

# **2021-22 COMMITTEE RULES**

## ***Kansas House of Representatives***

### ***Financial Institutions & Rural Development***

1. In any case where committee rules do not apply, House Rules shall govern. All powers, duties and responsibilities not addressed herein are reserved to the Chair.
2. Cell phones and other electronic devices with audible tones are prohibited in the Committee Room unless audible tones or ringers are disabled.
3. The Chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and order of business. The Chair may also bring to discussion and possible vote, any previously heard at any time.
4. All bills to be introduced will be required a Revisor number (RS#) prior to introduction. When introducing please give the RS#, briefly explain what the intent of the bill and indicate who has requested the bill be introduced.
5. The Chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature and may limit testimony when necessary to a specific number of minutes.
6. Committee members shall not address conferees until and unless recognized by the Chair.
7. The Chair reserves the right to limit questioning of conferees by committee members in the interest of time and in the interest of fairness to conferee and other committee members.
8. No conferee shall be interrupted during their presentation, except with the permission of the Chair.
9. Questioning of the conferee shall be limited to the subject matter on the agenda for the day, except as may otherwise be allowed by the Chair.
10. Committee members shall not be approached during the committee hearing or deliberations by anyone other than a fellow legislative member or legislative staff.
11. No bill or resolution shall be taken up for a committee vote unless announced by the Chair.
12. A motion requires a second to be in order.
13. A substitute motion is in order, but no additional substitute motion shall be in order until the prior substitute motion is disposed of.
14. Amendments to a bill must be “germane” to the area of law that is being proposed or changed.
15. A motion to table or take from the table shall be in order only when such items is on the agenda or is taken up by the Chair. The motion requires a simple majority of those present and is, unless otherwise determined by the Chair, non-debatable. A successful motion to “table a bill” shall lay the bill over a minimum of one day.

16. There shall be no audio, video or photo recording of committee voting except by the Committee Assistant.

17. A request from any member that their vote be recorded shall be granted.

18. Granting excused absences is reserved to the Chair.

19. The Chair reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.

20. The Chair may allow for testimony to be taken via WebEx if the Chair allows for live video testimony, the privilege shall be extended to any conferee appearing before the committee.

21. The Chair may allow committee members to participate via WebEx, and the Chair may also hold a committee meeting entirely via WebEx.

22. Members participating in a meeting via WebEx must do so without any other member, registered lobbyist or executive branch employee in their presence or in contemporaneous communication with that member. If possible, please participate in the WebEx meeting from inside your Capitol office.

23. No member shall vote via WebEx on any question before the committee unless such member is in the Statehouse preferably inside their office, when casting his or her vote, as each vote cast must comply with Rule 20.

24. Adjournment is reserved to the Chair, and the Chair reserves the right to adjourn the meeting at any time. No motion to adjourn shall be entertained.