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Welcome to your 2023 Hawver Kansas Legislative Guide

This is the year when party-line votes are going to tell the story on just what the Legislature/governor do/don't do to the rest of us in Kansas this year – a year when the state is hip-deep in spare cash.

Real issue this year: how much more taxpayer money the Legislature wants stored away in the state treasury with a now-projected ending balance of \$2.3 billion this fiscal year plus \$1 billion in the separate “Rainy Day” fund. Oh, and of course, whether taxpayers want that much money taken from their wallets/purses.

With Democrat Gov. Laura Kelly starting her

second – and last – term as captain of the ship, and Republicans holding on to their veto-override majorities in the House and Senate, this will be the session in which the GOP majority likely will determine whether gubernatorial vetoes will stand or fall. It takes 84 House votes to override a veto, and the Republicans' 85 members and Democrats' 40 members will make those votes attention-grabbers. Just two party-line crossing Republicans can sustain a veto.

The Senate? With 28 Republicans, 11 Democrats and Independent Sen. Dennis Pyle, the

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Inside your Guide

It's your guide to where every legislator is every hour of the day so you can figure when a lawmaker might have time to talk or where to position yourself to catch him/her between committees.

Also, here are the offices, the names of secretaries, office assistants and the Legislative Research and Revisors of Statutes staffers who sit at the front of committee rooms. You'll know who is who virtually every place you go in the Statehouse...

Oh, and because the Legislature tends to march on its stomach, we have the ever-popular “Eats” section herein. And if you're diligent, you'll never miss a lawmaker's birthday. You'll learn their ages...but discretion is a virtue, we'll told. And for everyone's safety, we're not publishing anyone's weight.

While *Hawver's Capitol Report* is delivered electronically, this Guide lends itself to paper so you can carry it with you during the session. We'll e-mail subscribers updates for their Guides as needed -- and there absolutely will be updates -- everything at the Statehouse is fluid!

Want to watch legislative action from home? Check out “KS Legislature” on YouTube and <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>, specifically the items under Audio-Visual in the upper right corner.

Hope you find the Guide useful. Thanks for subscribing, and encouraging others to subscribe, too, if you don't mind. Good luck with the 2023 Legislature.

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Key Dates

Jan. 9 – Both houses convened.

Jan. 30 – Last day for individual legislators to request bill drafts.

Feb. 6 – Last day for non-exempt committees to request bill drafts.

Feb. 8 – Last day for introduction of bills by individual members.

Feb. 10 – Last day for non-exempt committees to introduce bills.

Feb. 21 – Last day for morning and afternoon committees to meet.

Feb. 22, 23 – On the floor all day.

Feb. 24 – Turnaround Day: Last day for consideration of bills by non-exempt committees in the house of origin.

Feb. 25-28 – No session.

March 24 – Last day for bills to be considered by non-exempt committees.

March 29 – Last day for non-exempt bills to be considered in either chamber.

March 30-April 2 – No session but conference committees may meet.

April 3-5 – Conference committees meet.

April 6 – Drop Dead Day for non-exempt bills, first adjournment.

April 7 – Spring break begins!

April 24-25 – Proforma days.

April 26 – Veto session opens.

April 29 – 90th Day, supposed last day of session.

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House Speaker Dan Hawkins, R-Wichita
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Senate Republicans: Assistant Majority Leader Sen. Renee Erickson, R-Wichita; Majority Whip Rick Kloos, R-Berryton.

Senate Democrats: Assistant Minority Leader Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau, D-Wichita; Minority Whip Sen. Pat Pettey, D-Kansas City; Agenda Chair Sen. Marci Francisco, D-Lawrence; Cau-

House Republicans: Assistant Majority Leader Rep. Les Mason, R-McPherson;

Majority Whip Rep. Susan Estes, R-Wichita; GOP Caucus Chair Rep. Kristey Williams, R-Augusta.

House Democrats: Assistant Minority Leader Rep. Valdenia Winn, D-Kansas City; Minority Whip Rep. Stephanie Clayton, D-Overland Park; Minority Agenda Chair Rep. Jerry Stogsdill, D-Prairie Village; Democrat Caucus Chair Rep. Barbara Ballard, D-Lawrence; Democrat Policy Chair Rep. Christine Haswood, D-Lawrence.



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2023 Legislature: Committees

Again this year: We're giving you a full-immersion baptism into the legislative committees, one comprehensive listing, in which you can find the meeting times and dates, committee leaders and members, committee secretaries, and Revisor and Legislative Research folks assigned to each committee. These listings, on pages 6 to 18, also are helpful when used in conjunction with "The Ultimate Guide" on pages 19 to 22.

2023 Legislature: Senate Committees

Agriculture & Natural Resources

- 8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 144-S
- 9 members, 7R/2D

Chair Dan Kerschen, R-Garden Plain

Vice Chair Ron Ryckman Sr., R-Meade

Ranking Minority Mary Ware, D-Wichita

Members:

John Doll, R-Garden City

Michael Fagg, R-El Dorado

Marci Francisco, D-Lawrence

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Virgil Peck, R-Havana

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Revisor: Tamara Lawrence,

Amelia Kovar-Donohue

Research: Heather O'Hara, Elaine Rudder

Secretary: Judy Marks, 785-296-7353

Assessment & Taxation

- 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 548-S
- 11 members, 8R/3D

Chair Caryn Tyson, R-Parker

Vice Chair Virgil Peck, R-Havana

Ranking Minority Tom Holland, D-Baldwin City

Members:

Molly Baumgardner, R-Louisburg

Chase Blasi, R-Wichita

J.R. Claeys, R-Salina

Ethan Corson, D-Fairway

Renee Erickson, R-Wichita

Dan Kerschen, R-Garden Plain

Mike Petersen, R-Wichita

Usha Reddi, D-Manhattan

Revisor: Amelia Kovar-Donohoe, Adam Siebers,

Gordon Self

Research: Edward Penner, J.G. Scott

Secretary: John Gauntt, 785-296-2713

Commerce

- 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 546-S
- 9 members, 7R/2D

Chair Renee Erickson, R-Wichita

Vice Chair Brenda Dietrich, R-Topeka

Ranking Minority Tom Holland, D-Baldwin City

Members:

John Doll, R-Garden City

Kristen O'Shea, R-Topeka

Virgil Peck, R-Havana

Tim Shallenburger, R-Baxter Springs

Caryn Tyson, R-Parker

Mary Ware, D-Wichita

Revisor: Charles Reimer, Kyle Hamilton

Research: Eric Adell, Matthew Willis,

Chardae Caine

Secretary: Connie Burns, 785-296-7476

Education

- 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 144-S
- 9 members, 7R/2D

Chair: Molly Baumgardner, R-Louisburg

Vice Chair: Renee Erickson, R-Wichita

Ranking Minority: Dinah Sykes, D-Lenexa

Members:

Chase Blasi, R-Wichita,

Brenda Dietrich, R-Topeka

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- Room 144-S
- 9 members, 7R/2D

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**Ranking Minority Oletha Faust-Goudeau,
D-Wichita**

Members:

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Milholland

Secretary: Sheila Wodtke, 785-296-4335

Financial Institutions/Insurance

- 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 546-S
- 9 members, 7R/2D

Chair Jeff Longbine, R-Emporia

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Park (Insurance)**

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(Financial Institutions)**

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Judiciary

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- Room 346-S
- 9 members, 7R/2D

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Local Government

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- 11 members, 8R/3D

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Revisor: Jason Long, Charles Reimer

Research: Jill Shelley, Jillian Block

Secretary: Jackie Gutierrez, 785-296-7377

Public Health & Welfare

- 8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 142-S
- 9 members, 7R/2D

Chair Beverly Gossage, R-Eudora

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Ranking Minority Pat Pettet, D-Kansas City

Members:

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Chase Blasi, R-Wichita

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Kristen O'Shea, R-Topeka

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Transparency & Ethics

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- Room 142-S
- 11 members, 8R/3D

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Research: Jill Shelley, Elaina Rudder

Secretary: Randi Walters, 785-296-7389

Transportation

- 8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 546-S
- 9 members, 7R/2D

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Ranking Minority Ethan Corson, D-Fairway

Members:

Elaine Bowers, R-Concordia

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- 11 members, 8R/3D

Chair Rob Olson, R-Olathe

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Ranking Minority Marci Francisco, D-Lawrence

Members:

Elaine Bowers, R-Concordia

J.R. Claeys, R-Salina

Ethan Corson, D-Fairway

Michael Fagg, R-El Dorado

Rick Kloos, R-Berryton

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Ways & Means

- 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 548-S
- 9 members, 7R/2D

Chair Rick Billinger, R-Goodland

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Ranking Minority Pat Pettet, D-Kansas City

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2023 Legislature: House Committees

Agriculture

- 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 112-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Ken Rahjes, R-Agra

Vice Chair Lisa Moser, R-Wheaton

Ranking Minority Sydney Carlin,
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- 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 118-N
- 9 members, 6R/3D

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Appropriations

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- 23 members, 16R/7D

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- 14 members, 9R/5D

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- 17 members, 12R/5D

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Tom Kessler, R-Wichita
Les Mason, R-McPherson
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Corrections/Juvenile Justice

- 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 546-S
- 13 members, 9R/4D

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D-Lawrence

Members:

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Carl Maughan, R-Colwich
John Resman, R-Olathe
Tobias Schlingensiepen, D-Topeka
Adam Smith, R-Weskan
Mike Thompson, R-Bonner Springs
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Adam Turk, R-Shawnee

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Research: Meredith Fry, Jillian Block

Secretary: Colette Niehues, 785-296-7500

Education

- 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 218-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Adam Thomas, R-Olathe

Vice Chair Susan Estes, R-Wichita

Ranking Minority Jerry Stogsdill,

D-Prairie Village

Members:

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Jason Goetz, R-Dodge City

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Scott Hill, R-Abilene

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Michael Murphy, R-Sylvia

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- Room 218-N
- 13 members, 9R/4D

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Vice Chair Paul Waggoner, R-Hutchinson

**Ranking Minority Brandon Woodard,
D-Lenexa**

Members:

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Ken Collins, R-Mulberry

Mike Dodson, R-Manhattan

Robyn Essex, R-Olathe

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Leah Howell, R-Derby

Cyndi Howerton, R-Wichita

Cindy Neighbor, D-Shawnee

Melissa Oropeza, D-Kansas City

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Research: Elaina Rudder, Jillian Block,
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Energy/Utilities/Telecomm.

- 9 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday
- Room 582-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Leo Delperdang, R-Wichita

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Members:

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Jesse Borjon, R-Topeka

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Federal and State Affairs

- 9 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 346-S
- 23 members, 16R/7D

Chair Will Carpenter, R-El Dorado

Vice Chair Tom Kessler, R-Wichita

Ranking Minority Joella Hoyer, D-Lenexa

Members:

Brian Bergkamp, R-Haysville
Brad Boyd, D-Olathe
Ron Bryce, R-Coffeyville
Stephanie Clayton, D-Overland Park
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John Eplee, R-Atchison
Randy Garber, R-Sabetha
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Michael Houser, R-Columbus
Leah Howell, R-Derby
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Trevor Jacobs, R-Fort Scott
Silas Miller, D-Wichita
Lisa Moser, R-Wheaton
John Resman, R-Olathe
Louis Ruiz, D-Kansas City
Clarke Sanders, R-Salina
Adam Smith, R-Weskan
Adam Thomas, R-Olathe

Revisor: Mike Heim, Kyle Hamilton

Research: Jordan Milholland, Kate Smeltzer

Secretary: Connie Bahner, 785-298-7166

Financial Institutions/Pensions

- 9 a.m. Monday and Wednesday
- Room 582-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Nick Hoheisel, R-Wichita

Vice Chair Bill Clifford, R-Garden City

Ranking Minority Rui Xu, D-Westwood

Members:

Tory Blew, R-Great Bend
Mike Dodson, R-Manhattan
Owen Donohoe, R-Shawnee
Bob Lewis, R-Garden City
Carl Maughan, R-Colwich
Angela Martinez, D-Wichita
Lance Neelly, R-Tonganoxie
Mari-Lynn Poskin, D-Leawood
Tom Sawyer, D-Wichita
Rebecca Schmoie, R-Ottawa
Chuck Smith, R-Pittsburg
Virgil Weigel, D-Topeka
Gary White, R-Ashland
Laura Williams, R-Lenexa

Revisor: David Wiese, Carly Humes

Research: Melissa Renick, Steven Wu

Secretary: Rich Mergen, 785-296-7689

General Government Budget

- 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 281-N
- 9 members, 6R/3D

Chair Kyle Hoffman, R-Coldwater

Vice Chair Bill Rhiley, R-Wellington

Ranking Minority Mike Amyx, D-Lawrence

Members:

Lynn Melton, D-Kansas City
Sandy Pickert, R-Wichita
Marvin Robinson, D-Kansas City
Chuck Smith, R-Pittsburg
Adam Turk, R-Shawnee
Laura Williams, R-Lenexa

Revisor: Jill Wolters, Jessie Pringle

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Secretary: Susan Tindall, 785-296-7643

2023 Legislature: House Committees

Health and Human Services

- 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 112-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Brenda Landwehr, R-Wichita

Vice Chair John Eplee, R-Atchison

Ranking Minority Susan Ruiz, D-Shawnee

Members:

Carrie Barth, R-Baldwin City

Brian Bergkamp, R-Wichita

Emil Bergquist, R-Park City

Doug Blex, R-Independence

Ron Bryce, R-Coffeyville

Dave Buehler, R-Lansing

Bill Clifford, R-Garden City

Ron Ellis, R-Meriden

Fred Gardner, R-Garnett

Christina Haswood, D-Lawrence

Angela Martinez, D-Wichita

Melissa Oropeza, D-Kansas City

Carl Turner, R-Leawood

Lindsay Vaughn, D-Overland Park

Revisor: Scott Abbott, Jenna Moyer

Research: Leighann Thone, Elizabeth Cohn

Secretary: Dave Long, 785-296-7488

Higher Education Budget

- 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 281-N
- 9 members, 6R/3D

Chair Steven Howe, R-Salina

Vice Chair Tory Marie Blew, R-Great Bend

Ranking Minority Brandon Woodard,

D-Lenexa

Members:

Mike Amyx, D-Lawrence

Brett Fairchild, R-St. John

Ken Rahjes, R-Agra

Tom Sawyer, D-Wichita

Chuck Smith, R-Pittsburg

Barb Wasinger, R-Hays

Revisor: Jill Wolters

Research: Brianna Horton, Dayton LaMunyon,
Megan Leopold, Amanda Prosser (Shirley
Morrow)

Secretary: Phyllis Fast, 785-296-7642

Insurance

- 3:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday
- Room 218-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Bill Sutton, R-Gardner

Vice Chair Patrick Penn, R-Wichita

Ranking Minority Cindy Neighbor,

D-Shawnee

Members:

Emil Bergquist, R-Park City

Tory Marie Blew, R-Great Bend

Ken Collins, R-Mulberry

Mike Dodson, R-Manhattan

Robyn Essex, R-Olathe

Kirk Haskins, D-Topeka

Leah Howell, R-Derby

Cyndi Howerton, R-Wichita

Heather Myer, D-Overland Park

Silas Miller, D-Wichita

Pat Proctor, R-Leavenworth

Sean Tarwater, R-Stilwell

Jeff Underhill, R-Junction City

Brandon Woodard, D-Lenexa

Revisor: David Wiese, Eileen Ma

Research: Melissa Renick, Kate Smeltzer

Secretary: Pam Maxwell, 785-296-7676

Judiciary

- 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 582-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Fred Patton, R-Topeka

Vice Chair Mark Schreiber, R-Emporia

Ranking Minority John Carmichael,

D-Wichita

Members:

Jesse Borjon, R-Topeka
Susan Concannon, R-Beloit
Pam Curtis, D-Kansas City
Dan Goddard, R-Parsons
Boog Highberger, D-Lawrence
Susan Humphries, R-Wichita
Bob Lewis, R-Garden City
Carl Maughan, R-Colwich
Lance Neelly, R-Tonganoxie
Dan Osman, D-Overland Park
Stephen Owens, R-Hesston
Eric Smith, R-Burlington
Kenny Titus, R-Wamego
Lindsay Vaughn, D-Overland Park

Revisor: Natalie Scott, Jason Thompson

Research: Jordan Milholland, Natalie Nelson,
 Lindsay Archer

Secretary: Kathi Rakestraw, 785-296-5805

K-12 Education Budget

- 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 546-S
- 13 members, 9R/4D

Chair Kristey Williams, R-Augusta
Vice Chair Brenda Landwehr, R-Wichita
Ranking Minority Valdenia Winn,
 D-Kansas City

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Brad Boyd, D-Olathe
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Scott Hill, R-Abilene
Tim Johnson, R-Bonner Springs
Jarrod Ousley, D-Merriam
Mari-Lynn Poskin, D-Leawood
Rebecca Schmoie, R-Ottawa
Adam Thomas, R-Olathe

Revisor: Nick Myers, Tamera Lawrence

Research: J.G. Scott, Amanda Prosser

Secretary: Garret Belknap, 785-296-3971

Legislative Modernization

- 9 a.m. Monday/Wednesday
- Room 118-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Barb Wasinger, R-Hays
Vice Chair Blake Carpenter, R-Derby
Ranking Minority Jerry Stogsdill,
 D-Prairie Village

Members:

Jesse Borjon, R-Topeka
Duane Droge, R-Eureka
Allison Hougland, D-Olathe
Cyndi Howerton, R-Wichita
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Melissa Oropeza, D-Kansas City
Patrick Penn, R-Wichita
Bill Rhiley, R-Wellington
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Carl Turner, R-Leawood
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David Younger, R-Ulysses

Revisor: Gordon Self, Jason Long, Natalie Scott

Research: James Fisher, Aaron Klaassen,
 Lindsay Archer

Secretary: Debra Smith, 785-296-4683

Local Government

- 9 a.m. Monday/Wednesday
- Room 281-N
- 13 members, 9R/4D

Chair Emil Bergquist, R-Park City
Vice Chair Doug Blex, R-Independence
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 D-Overland Park

Members:

Mike Amyx, D-Lawrence
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Ken Collins, R-Mulberry
Robyn Essex, R-Olathe
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Dennis Miller, D-Olathe

Samantha Poetter Parshall, R-Paola

Jeff Undershill, R-Junction City

Revisor: Jason Long, Charles Reimer

Research: Matthew Willis, Jillian Block

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Social Services Budget

- 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 152-S
- 9 members, 6R/3D

Chair Les Mason, R-McPherson

Vice Chair Will Carpenter, R-El Dorado

Ranking Minority Barbara Ballard,
D-Lawrence

Members:

Carrie Barth, R-Baldwin City

Bill Clifford, R-Garden City

Owen Donohoe, R-Shawnee

Duane Droge, R-Eureka

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Dylan Dear, Luke Drury, Dayton LaMunyon,
Jennifer Light

Secretary: Francie Hernandez, 785-296-7640

Taxation

- 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 346-S
- 23 members, 16R/7D

Chair Adam Smith, R-Weskan

Vice Chair Brian Bergkamp, R-Haysville

Ranking Minority Tom Sawyer, D-Wichita

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Ron Bryde, R-Coffeyville

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Nate Butler, R-Junction City

Stephanie Clayton, D-Overland Park

Ken Corbet, R-Topeka

John Eplee, R-Atchison

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Nick Hoheisel, R-Wichita

Tom Kessler, R-Wichita

Dennis Miller, D-Olathe

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Clarke Sanders, R-Salina

Jerry Stogsdill, D-Prairie Village

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Carl Turner, R-Leawood

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Secretary: Lea Gerard, 785-296-4830

Transportation

- 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 582-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Shannon Francis, R-Liberal

Vice Chair Lance Neelly, R-Tonganoxie

Ranking Minority Barb Ballard, D-Lawrence

Members:

Avery Anderson, R-Newton

Ken Collins, R-Mulberry

Leo Delperdans, R-Wichita

Robyn Essex, R-Olathe

Dan Goddard, R-Parsons

Nick Hoheisel, R-Wichita

Michael Houser, R-Columbus

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Jim Minnix, R-Scott City

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Secretary: Jennifer Forrester, 785-296-7466

Transportation/Public Safety Budget

- 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 118-N
- 9 members, 6R/3D

Chair Avery Anderson, R-Newton

Vice Chair John Resman, R-Olathe

Ranking Minority Virgil Weigel, D-Topeka

Members:

Bill Bloom, R-Clay Centr

Ford Carr, D-Wichita

Leo Delperdang, R-Wichita

Ron Ellis, R-Meriden

Michael Houser, R-Columbus

JoElla Hoyer, D-Lenexa

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Research: Martin de Boer, Murl Riedel, Shirley
Morrow, Molly Pratt

Secretary: Diane Brian, 785-296-2361

Veterans/Military

- 9 a.m. Tuesday/Thursday
- Room 281-N
- 13 members, 9R/4D

Chair Ron Ellis, R-Meriden

Vice Chair Mike Dodson, R-Manhattan

Ranking Minority Virgil Weigel, D-Topeka

Members:

Nate Butler, R-Junction City

Ken Collins, R-Mulberry

Dan Goddard, R-Parsons

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Dennis Miller, D-Olathe

Mari-Lynn Poskin, D-Leawood

Susan Ruiz, D-Shawnee

Mike Thompson, R-Bonner Springs

David Younger, R-Ulysse

Revisor: Scott Abbott, Carly Humes
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Water

- 9 a.m. Tuesday/Thursday
- Room 218-N
- 17 members, 12R/5D

Chair Jim Minnix, R-Scott City

Vice Chair Cyndi Howerton, R-Wichita

Ranking Minority Lindsay Vaughn, D-OP

Members:

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Jason Goetz, R-Dodge City

Heather Meyer, D-Overland Park

Sandy Pickert, R-Wichita

Joe Seiwert, R-Pretty Prairie

Eric Smith, R-Burlington

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Jerry Stogsdill, D-Prairie Village

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Revisor: Chris Waggoner, Kyle Hamilton

Research: Meredith Fry, Luke Drury,
Heather O'Hara

Secretary: Tony Prohaska, 785-296-7384

Welfare Reform

- 1:30 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday
- 152-2
- 13 members, 9R/4D

Chair Francis Averkamp, R-St. Marys

Vice Chair Leah Howell, R-Derby

**Ranking Minority Heather Meyer,
D-Overland Park**

2023 Legislature: Ultimate Guide

Here—on the next four pages—it is: The 30th annual Ultimate Guide. The most accurate and comprehensive—yes, ultimate—guide to members of the Kansas Legislature.

The 2023 guide lists name, political party, hometown, district number, Statehouse room number, secretary, office telephone, and committee assignments and leadership. You can find every legislator every hour of the legislative day with this guide.

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To present a lot of information within a four-page section, abbreviations are used for many of the committee names, and, well, whatever else is possible.

Area code is 785 and phone prefixes are 296, unless printed in full (and in tiny type). We're generally listing just the last four numbers in our Guide phone list.

You'll notice bold face type **CH**, **VC** and **RM** with the names of chairs, vice-chairs and ranking minority members of each committee.

Committee names have been abbreviated, and we hope in most cases you can infer the committee name. Those committee name abbreviations are followed by room number and days of the week of meetings if they aren't Monday-Friday meetings.

The Ultimate Guide works well with the Senate & House Committee listings on pages 6 to 18.

The House usually is in session at 11 a.m., the Senate at 2:30 p.m.

2023 Legislature: House Committee

(Welfare Reform) Members:

Ford Carr, D-Wichita
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Bob Lewis, R-Garden City

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