

Senate Committee Jurisdictions - 2015

The following list shows the jurisdiction of each standing committee of the Senate, as shown by the state agencies, confirmations, and other laws over which the committee has jurisdiction. This list will be used as the primary basis for making bill referrals on introduction. Where a bill deals with issues under the jurisdiction of more than one committee, it will normally be referred first to the committee of primary concern, from which it may be referred to additional committees.

No list can dictate the proper committee of first reference for all bills, especially bills dealing with complex or sensitive issues of public policy. Questions about references should normally be worked out between the author and the affected committee chairs, in consultation with the President and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration as necessary. A Rule 4 objection can be made when consultation fails to resolve the disagreement.

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Capital Investment Committee

The Committee on Capital Investment has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money for the acquisition and betterment of public lands and buildings, and other public improvements of a capital nature, whether from the proceeds of the state general obligation bonds, the general fund, or any other operating fund.

Commerce Committee

The Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection has jurisdiction over all bills relating to banking, insurance, securities, consumer financial services, and liquor.

State Agencies

Commerce, Department of (Except for Energy and Telecommunications Division)	45.012
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Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA)	62E.10
Minnesota Insurance Guaranty Association	60C.04
Minnesota Joint Underwriting Association	62F.02
Minnesota Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association	61B.21

Confirmations

Commissioner of Commerce

Other Laws

Cemeteries
Consumer Protection
Mortgage Origination and Servicing
Motor Vehicle Sales
Real Estate Brokers
Unclaimed Property
Weights and Measures

Education Committee

The Committee on Education has jurisdiction over all bills relating to education, children, and libraries, except bills relating to higher education or childcare.

State Agencies

Education, Department of	120A.02
Faribault Academies	125A.61
-Minnesota State Academy of the Deaf	125A.65
-Minnesota State Academy of the Blind	125A.65
Minnesota State Academies Board	125A.62
Perpich Center for Arts Education Board	129C.10
School Administrators, Board of	122A.12
Teaching, Board of	122A.07
Education Commission of the States	127A.80
Interagency Coordinating Council	125A.28
Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service	124D.385
Minnesota State High School League	128C.01
Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee	127A.30
P-20 Education Partnership	127A.70
Service Cooperatives	123A.21

Confirmations

Commissioner of Education

Minnesota State Academies Board – 9 members
Perpich Center for Arts Education Board – 15 members
School Administrators, Board of – 10 members
Teaching, Board of – 11 members

Other Laws

Child Abuse Victim Services
Children’s Museum
Community Services
Public Libraries

Environment and Energy Committee

The Committee on Environment and Energy has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the environment or the state’s natural resources. The committee also has jurisdiction over all bills relating to energy and public utilities.

State Agencies

Energy and Telecommunication Division, Department of Commerce	216C
Natural Resources, Department of	84.01
Pollution Control Agency	116.02
Environmental Quality Board	116C.03
Land Exchange Board	94.341; Const. XI 10
Mississippi Headwaters Board	103.F.367
Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board	115C.07
Water and Soil Resources, Board of	103B.101
Minnesota Conservation Corps	84.991
Minnesota Zoo	Ch. 85A
Forest Resources Council	89A.03
Governor’s Nuclear Waste Council	116C.711
Metropolitan Council, Regional Parks	473.351
Small Business Air Quality Compliance Advisory Council	116.99
Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council	115.741
Voyageurs National Park Council	Ch. 84B
Facility Siting Policy Development Committee	116C.842
Great Lakes Commission	1.21
Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Local Advisory Committee	Laws 1996, Ch. 407, Sec. 32
Legislative Energy Commission	3.8851
Minnesota Resources, Legislative-Citizen Commission on (LCCMR)	116P.05
Public Utilities Commission	216A.03
South Dakota-Minnesota Boundary Waters Commission	103B.451
Subsurface Sewage Treatment System, Advisory Committee on	115.55, subd. 1
Watershed Districts, Advisory Committee	103D.331

Confirmations

Commissioner of Natural Resources
Clean Water Council – 19 members

Environmental Quality Board – 5 members
Legislative – Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources – 5 members
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council – 4 members
Pollution Control Agency – Commissioner and 8 other members
Public Utilities Commission – 5 members
Water and Soil Resources Board – Chair

Other Laws

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
Mosquito Abatement
Off-Highway Vehicles
Oil Overcharge Money
Reinvest in Minnesota
Tax-Forfeited Lands

Finance Committee

The Committee on Finance has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money, obligating the state to expend money, or establishing a policy requiring the expenditure of money.

Outdoor Heritage Fund

Clean Water Fund

Parks and Trails Fund

Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

Confirmations

Commissioner of Management and Budget

Health, Human Services and Housing Committee

The Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing has jurisdiction over all bills relating to health care, human services, and housing.

State Agencies

Health, Department of	144.011
Housing Finance Agency	462A.01
Human Services, Department of	245.03, 256.01
Aging, Board on	256.975
Behavioral Health and Therapy, Board of	148B.51
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of	148.02
Dentistry, Board of	150A.02
Dietetics and Nutrition Practice, Board of	148.622
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board	144E.01
Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, Board of	144A.19
Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of	148B.30
Medical Practice, Board of	147.01
MNSure	62V.03
Nursing, Board of	148.181
Optometry, Board of	148.52
Pharmacy, Board of	151.02
Physical Therapy, Board of	148.67
Podiatric Medicine, Board of	153.02
Psychology, Board of	148.90
Regional Treatment Center Review Boards (One for each Regional Treatment Center)	253B.22
Acupuncture Advisory Council	147B.05
Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Council	148.2841
Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council	254A.04
American Indian Advisory Council	254A.035
Athletic Trainers Advisory Council	148.7805
Disability, Council on	256.482
Hearing Instrument Dispenser Advisory Council	153A.20
Licensed Traditional Midwifery, Advisory Council on	147D.25
Minnesota Hearing Instrument Dispenser Council	153A.20
Occupational Therapy Practitioners Advisory Council	148.6450
Physician Assistant Advisory Council	147A.27
Registered Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Council	147E.35
Respiratory Care Advisory Council	147C.35
Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Advisory Council	148.5196
Wells and Borings, Advisory Council on	103I.105

Community Health Advisory Committee	145A.10, subd. 10
Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research Task Force	152.36
Nonemergency Transportation Services, Advisory Committee on Rural Health Advisory Committee	Laws 2005, 1 Sp. Ch 4, Art 8, Sec 81 144.1481
Office of Rural Health	144.1482
Mental Health-Developmental Disabilities, Ombudsman for Ombudsman for Long Term Care Families, Ombudsman State Managed Health Care, Ombudsman	245.92 256.974

Confirmations

Commissioner of Health	
Commissioner of Housing Finance	
Commissioner of Human Services	
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board – 12 members	
Housing Finance Agency – 6 members	
Minnesota Insurance Marketplace – 6 members	

Other Laws

Clean Indoor Air Act	
Compulsive Gambling	
Health Care Data Collection & Research Initiatives	
HMOs	
Home Care	
Hospitals	
Lead/Asbestos	
Long-Term Care	
Manufactured Housing	
Mortuary Science	
Nursing Homes	
Safe Drinking Water Act	
Social Services:	
-Foster Care	
-Adoption	
-Family Preservation	
-Child Protection/Abuse	
Tobacco Sales	
Transitional Housing	
Vital Statistics	

Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee

The Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development has jurisdiction over all bills relating to higher education.

State Agencies

Office of Higher Education	136A.01
Higher Education Facilities Authority	136A.26
University of Minnesota	Ch. 137
Mayo Medical School	
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	136F.01
Midwestern Higher Education Commission	135A.21
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority	136A.26
MnSCU Board of Trustees Candidate Advisory Council	136F.03
Regent Candidate Advisory Council	137.0245
Regent Nominations, Legislative Joint Committee on	137.0246
Student Advisory Council	136A.031, subd. 3
University of Minnesota Board of Regents	Const. XIII, 3

Confirmations

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority – 8 members
Minnesota Office of Higher Education – Commissioner
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Board of Trustees – 15 members

Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

The Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development has jurisdiction over all bills relating to employment, economic growth, fair labor standards, minimum wage, workers' compensation, occupational safety and health, unemployment compensation, and telecommunications. The committee also has jurisdiction over bills relating to agriculture, rural development, and pet animals.

State Agencies

Agriculture, Department of	17.01
Employment and Economic Development, Department of	116J.01
Labor and Industry, Department of	175.001
Public Facilities Authority	446A.03
Rural Finance Authority	41B.025
Bureau of Mediation Services	179.02
Access Review Board	471.471
Agriculture Chemical Response Compensation Board	18E.05
Agricultural and Economic Development Board	41A.02, subd. 3
Animal Health, Board of	35.02
Apprenticeship Board	178.02
Electricity, Board of	326B.32
High Pressure Piping Systems, Board of	326B.925
Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board	298.22, subd. 1a
Job Skills Partnership Board	116L.03
Occupational Safety and Health Review Board	182.664
Plumbing Board	326B.435
Veterinary Medicine, Board of	156.01
Interstate Industrialized/Modular Buildings Commission	326B.194
Agriculture Education Leadership Council	41D.01
Area One Potato Council	17.54
Beef Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Corn Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Dairy Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Explore Minnesota Tourism Council	116U.25
Minnesota Egg Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council	182.656
Paddy Wild Rice Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Rehabilitation Council for the Blind	248.10
Soybeans Research and Promotion Council	17.54
State Rehabilitation Council	268A.02
Turkey Research and Promotion Council	17.54

Wheat Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Workers' Compensation, Council on	175.007
Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals	175A.01
Workforce Development Council	116L.665
Victory Memorial Drive Implementation Steering Task Force	Laws 2006, Ch. 218, § 2
Agricultural Utilization Research Institute	116V.01
Destination Medical Center Corporation	469.41
Enterprise Minnesota, Inc.	116O.03
Organic Advisory Task Force	31.94
Passing on the Farm Center	17.985
Rural Policy and Development Center	116J.421
State Agriculture Society	37.01
State Horticulture Society	37.01

Confirmations

Commissioner of Agriculture
 Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development
 Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation
 Commissioner of Labor and Industry
 Commissioner of Mediation Services

Animal Health, Board of – 5 Members
 Electricity, Board of – 11 members
 High Pressure Piping Systems, Board of – 12 members
 Plumbing Board – 12 members
 Rural Finance Authority – 6 Members

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals – 5 judges

Destination Medical Center Corporation – 4 members

Other Laws

Allocating Bond Authority
 Amusement Rides
 Cable Communications
 Construction Code
 Corporate Farming Law
 County Fairs
 Drainage

Economic Development Authorities
Elevators
Enterprise Zones
Ethanol Development
Farm Credit
Farm Land
Farm Loss Modification
Food Shelves
Formaldehyde Pollution
Industrial Development Revenue Bonds
Minimum Wage
Neighborhood Revitalization
Pet Animals
Pipefitters
Port Authorities
Rent Control
Tax Exempt Financing

Judiciary Committee

The Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the judiciary, human rights, family law, property law, remedies, crime prevention, law enforcement, criminal justice, and corrections.

State Agencies

Attorney General	Const. V, § 5
Court of Appeals	Const. VI
District Court	Const. VI
Supreme Court	Const. VI
Tax Court	271.01
Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, Department of Public Safety	299L.01
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Department of Public Safety	299C.01
Corrections, Department of	241.01
Crime Victims Reparations Board	611A.55
Drug Policy and Violence Prevention Office, Department of Public Safety	299A.292
Emergency Management Division of Department of Public Safety	12.04
Fire Marshal Division of Department of Public Safety	299F.01, subd. 2
Firefighter Training and Education, Board of	299N.02
Human Rights, Department of	363A.05
Judicial Standards, Board on	490A.01
Law Enforcement and Community Grants, Department of Public Safety	299A.62
Law Examiners, Board of	481.01
Pardons, Board of	Const. V, § 4; 638.01
Peace Officer Standards and Training, Board of	626.841
Persons Committed as Mentally Ill and Dangerous to the Public, Special Review Board for	253B.18
Private Detective and Protective Agent Services, Board of	326.33
Public Defense, State Board of	611.215
State Guardian Ad Litem Board	480.35
Correctional Facility Site Selection Committee	243.93
County Attorneys Council	388.19
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Policy Group	299C.65
Emergency Response Commission	299K.03
Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Advisory Council on	243.1606
Interstate Compact for Juveniles Commission	260.515
Judicial Selection, Commission on	480B.01
Rules of Evidence, Advisory Committee on	480.0591, subd.

Legislative Commission on Data Practices	3.8843
Sentencing Guidelines Commission	244.09
Uniform State Laws, Commission on	3.251

Confirmations

Commissioner of Corrections
 Commissioner of Human Rights
 Commissioner of Public Safety
 Judicial Standards, Board on – 6 members

Other Laws

Access by the Handicapped
 Adoption
 Attorneys and the Practice of Law
 Child Abuse
 Cigarette Fire Safety
 Civil Procedure and Evidence
 Commitment
 Contracts
 Corporations and Other Business Organizations
 Dram Shop
 Driving (or flying, hunting or boating) While Intoxicated
 Eminent Domain
 Equal Rights
 Family Law:
 -Child Support, Custody, and Parenting Rights
 -Domestic Abuse
 -Grandparent and Third-Party Visitation
 -Marriage and Marriage Dissolution
 Flag Desecration
 Gun Control
 Juvenile Law:
 -Child Protection
 -Delinquency
 -Foster Care
 -Juvenile Court Records
 -Parental Rights
 Human Rights
 Landlord-Tenant
 Liens
 Living Wills and Health Care Directives
 Mortgages
 Notaries Public
 Pornography

Privacy:

- Government Data Practices

- Information Policy

Probate

Property Interests

Remedies

Revisor's Bills

Tort Liability (including the state and municipalities)

Uniform Commercial Code

Vulnerable Adult Reporting

Rules and Administration Committee

The Committee on Rules and Administration has jurisdiction over all proposals to amend the Senate rules, questions relating to referral of bills and resolutions, and over Senate employees, supplies, equipment, office spaces, and the Senate budget.

State Agencies

Legislative Coordinating Commission

3.303

Rules Committee Elections Subcommittee

The Subcommittee on Elections of the Committee on Rules and Administration has jurisdiction over all bills relating to elections, ethical practices for public officials, campaign financing, and redistricting seats in Congress, the Legislature, or the Metropolitan Council.

State Agencies

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Confirmations

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

State and Local Government Committee

The State and Local Government Committee has jurisdiction over all bills creating a new state agency, substantially changing the organization of a current state agency, or transferring duties from one state agency to another. The committee also has jurisdiction over bills relating to state administrative services, state administrative rulemaking procedures, state employee compensation, public employee labor relations, pensions and retirement, gambling, lotteries, pari-mutuel wagering, the structure of the Legislature, veterans, and military affairs. The committee also has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the powers of local and metropolitan governmental units.

State Agencies

Auditor	Const. V, § 1
Governor	Const. V, § 1
Lieutenant Governor	Const. V, § 1
Secretary of State	Const. V, § 1
Administration, Department of	16B.02
Military Affairs, Department of	190.05
Minnesota Management and Budget, Department of	16A.01
Revenue, Department of	270C.02
Veterans Affairs, Department of	196.01
Administrative Hearings, Office of	14.48
Office of MN.IT Services	16E.01
Accountancy, Board of	326A.02
Architecture, etc., Board of	326.04
Arts, Board of the	129D.02
Barbers Examiners Board	154.001
Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAP)	15B.03
Cosmetologists Examiners Board	155A.20
Designer Selection Board, State	16B.33
Gambling Control Board	349.151
Investment, State Board of	Const. XI, § 8
Public Employment Relations Board	179A.041
St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board	138.763
Veterans' Homes Board	198.001
Amateur Sports Commission	240A.02
Armory Building Commission, State	193.142
Legislative Advisory Commission	3.30
Legislative Audit Commission	3.97
Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government	3.8841
Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement	3.85
Metropolitan Airports Commission	473.603, 473.604

Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission	473.702
Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission	473.303
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	473.553
Racing Commission	240.02
Regional Development Commissions	462.387
Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, Council on	3.9226
Black Minnesotans, Council on	3.9225
Chicano/Latino People, Council on Affairs of	3.9223
Compensation Council	15A.082
Executive Council	9.011
Governor's Residence Council	16B.27, subd. 3
Indian Affairs Council	3.922
Metropolitan Council	473.123
Disabled American Veterans, Grants to	Ch. 197
Military Order of the Purple Heart, Grants to	Ch. 197
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Grants to	197.9961
Vietnam Veterans of America, Grants to	Ch. 197
Contingent Accounts	268.199
Humanities Center	138.911
Minnesota Historical Society	138.01
Tort Claims	3.736
Minnesota State Retirement System	352.03
Public Employees Retirement Association	353.03
State Patrol Retirement Association	352B.02
Teachers Retirement Association	354.06

Confirmations

Commissioner of Administration
Commissioner of Veterans Affairs

Arts, Board of the – 11 members
Gambling Control Board - Director
Gambling Control Board - 7 members
Metropolitan Council - Chair and 16 members
Office of Administrative Hearings – Chief Administrative Law Judge
Office of Enterprise Technology - Chief Information Officer
Racing Commission - 9 members
State Lottery – Director

Other Laws

Administrative Procedure Act
Affirmative Action in State Agencies
Airport Noise
Comparable Worth for Public Employees
Hospital Districts
Legal Newspapers
Metropolitan Airports
Open Meeting Law
Planning and Zoning
Public Broadcasting
Public Employment Labor Relations Act
Special Service Taxing Districts

Tax Committee

The Committee on Taxes has jurisdiction over all bills relating to taxes and aid to local governments.

State Agencies

Assessors, Board of	270.41
Equalization, State Board of	270.12
Revenue, Department of	270C.02
Tax Court	271.01
Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy	3.885

Confirmations

Commissioner of Revenue
Tax Court – 3 Judges

Other Laws

Budget Reserve
Fiscal Disparities

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

The Committee on Transportation has jurisdiction over all bills relating to transportation.

State Agencies

Capitol Complex Security, Department of Public Safety	299E.01
Driver and Vehicle Services Division, Department of Public Safety	168.325
Pipeline Safety Office, Department of Public Safety	299J.03
State Patrol Division, Department of Public Safety	299D.01
Traffic Safety Division, Department of Public Safety	Ch. 299D
Transportation, Department of	174.01
Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact Commission	218.75
Minnesota Safety Council	144.055, 471.63
Mississippi River Parkway Commission	161.1419
State Airport Zoning Boards	360.063, subd. 7

Confirmations

Commissioner of Transportation

Other Laws

Driver and Vehicle Licensing
Disability Parking
Gasoline Taxes
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax
Outdoor Advertising
Pipelines
School Buses
Traffic Laws

Senate Budget Division Jurisdictions – 2015

Environment, Economic Development & Agriculture

Pollution Control Agency
 Minnesota Zoo
 Metropolitan Parks
 Dept. of Natural Resources
 Board of Water & Soil Resources
 MN Conservation Corps
 Science Museum
 LCCMR
 Dept of Commerce
 Public Utilities Commission

Dept. of Employment & Econ. Dev.
 Public Facilities Authority
 Explore Minnesota Tourism
 IRRRB
 Housing Finance Agency
 Dept. of Labor & Industry
 Bureau of Mediation Services
 Workers' Comp. Court of Appeals

Dept. of Agriculture
 Board of Animal Health
 Horticultural Society
 Ag. Utilization Research Inst.

E-12 Education

Dept. of Education
 Minnesota Children's Museum
 Faribault Academies
 Center for Arts Education

Health & Human Services

Dept. of Human Services
 Dept. of Health
 Health-Related Boards
 Emergency Medical Services Board
 Council on Disability
 Ombudsman for Mental Health
 Ombudsperson for Families
 MNsure

Higher Education and Workforce Development

MnSCU
 U of M
 Mayo Medical School
 Office of Higher Ed.
 Higher Educ. Facilities Authority

Judiciary

Supreme Court
 Court of Appeals
 District Courts
 State Guardian Ad Litem Board
 Judicial Standards Board
 Tax Court
 Board of Public Defense
 Uniform Laws Commission

POST Board
 Private Detective Board
 Dept. of Corrections
 Sentencing Guidelines Comm.
 Dept. of Human Rights

Department of Public Safety:
 - BCA
 - Emergency Management
 - Fire Marshal
 - Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement
 - Office of Justice Programs
 - 911/ARMER

State Departments and Veterans

Legislature
 Governor & Lt. Governor
 Attorney General
 State Auditor
 Secretary of State
 Camp. Fin. & Pub. Disclosure Board
 Investment Board
 Administrative Hearings Office
 Dept. of Administration
 Office of Enterprise Technology
 CAAPB
 Minnesota Management and Budget
 Dept. of Revenue
 Gambling Control Board
 Racing Commission
 State Lottery
 Amateur Sports Commission
 Council on Black Minnesotans
 Council on Chicano/Latino Affairs
 Council on Asian Pacific MNs
 Indian Affairs Council
 Tort Claims
 Retirement Accounts
 General Contingent Accounts

Dept. of Military Affairs
 Dept. of Veterans Affairs
 Veterans of Foreign Wars
 Military Order of Purple Heart
 Disabled American Veterans

Non-Health Related Boards
 Historical Society
 Arts Board
 Public Broadcasting
 Humanities Commission

Transportation and Public Safety

Dept. of Transportation
 Metropolitan Council Transit
 Trunk Highway Contingent
 Trunk Highway Tort Claims

Department of Public Safety:
 - Administrative Services
 - Capitol Security
 - Driver and Vehicle Services
 - Pipeline Services
 - State Patrol
 - Traffic Safety