

Preparing for Legislative Session

Use this tool to ensure legislative committee members have key information regarding your state’s legislative session.

		Notes
	When is the legislature in session?	
	Do legislators hold pre-session meetings or hearings?	
	When can bills be introduced?	
	Can bills from the previous session be carried over?	
	Is there a limit on the number of bills a legislator can introduce?	
	How do the bills move through the chamber(s) of your legislature?	
	What happens after a bill passes both chambers? Is there a veto session?	
	Do all introduced bills get a hearing?	
	Is there a crossover date for legislation?	
	What are the procedures for providing written and in-person testimony?	
	What are the rules governing special sessions?	
	Who are the legislature's majority/minority leaders?	
	What are the key committees that consider library-related bills and who leads those committees?	
	Who are the other power brokers at your state capital that wield influence?	
	Who are the people in your organization that coordinate legislative advocacy? In the partner organizations in your state?	