
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 74
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Introduced: 1/26/26
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Senate Standing Rule 12: Standing Committees

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution amends the Standing Rules of the Senate for the 2025-26 Regular session, effective February 1, 2026.

ANALYSIS: Senate Rule 12 provides the creation of the standing committees and the subject matter for each of the standing committees.

This resolution amends Senate Rule 12 to create the following standing committees for the 2025-26 Regular Session:

- 1) Agriculture. Bills relating to agriculture.
- 2) Appropriations. Bills that are subject to Joint Rule 10.5 and are not referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. Bills that constitute a state-mandated local program.
- 3) Banking and Financial Institutions. Bills relating to financial institutions, lending, and corporations.
- 4) Budget and Fiscal Review. The Budget Bill and bills implementing the Budget. Bills that directly affect the State Budget, including deficiencies and reappropriations.
- 5) Business, Professions and Economic Development. Bills relating to business and professional practices, licensing, and regulations. Bills relating to economic development, commerce, and international trade.
- 6) Education. Bills relating to education, higher education, and related programs. Bills relating to education employee issues and collective bargaining.

- 7) Elections and Constitutional Amendments. Bills relating to elections and constitutional amendments, ballot measures, the Political Reform Act of 1974, and elected officials.
- 8) Emergency Management. Bills relating to the California Emergency Services Act, the Office of Emergency Services, statewide and local disaster and emergency response, wildfire response, earthquake mitigation, mutual aid systems, and emergency communications.
- 9) Energy, Utilities and Communications. Bills relating to public utilities and carriers, energy companies, alternative energy development and conservation, and communications development and technology.
- 10) Environmental Quality. Bills relating to environmental quality, environmental health, air quality, water quality, waste management, recycling, toxics, and hazardous materials and waste.
- 11) Governmental Organization. Bills relating to horse racing, public gaming, and alcoholic beverages. Bills relating to state government organization and bills regarding the use of state-controlled lands and buildings, state contracting, and interstate compacts.
- 12) Health. Bills relating to public health, alcohol and drug use, mental health, health insurance, managed care, long-term care, and related institutions.
- 13) Housing. Bills relating to housing and community redevelopment.
- 14) Human Services. Bills relating to welfare, social services and support, and related institutions.
- 15) Insurance. Bills relating to insurance, indemnity, surety, and warranty agreements.
- 16) Judiciary. Bills amending the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, Evidence Code, Family Code, and Probate Code. Bills relating to courts, judges, and court personnel. Bills relating to liens, claims, and unclaimed property. Bills relating to privacy and consumer protection (other than data privacy issues and consumer protection issues related to information technology).
- 17) Labor, Public Employment and Retirement. Bills relating to labor, industrial safety, unemployment, workers' compensation and insurance. Bills relating to state and local public agency collective bargaining; state and local nonschool public employees; noncertificated and classified public school employees;

public retirement systems; public employees' compensation and employment benefits, including retirement and health care; and state social security administration.

- 18) Local Government. Bills relating to local governmental procedure and organization. Bills relating to land use. Bills that have been considered by other committees having jurisdiction of the appropriate subject, for consideration of any questions relating to local government administration.
- 19) Military and Veterans Affairs. Bills relating to veterans, military affairs, and armories. Bills amending the Military and Veterans Code.
- 20) Natural Resources and Water. Bills relating to conservation and the management of public resources, fish and wildlife, regulation of mining, geothermal development, wetlands and lakes, global atmospheric effects, ocean and bay pollution, coastal resources, forestry practices, recreation, parks, and historical resources. Bills relating to water supply management.
- 21) Privacy, Digital Technologies, and Consumer Protection. Bills relating to data privacy, artificial intelligence, digital and information technologies and systems, and the consumer protection and security of personal information. Bills relating to the Department of Technology and the California Privacy Protection Agency.
- 22) Public Safety. Bills amending the Evidence Code, relating to criminal procedure; the Penal Code; and statutes of a penal nature. Bills relating to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Board of State and Community Corrections.
- 23) Revenue and Taxation. Bills relating to state and local revenues and taxation, except bills described in subdivision (a) of Rule 28.9.
- 24) Rules. Proposed amendments to the rules and other matters relating to the business of the Legislature.
- 25) Transportation. Bills relating to the operation, safety, equipment, transfer of ownership, licensing, and registration of vehicles, aircraft, and vessels. Bills relating to the Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Bills relating to highways, public transportation systems, and airports.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 1/28/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 1/28/26)

None received

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