

**JOINT SENATE AND HOUSE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE RULES  
2015 – 2017 BIENNIUM**

A quorum of the Justice System Appropriations Joint Subcommittee is declared to be a majority of the members of the House Subcommittee and a majority of the members of the Senate Subcommittee.

Final action by the joint subcommittee in the adoption of rules and in the making of recommendations will require, on separate roll call vote, a majority vote of the members of the House Subcommittee and a majority vote of the Senate Subcommittee. However, other action shall require only a simple majority of each house present.

No rule or rules of this joint subcommittee shall be suspended, altered or eliminated except by the recorded affirmative vote of a simple majority of committee members of each house.

The Chair of the Senate Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee and the Chair of the House Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee will serve as co-chairpersons of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee and preside on alternate days or upon arrangement agreed to by the co-chairs.

The secretary of the Senate Chair and the secretary of the House Chair will serve cooperatively as co-secretaries of the joint subcommittee and keep minutes and separate records of the joint committee action.

Department budget hearings will be scheduled by the Subcommittee Chairpersons at times established by the legislative leadership and the Chairpersons of the Appropriations Subcommittee. The hearing schedule will be coordinated with the Legislative Services Agency, Fiscal Services Division.

The budget recommendation for a department will not be voted upon the same day the department's budget request is heard.

Any amendments to the Justice System Appropriations Bill should be in written form with the exception of corrective or nonsubstantive amendments. Budget recommendations approved by the joint subcommittee will be prepared in bill form as ordered by the Legislative Services Agency.

Any person possessing a wireless device, such as a telephone or pager, during Committee meetings must make certain the wireless device is not audible to any other person in the Committee meeting. All telephone conversations that are not related to Subcommittee business shall be conducted outside the committee room.

Whenever Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure does not conflict with rules specifically adopted by the subcommittee, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the deliberations of the subcommittee.