



Alabama Youth Legislature Session Guidelines

Committee – You are assigned a Committee based on the content of your bill. Authors of more than one bill must arrange with the chairperson of the Committee where their bill is assigned, in order to make an appearance before each relevant Committee.

Special Order Calendar – The Governor and his Cabinet have selected 3 bills in each chamber that they wish to see considered immediately on the floor of each chamber. These bills will be the first 3 bills heard in each chamber.

Floor Debate – When addressing the chamber, be sure to say “Madame / Mister Speaker” (House and First Year) or “Madame / Mister President” (Senate). You will then give your name and delegation and inform them of your action (i.e. Address the chamber, ask the patron a series of questions, yield, etc...)

Resource Advisors – Each chamber will have College Staff members dedicated to providing research to delegates concerning other delegate’s bills (research on delegate’s own bills should have been completed prior to the conference.) Research request forms will be found in the back of each chamber at the Research Request Station. Completed research requests will be returned in a timely manner to the Research Request Station.

Pages – Pages are to carry only messages pertaining to the debate on the floor. Non-relevant messages will be destroyed.

Supreme Court – Any legislator (House, Senate or First Year) may challenge the constitutionality of *any* bill regardless of it’s status. Delegates wishing to challenge a bill’s constitutionality must go to room 727 and officially challenge the bill. If the Supreme Court accepts the case, you will be summoned alongside the bills author to debate the constitutionality of the bill in front of the Supreme Court. The Attorney General will be available to assist delegates in preparing to challenge the constitutionality of a bill. *It is important to know that the decision of the Supreme Court is an opinion and has no official bearing on the passage of a bill, it’s place on a docket, or the Governor’s signing decision. The Supreme Court’s decision can be used in the course of debate on a bill.*

Electronic Devices – **No electronic devices are permitted on the floor of any chamber.** This includes cell phones and laptops. Any member found to be in possession of an electronic device on the floor of a chamber will be escorted from that chamber.

Other Requests:

- Please do not use the vending machines in the Statehouse
- Please respect the property of our Senators and Representatives by not touching anything on their desks, opening the drawers, or adjusting the microphones.
- If you have any questions, please ask your advisor for help.
- Stay on floors 5 – 8 of the Statehouse during sessions. Do not explore other areas of the Statehouse as they are off limits.
- Food, drink, or chewing gum is NOT allowed in the Statehouse or Capitol.