law unless it is repealed.

Adjournment: Termination of a session for that day, with the hour and day of the next meeting being set.

Adjournment Sine Die: Final termination of a regular or special legislative session, no more legislation can be heard until a new session starts.

Amendment: Any alteration made (or proposed to be made) to a bill or clause by adding, deleting, substituting, or omitting language from the bill.

Author: The legislator who presents a bill or resolution.

Bill: A draft of a proposed law that is presented to the legislature.

Bill in the First Reading: A bill is introduced to a chamber (either the House of Representatives or the Senate)

Bill in the Second Reading: A bill is referred to a committee based on the intent of the bill.

Bill in the Third Reading: A bill is debated on the floor after passing out of committee.

Caucus: An informal meeting of a group of legislators, based on a shared identity or interest such as political party affiliation, gender, race, geographic location or specific issue.

Chamber: Official hall for the meeting of a legislative body, either the Senate or House of Representatives.

Clerk of the House or Senate: A non-legislator officer who is appointed or elected by the members of the House of Representatives or Senate to direct functions of the chamber.

Committee Report: When a committee votes to move a bill or resolution from the committee with (or without) a specific recommendation, such as “pass”, “passed with amendments” or “involuntarily deferred.”

Constituent: A citizen in a legislator’s district.

Green Card: Witness cards can be found in committee hearing rooms, green cards express support of a bill or issue and can be filled out to request to speak.

Fiscal: Dealing with state revenues and expenditures.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is the estimated amount of increase or decrease in revenue or expenditures that a piece of legislation would have and the present and future implications of a piece of pending legislation.

Hearing: Public discussion on a proposal or bill; usually scheduled by a committee. The hearing schedule can be found on the legislative website.

Legislative Committee: A group of legislators appointed by legislative leadership to consider and make recommendations on whether to send a bill to a full legislative vote. The Committees are in various topic areas and have chairs, vice chairs and members. Committees are where the public can provide written or oral testimony to legislators.

Legislative Session: The period when the legislature meets, in Louisiana it is typically April-June.

Line Item: Program number that is listed in an appropriations or budget bill.

Lobbyist: A representative of a special interest group whose function is to influence legislation affecting his special interest.

Majority Party: The political party having the greatest number of members in the legislature or in either chamber.



Louisiana Legislative Glossary

Minority Party: The political party having fewer numbers of members in the legislature or in either chamber.

Motion: Formal proposal made by a legislator.

Nonpartisan: Not affiliated with a particular party or caucus.

Partisan: Affiliated with a particular party or caucus.

Precedent: Unwritten rules that are established by custom and used as a basis for interpretation.

Profile: When a legislator files a bill before the opening of the session.

Red Card: Witness cards can be found in committee hearing rooms, red cards express opposition of a bill or issue and can be filled out to request to speak.

Repeal: Revoking or annulling a previous legislative action.

Representative: One of two elected officials each citizen has at the State House who serves as their district's spokesperson. A member of the House of Representatives.

Resolution: A document that expresses the sentiment or intent of a chamber, that governs the business of a chamber, or that expresses recognition by a chamber.

Roll Call: Names of the members being called in alphabetical order and recorded to take a vote on legislation or another topic.

Rules: Regulating principles or methods of legislative procedure.

Senator: One of two elected officials each citizen has at the State House who serves as their district's spokesperson. A member of the Senate.

Simple Majority: More than half of the votes or legislators.

Sponsor: The legislator who presents a bill or resolution for consideration.

Statute: A formal enactment of the written law.

Status of a Bill: The progress of a bill at any given time in the legislative process. It can be in committee, on the calendar, in one chamber, etc.

Sunset: Some legislation has a "sunset" which is when the contents of the law are no longer in effect.

Supermajority: More than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the votes or legislators.

Testimony: Written or spoken information provided by a legislator or public participant.

Veto Override: Vote by the legislature to pass a bill over a governor's veto.

Veto: When a bill passes both the House and Senate, it is sent to the Governor for their signature to be turned into law. If the Governor does not approve the bill, they "Veto" the bill, sending it back to the legislature.

White Card: Witness cards can be found in committee hearing rooms, white cards express that you are there and can provide information and does not indicate support or opposition.

Yeas and Nays: Recorded vote of members on an issue.



Louisiana Legislature's Standing Committees

House of Representatives

Administration of Criminal Justice

This committee hears bills that include topics such as criminal law, code of criminal procedure, controlled substance law and procedure, weapons, traffic offenses, prisons, juvenile justice, gambling, criminal justice generally, and other related topics.

Chair: Debbie Villio

Vice Chair: Vanessa LaFleur

Members: Dodie Horton, Roy Daryl Adams, Lauren Ventrella, Vincent Cox, Alonzo Knox, Joy Walters, Pat Moore, Chad Boyer, Bryan Fontenot, Jeff Wiley, Tony Bacala

Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural

This committee hears bills that include topics such as aquaculture, agricultural, and industrial chemistry, economics, and research, agriculture on public lands, animal industry, the forestry industries, livestock and meat products, rural development, and other agricultural generally.

Chair: Troy Romero

Vice Chair: C. Travis Johnson

Members: Chad Boyer, Beryl Amedee, Vinny St. Blanc, Adrian Fisher, Rhonda Butler, Chris Turner, Wayne McMahan, Larry Selders, John Wyble, Rodney Schamerhorn, Larry Bagley, Chance Henry, Kim Coates, Jacob Landry, Marcus Bryant, Danny McCormick, Francis Thompson

Appropriations

This committee hears bills that include topics such as appropriation and expenditure of state funds, the general appropriation bill, and the deposit and investment of public money. Additionally, the committee hears bills that study the economy and efficiency of government at all levels, budget requirements and procedures, and the comprehensive state capital budget after the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair: Jack McFarland

Vice Chair: Jason Hughes

Members: Larry Bagley, Dodie Horton, Adrian Fisher, Francis Thompson, Jason Dewitt, Chuch Owen, Dewith Carrier, Tory Romero, Rhonda Butler, Beryl Amedee, Zee Zeringue, C. Denise Marcelle, Roy Daryl Adams, Barbara Carpenter, Barbara Freiberg, Kim Coates, Stephanie Berault, John Illg, Tim Kerner, Rodney Lyons, Shane Mack, Aimee Freeman, Vanessa LaFleur

Civil Law and Procedure

This committee hears bills that include topics such as marriage, divorce, family law, Code of Civil Procedure, and civil procedure generally. Additionally they hear bills regarding notaries public and their records, civil Constitutional rights, proposed amendments to the state constitution, and other the civil law matters.

Chair: Nicky Muscarello

Vice Chair: Chris Turner

Members: Michael, Melerine, Ed Lavardain, Mike Johnson, Wilford Carter, Josh Carlson, Sylvia Taylor, Chad Brown, Lauren Ventrella, Emily Chenevert, Peter Egan, John Wyble, Kathy Edmonston, Brian Glorioso

Commerce

This committee hears bills that include topics such as regulation of banking; communication by telephone, telegraph, radio and television; registering and licensing of small boats; consumer protection; merchandising; Regulation, licensing, or certification of non health related occupations; Interest rates; Savings and loan and homestead associations; Small loan companies; Regulation and licensing of businesses and occupations; Corporations; Tourism; and Commerce generally.

Chair: Daryl Deshotel

Vice Chair: Polly Thomas

Members: Danny McCormick, Neil Riser, Shaun Mena, Edmond Jordon, Troy Herbert, Jacob Landry, Vinny St. Blanc, Jessica Domangue, Dixon McMakin, PaulaDacvis, Kyle Green, Vincent Cox, Kim Carver, Alonzo Knox, Stephanie Hilfery, Candace Newell, Delisha Boyd

Education

This committee hears bills that include topics such as schools and secondary education, school employees and their pay, colleges and universities, vocational technical education, adult education, the school lunch program, state and public libraries, and educational television.

Chair: Laurie Schlegel

Vice Chair: Beryl Amedee

Members: Chuck Owen, Barbara Carpenter, Barbara Freiberg, Michael Melerine, Sylvia Taylor, Kathy Edmonston, Vinny St. Blanc, Philip Tarver, Rashid Young, Ken Brass



Louisiana Legislature's Standing Committees

House of Representatives

Health and Welfare

This committee hears bills that include topics such as public and private hospitals, health offices and their administration, services for people with disabilities, mental health institutions, nursing homes, research training and rehabilitation for public welfare, the regulation of health related occupations, and health and welfare generally.

Chair: Dustin Miller

Vice Chair: Rhonda Butler

Members: Adrian Fisher, Stephanie Berault, Jason Hughes, Chris Turner, Emily Chenevert, Peter Egan, Steven Jackson, Kellee Hennessey Dickerson, Wayne McMahan, Michael Echols, Brach Myers, Larry Selders, Raymond Crews, Joe Stagni

House and Governmental Affairs

This committee hears bills that include topics such as legislative rules and procedures, use of funds by the Legislature, rules or laws regarding the Legislature or executive branches of governments, creation of all legislative committees, registrar of voters, and the operation of elections, state political parties and their committees, and other House legislative items.

Chair: Beau Beaulieu

Vice Chair: Rodney Lyons

Members: C. Denise Marcelle, Ed Larvadain, Mike Johnson, Wilford Carter, Josh Carlson, John Wyble, Polly Thomas, Kim Carver, Candace Newell, Delisha Boyd, Rodney Schamerhorn, Les Farnum, Beth Billings, Foy Gadberry, Mark Wright

Insurance

This committee hears bills that include topics such as private and public insurance systems, employment insurance, motor vehicle insurance, and other insurance related items.

Chair: Gabe Firment

Vice Chair: Chad Brown

Members: Larry Bagley, John Illg, Aimee Freeman, Brian Glorioso, Shaun Mena, Edmond Jordon, Troy Hebert, Kyle Green, Tammy Phelps, Jacob Braud, Dennis Bamburg, Chance Henry, Roger Wilder, Mandie Landry, Matthew Willard, Jay Galle

Judiciary

This committee hears bills that include topics such as the courts and the matters of the jurisdiction of these courts and judges. This committee also hears all matters relating to the Attorney General, District Attorneys and prosecutors, law enforcement and the Department of Public Safety, Sheriffs, clerks of court and records of the Courts, the National guard, Code of Military Justice and the Adjutant General, civil defense and disaster protection and state and local government boundary lines and miscellaneous matters not covered by other standing committees.

Chair: Robby Carter

Vice Chair: Kathy Edmonston

Members: Vanessa LaFleur, Lauren Ventrella, Jeff Wiley, Jason Hughes, Emily Chenevert, Kellee Hennessey Dickerson, Wilford Carter, Chad Brown, Troy Hebert, Kyle Green, Jacob Braud, Mandie Landry, Jay Galle, Zee Zeringue, Shane Mack, Jeremy Lacombe, Joe Orgeron

Labor and Industrial Relations

This committee hears bills that include topics such as wages and hours of labor, workers' compensation, labor standards, unemployment compensation, labor disputes and labor and industrial relations generally.

Chair: Raymond Crews

Vice Chair: Dodie Horton

Members: Joy Walters, Barbara Carpenter, Michael Melerine, Philip Tarver, Michael Echols, Ed Larvadain, Brian Glorioso, Shaun Mena, Tammy Phelps, Dennis Bamburg, Roger Wilder, Jason Dewsitt, Tehmi Chaisoon, Dixon McMakin



Louisiana Legislature's Standing Committees

House of Representatives

Municipal, Parochial, and Cultural Affairs

This committee hears bills that include topics such as local government, sewerage and water districts, assistance to municipal and local governments, local taxes, local ordinances, state and urban planning, state parks and recreational districts, museums and local and municipal affairs generally.

Chair: Foy Gadberry

Vice Chair: Barbara Freiberg

Members: Vincent Cox, Alonzo Knox, Pat Moore, Bryan Fontenot, Chuck Owen, Rashid Young, Steven Jackson, Joe Stagni, C. Denise Marcelle, Rodney Lyons, Kim Carver, Candace Newell, Les Farnum, Beth Billings, Matthew Willard, Jessica Domangue, Mike Bayham

Natural Resources and Environment

This committee hears bills that include topics such as conservation, wildlife and fisheries, mines, hunting, fishing, and recreational boating. Additionally, it hears bills regarding public lands, laws regulating minerals and mining, materials or substances which travel through pipelines, and other natural resources generally.

Chair: Brett Geymann

Vice Chair: Joe Orgeron

Members: Jason Dewitt, Dewith Carrier, Zee Zeringue, Kim Coates, Tim Kerner, Shane Mack, Neil Riser, Jacob Landry, C. Travis Johnson, Tehmi Chaisson, Jeremy Lacombe, Marcus Bryant, Danny McCormick

Retirement

This committee hears bills that include topics such as matters relating to retirement of all state officials, state employees, teachers and school employees, and judges.

Chair: Tony Bacala

Vice Chair: John Illg

Members: Roy Daryl Adams, Sylvia Taylor, Ken Brass, Stephanie Berault, Peter Egan, Brach Myers, Josh Carlson, Polly Thomas, Delisha Boyd, Aimee Freeman, Edmond Jordon, Dewith Carrier, Tim Kerner

Transportation

This committee hears bills that include topics such as highways, roads, and bridges, railroads, air, bus, and pipelines. Additionally, the committee hears bills regarding the construction, improvement, and maintenance of waterways, lakes, and streams.

Chair: Ryan Bourriaque

Vice Chair: Bryan Fontenot

Members: Steven Jackson, Tammy Phelps, Joy Walters, Pat Moore, C. Travis Johnson, Rodney Schamerhorn, Philip Tarver, Tehmi Chaisson, Chad Boyer, Kellee Hennessey Dickerson, Jeff Wiley, Jacob Braud

Ways and Means

This committee hears bills that include topics such as taxes, raising revenue, bonding of revenue, and state revenues generally.

Chair: Julie Emerson

Vice Chair: Ken Brass

Members: Dennis Bamburg, Wayne McMahan, Rashid Young, Michael Echols, Jeremy Lacombe, Les Farnum, Chance Henry, Brach Myers, Joe Orgeron, Beth Billings, Larry Selders, Roger Wilder, Mandie Landry, Marcus Bryant, Matthew Willard, Mike Bayham, Jay Galle



Louisiana Legislature's Standing Committees

Senate

Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

This committee hears bills that include topics such as agricultural chemistry, economics, research, production, promotion, marketing, and services generally. It also hears bills regarding the regulation of forestry, livestock and meat products, rural development, soil conservation, and other related items.

Chair: Stewart Cathey Jr.

Vice Chair: Glen Womack

Members: Katrina R. Jackson, John C. "Jay" Morris, Eddie J. Lambert

Commerce

This committee hears bills that include topics such as banking and its regulation, corporations, credit unions, small loan companies and the regulation, licensing and standards of professions, businesses and occupations. It also hears bills about tourism and communications by telephone, telegraph, radio, television or other media

Chair: Mike Reese

Vice Chair: Cameron Henry

Members: Mark Abraham, Stewart Cathey Jr., Patrick Connick, Cleo Fields, Jimmy Harris, John C. "Jay" Morris, Kirk Talbot

Education

This committee hears bills that include topics such as primary, secondary, vocational, and adult education. This committee hears bills regarding colleges and universities, state and public libraries, cultural affairs, museums, and the school lunch program.

Chair: Cleo Fields

Vice Chair: Katrina R. Jackson

Members: Mark Abraham, Beth Mizell, Kirk Talbot

Environmental Quality

This committee hears bills that include topics such as air quality, Hazardous waste, pollution, solid waste regulation, water resources, and environmental control and regulation generally.

Chair: Eddie J. Lambert

Ex Officio: Stewart Cathey, Jr.

Members: Patrick Connick, Royce Duplessis, Bob Hensgens, Edward J. Price

Finance

This committee hears bills that include topics such as the appropriation of state funds, budget requirements and procedures, fiscal controls, the general appropriations bill, and general finance matters.

Vice Chair: Heather Cloud

Members: Mark Abraham, Regina Barrow, Gerald Boudreaux, Michael "Big Mike" Fesi, Jimmy Harris, Cameron, Glen Womack

Interim Members: Katrina R. Jackson

Health and Welfare

This committee hears bills that include topics such as child care facilities, elderly affairs, public and private hospitals, nursing homes, veterans affairs, vocational rehabilitation, and other health and welfare topics.

Vice Chair: Regina Barrow

Members: Gerald Boudreaux, Gary Carter, Bob Hensgens, Jay Luneau, Patrick McMath, Beth Mizell

Insurance

This committee hears bills that include topics such as casualty, health, life, property, and other insurance topics.

Chair: Kirk Talbot

Ex Officio: Mike Reese

Members: Royce Duplessis, Michael "Big Mike" Fesi, Katrina R. Jackson, Jeremy Stine, Barrow Peacock

Interim Members: Joseph Bouie



Louisiana Legislature's Standing Committees

Senate

Judiciary A/Judiciary B/Judiciary C

These committees may hear bills that include topics such as the Attorney General, District Attorneys, prosecutors, clerks of court and records of the courts. They include topics regarding the Department of Corrections, prisons, jails, rehabilitation, juvenile code, criminal code, the Department of Public Safety, state police, Sheriffs, and the National Guard. This committee hears bills regarding the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Family Courts, Municipal and Parish Courts, Mayor's Courts, Justice of the Peace Courts, and Juvenile Courts, including traffic offenses. This committee hears bills related to the Civil Code such as marriage, divorce, and family law. It also hears controlled dangerous substance law and procedure, weapons and explosives, and the administration of criminal justice generally.

This committee may also hear bills related to constitutional rights or state boundary lines.

Judiciary A Members:

Vice Chair: Jimmy Harris

Members: Heather Cloud, Cleo Fields, Jay Luneau, Jeremy Stine

Judiciary B members:

Members: Joseph Bouie, Cameron Henry, Patrick McMath, Mike Reese, Kirk Talbot

Judiciary C Members:

Chair: Franklin J. Foil

Vice Chair: Mark Abraham

Members: Regina Barrow, Gary Carter, Caleb Kleinpeter, Beth Mizell

Labor and Industrial Relations

This committee may hear bills that include topics such as child labor, collective bargaining, employment insurance, labor disputes, unemployment compensation, wages and hours of labor, and other labor matters.

Chair: Jay Luneau

Vice Chair: John C. "Jay" Morris

Members: Regina Barrow, Stewart Cathey Jr., Royce Duplessis, Jeramy Stine, Glen Womack

Local and Municipal Affairs

This committee hears bills including topics related to local government activities and their employees, parish governing authorities and tax collection, local tax revenue, and urban, parochial and regional planning. It also includes bills related to drainage, sewerage, water, and economic development districts and the department of Urban and Community Affairs and Local, parochial and municipal affairs generally.

Chair: Joseph Bouie

Vice Chair: Gerald Boudreaux

Members: Heather Cloud, Franklin J. Foil, Cameron Henry,

Natural Resources

This committee hears bills including topics such as conservation, mines, minerals, mineral codes, parks and recreation, pipelines, wildlife and fisheries, public and private lands and other natural resources.

Chair: Bob Hensgens

Vice Chair: Michael "Big Mike" Fesi

Members: Patrick Connick, Eddie J. Lambert, Patrick McMath

Retirement

This committee hears bills including topics such as retirement systems supported in whole or in part by funds of the state, retirement of state officials, employees, judges, school employees, teachers, and other state employees.

Chair: Edward J. Price

Members: Cleo Fields, Bob Hensgens, Beth Mizell, Kirk Talbot

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs

This committee hears bills including topics such as taxes, revenue measures including collection, bond issuance, the bond portion of the comprehensive state capital budget, the Department of Revenue and Taxation, Tax Commission and the Board of Tax Appeals, the investment of public monies.

Vice Chair: Patrick Connick

Members: Joseph Bouie, Eddie J. Lambert, Jay Luneau, Patrick McMath, John C. "Jay" Morris, Mike Reese

Interim Members: Stewart Cathey Jr., Jeremy Stine



Louisiana Legislature's Standing Committees

Senate

Senate and Governmental Affairs

This committee hears bills that include topics such as apportionment for public officials and governing authorities, creation of all legislative committees and proposals for interim studies by committees, governmental ethics, rules and procedures of the Senate and the Legislature, and election, state political parties and their committees and offices, and other matters relating to government affairs.

Chair: Joseph Bouie

Members: Franklin Foil, Caleb Kleinpeter, Edward J. Price, Glen Womack

Transportation, Highway, and Public Works

This committee hears bills that include topics such as highways, roads, bridges, ports, railroads, air, bus, levee districts, and pipelines.

Chair: Patrick McMath

Vice Chair: Gary Carter

Members: Edward J. Price, Bob Hensgens