

EAIC Committee Rules For the 2021-2022 Interim Session

At the July 22, 2021 organizational meeting, the EAIC committee members voted to adopt the [Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines](#) for Interim Committees approved by the Legislative Council. Specific to EAIC, members decided the following:

- Proxy votes will be allowed, provided the committee member submits the proxy in writing to staff prior to the commencement of the meeting.

At the September 22, 2021 EAIC meeting, members voted to add the following language to the rules:

- "A meeting concerning an interim committee's review of a ballot issue is not considered a regular or special meeting. A meeting concerning an interim committee's review of a ballot issue may be convened by the presiding officer upon notice appropriate to the circumstances. If the meeting is scheduled with less than three days' notice, the committee chair shall use all practical means to disseminate notice of the hearing to the public."

Possible Amendment to EAIC Rules to Address Ballot Issue Review
Timelines

For consideration at the committee's September 2021 meeting

Page 1 of Legislative Council's Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees would be amended to add a New Subsection G in the Quorums/Parliamentary Procedures Section:

QUORUMS/PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

A. Meetings of legislative interim committees (committees) are held in the State Capitol unless designated by the presiding officer.

B. Regular meetings are publicly noticed 10 days prior to each meeting.

C. Public notice includes posting to the Legislative Branch website the time, location, and agenda of meetings, disseminating the material to news media, committee members, and interested persons. Staff of the Legislative Services Division (LSD) shall maintain an updated mailing list of persons stating an interest in each committee's activities. Anyone who requests to be included on the mailing list must be included. If practical and feasible, notice may also be given by U.S. mail, email, fax, or other means.

D. A majority of members at any meeting or the presiding officer may call a special meeting with at least 24-hour notice to the members. A special meeting may not include agenda items that require a public hearing.

E. Meetings of committees and subcommittees are conducted under the established rules of the Montana Senate as to quorums and parliamentary procedure.

F. Meetings may provide for remote meeting participation by members and the public.

G. A meeting concerning an interim committee's review of a ballot issue is not considered a regular or special meeting. A meeting concerning an interim committee's review of a ballot issue may be convened by the presiding officer upon notice appropriate to the circumstances. If the meeting is scheduled with less than 3-days' notice, the committee chair shall use all practical means to disseminate notice of the hearing to the public.