2021 Session
House & Senate Committee
Procedures – Bill Hearings & More
House Bill Hearings

- Bill hearings will begin on January 14, 2021 on pre-filed bills.
- Witness sign-up will be opened online 48 hours before the bill hearing beginning at 10am until 3pm.
- Witnesses can sign up on Thursdays for Monday hearings and Fridays for Tuesday hearings.
- The witness sign-up software will not allow witnesses to sign up as a panel. (Exception is Sponsor’s panel.)
- The specific bill order will be posted the day before the hearing. If a bill hearing is scheduled for a Monday, the hearing order will post on Friday.
- The House standing committees will cap bill hearings at a maximum of 50 witnesses per bill.
House Committee Working Hours

House committee work will occur during the following time blocks:

• Mondays: 1:30pm – 5:30pm
• Tuesdays through Thursdays: 11am – 12:30pm; 1:30pm – 5:30pm; 6:30pm – 8:30pm
• Fridays: 11am – 12:30pm; 1:30pm – 5:30pm
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• During the first part of session, on days when the Senate floor does not meet, bill hearings generally will begin no earlier than 11:00 AM, as determined by the Chair of the Committee.

• There will be up to four (4) witnesses in favor (proponents), two (2) favorable with amendments (FWA) witnesses, and four (4) witnesses in opposition.

• The bill sponsor will be able to select up to three (3) witnesses to testify on the Senator’s bill.

• All witnesses, with the exception of the witnesses selected by the sponsor, must create a “My MGA” account through the MGA website and must sign up through the MGA website.
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- Witness sign up will open two (2) business days in advance of a scheduled bill hearing and will be open from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Sponsor witnesses will be submitted to the committee by the sponsor of the bill and should not sign up through the MGA website.
- Late witness sign up will not be allowed.
- All selected witnesses will be notified of their selection the night before the scheduled bill hearing, and will receive the Zoom log-in information at that time.
- Witnesses cannot designate someone else to take their slot.
- All witnesses must have their cameras on for their testimony.