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## 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NAVIGATING A BRAVE NEW WORLD:  
A VIRTUAL LEGISLATURE

### WHO ARE WE?

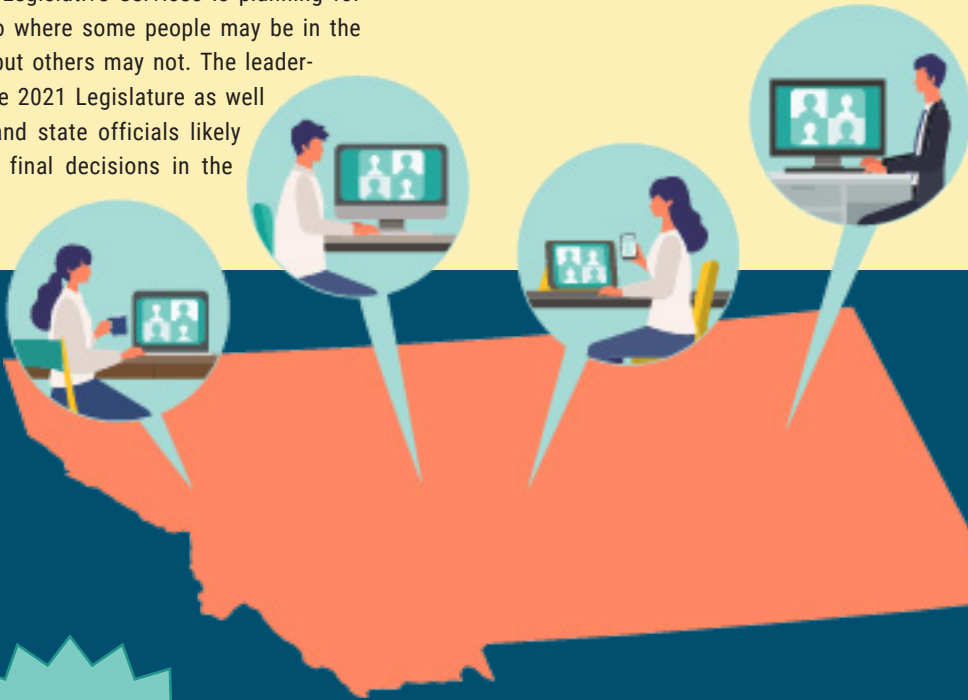
Within Legislative Service Division, is the Office of Legislative Information Services (OLIS). We are a team of professional thinkers and fixers. If it has anything to do with electronics needed for the Legislature, we are here to help. This includes network connection, printing, and email support and as much help as we or a contractor can provide for laptops, tablets and smartphones.

Contact us as soon as possible with hardware, software, or internet connection questions.  
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## WHAT WILL THE 2021 SESSION LOOK LIKE?

The crystal ball Legislative Services uses to see the future is in the shop for repairs. However, it is likely that some legislators and the public may participate remotely this session, mostly likely over the Zoom videoconference software. Legislative Services is planning for a scenario where some people may be in the building, but others may not. The leadership of the 2021 Legislature as well as local and state officials likely will make final decisions in the fall.

An official legislative email is an option to keep legislative business and other correspondence separate. While the official email address is not a requirement, OLIS will need a personal email address to conduct legislative business.



HOW FAST IS YOUR INTERNET CONNECTION?

## RUN A SPEED TEST

[HTTPS://WWW.HIGHSPEEDINTERNET.COM/TOOLS/SPEED-TEST](https://www.highspeedinternet.com/tools/speed-test)

## HOW TO GET GOING?

OLIS provides:

- » An authentication application on a smartphone or other device to ensure secure remote voting;
- » Bookmarked websites for legislative information, voting, virtual floor sessions and hearings, and communications.
- » An optional program installed on a legislator's device that allows OLIS to provide remote computer support;
- » Instructions, tips, and tricks on using systems, websites, and whatever else.

## WHAT DO YOU NEED?

- » A laptop or tablet
- » At least Windows 10 or MacOS 10 operating system
- » Chrome is the preferred internet browser, others will work.
- » An antivirus program
- » A microphone and webcam
- » An internet connection that is reliable (rarely drops) and a speed of 25 Mbps download speed and at least 3 Mbps upload speed.  
*Not sure? Run a speed test!*

## WHAT MIGHT MAKE THINGS EASIER?

At least one monitor 15" or larger • A smartphone • A printer