

LEGISLATURES

**Table 3.23
STANDING COMMITTEES: APPOINTMENT AND NUMBER**

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Committee members appointed by:</i>		<i>Committee chairpersons appointed by:</i>		<i>Number of standing committees during regular 1999 session (a)</i>	
	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>
Alabama	P (b),PT	S	P (b),PT	S	24	23
Alaska	CC (c)	CC (c)	CC (c)	CC (c)	17 (d)	17 (d)
Arizona	P	S	P	S	11 (d)	25 (d)
Arkansas	CC	(e)	CC	S	16	15
California	CR	S (f)	CR	S	25	30
Colorado	MjL, MnL	S	MjL	S	11	11(d)
Connecticut	PT	S	PT	S	(f)	(f)
Delaware	PT	S (g)	PT	S	25	24
Florida	P	S	P	S	19 (d)	44 (d)
Georgia	P (b)	S	P (b)	S	23	33
Hawaii	P (h)	(i)	P (h)	(i)	12	18
Idaho	PT (j)	S	PT	S	10	14
Illinois	P, MnL	S, MnL	P	S	17	34
Indiana	PT	S	PT	S	19	18
Iowa	MjL, MnL (k)	S	MjL (k)	S	15	16
Kansas	(l)	S	(l)	S	16 (d)	20 (d)
Kentucky	CC	CC	CC	CC	13	19
Louisiana	P	S (m)	P	S	17	17
Maine	P	S	P	S	4 (f)	6 (f)
Maryland	P	S	P	S	6 (d)	8 (d)
Massachusetts	P	S, MnL	P	S	8 (f)	11 (f)
Michigan	MjL	S	MjL	S	19 (d)	23 (d)
Minnesota	(n)	S	(n)	S	27	27
Mississippi	P (b,o)	S (o)	P (b, o)	S (o)	35	35
Missouri	PT (p)	S, MnL	PT	S	21 (d)	46 (d)
Montana	CC	S	CC	S	13	13
Nebraska	CC	U	CC	U	14	U
Nevada	(q)	S	(q)	S	9	12
New Hampshire	P (r)	S (s)	P (r)	S	18 (d)	24 (d)
New Jersey	P	S	P	S	14 (d)	20 (d)
New Mexico	CC	S	CC	S	9	17
New York	PT (t)	S	PT (t)	S	32	37
North Carolina	PT	S	PT	S	24	40
North Dakota	CC	S	CC	S	11	11
Ohio	(u)	S	(u)	S	13 (d)	22 (d)
Oklahoma	PT, MnL	S	PT	S	22 (d)	28 (d)
Oregon	P	S	P	S	13(d)	9(d)
Pennsylvania	PT	CC (v)	PT	S	22	25
Rhode Island	MjL	S	MjL	S	6 (d)	9 (d)
South Carolina	E (w)	S	E	E	14	7
South Dakota	(x)	S	(x)	S	13	13
Tennessee	S	S	S	S	9	14
Texas	P (b)	S (y)	P (b)	S	13	38
Utah	P	S	P	S	11	15
Vermont	CC	S	CC	S	12	15
Virginia	E	S	(z)	S	11	20
Washington	P (b,aa)	S (bb)	P (b,aa)	S (cc)	15	19
West Virginia	P	S	P	S	18 (d)	15 (d)
Wisconsin	(dd)	S	(dd)	S	14 (d)	40 (d)
Wyoming	P (ee)	S (ee)	P (ee)	S (ee)	12	12
Dist. of Columbia	(ff)	U	(ff)	U	9	U
No. Mariana Islands	P	S	P	S	8	7
U.S. Virgin Islands	P	U	P	U	9	U

See footnotes at end of table.

STANDING COMMITTEES: APPOINTMENT AND NUMBER — Continued

Sources: State legislative rule books and manuals.

Key:

CC — Committee on Committees

CR — Committee on Rules

E — Election

MjL — Majority Leader

MnL — Minority Leader

P — President

PT — President pro tempore

S — Speaker

U — Unicameral Legislature

(a) According to state Internet sites and Senate and House clerk offices, May 2000.

(b) Lieutenant governor is president of the senate.

(c) Report of Committee on Committees is subject to approval by majority vote of chamber's membership.

(d) Also, joint standing committees. Alaska, 4; Arizona, 1; Colorado, 12; Florida, 6; Kansas, 16; Maryland, 12, (joint statutory); Michigan, 1; Mississippi, 1; Missouri 11; New Hampshire, 5; New Jersey, 3; Ohio, 5; Oklahoma, 3; Oregon, 2; Rhode Island, 7; West Virginia, 8; Wisconsin, 8.

(e) Members of the standing committees shall be selected by House District Caucuses with each caucus selecting five members for each "A" standing committee and five members for each "B" standing committee.

(f) Substantive standing committees are joint committees. Connecticut, 22; Maine, 17; Massachusetts, 23.

(g) Shall include members of both political parties.

(h) President appoints committee members and chairs; minority members on committees are nominated by minority party caucus.

(i) By resolution, with members of majority party designating the chair, vice-chairs and majority party members of committees, and members of minority party designating minority party members.

(j) Committee members appointed by the senate leadership under the direction of the president pro tempore, by and with the senate's advice.

(k) Appointments made after consultation with the president.

(l) Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules.

(m) Speaker appoints only 12 of the 19 members of the Committee on Appropriations.

(n) Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

(o) Senate: except Rules Committee; House: except Rules and Management Committees.

(p) Membership shall be composed of majority and minority party members in the same proportion as in the total membership of the senate.

(q) Committee composition and leadership usually determined by party caucus.

(r) Appointments made after consultation with the minority leader.

(s) Speaker appoints minority members with advice of the minority floor leader.

(t) President pro tempore is also majority leader.

(u) Appointed by senate.

(v) Makes recommendation to the house.

(w) Seniority system is retained in process.

(x) Presiding officer announces committee membership after selection by president pro tempore, majority and minority leaders.

(y) A maximum of one-half of the membership on each standing committee, exclusive of the chair

and vice chair, is determined by seniority; the remaining membership is appointed by the speaker.

(z) Senior members of the majority part on the committee is the chair.

(aa) Confirmed by the senate.

(bb) By each party caucus.

(cc) By majority caucus.

(dd) Committee on Senate Organization.

(ee) With the advice and consent of the Rules and Procedures Committee.

(ff) Chair of the Council.