

# Navigating the South Dakota Legislature website

The South Dakota Legislature’s website posts the bills and resolutions introduced and acted on during the 2018 legislative session, a list of and contact information for legislators, committee meeting and chamber schedules for the House and Senate and links to listen to the proceedings.

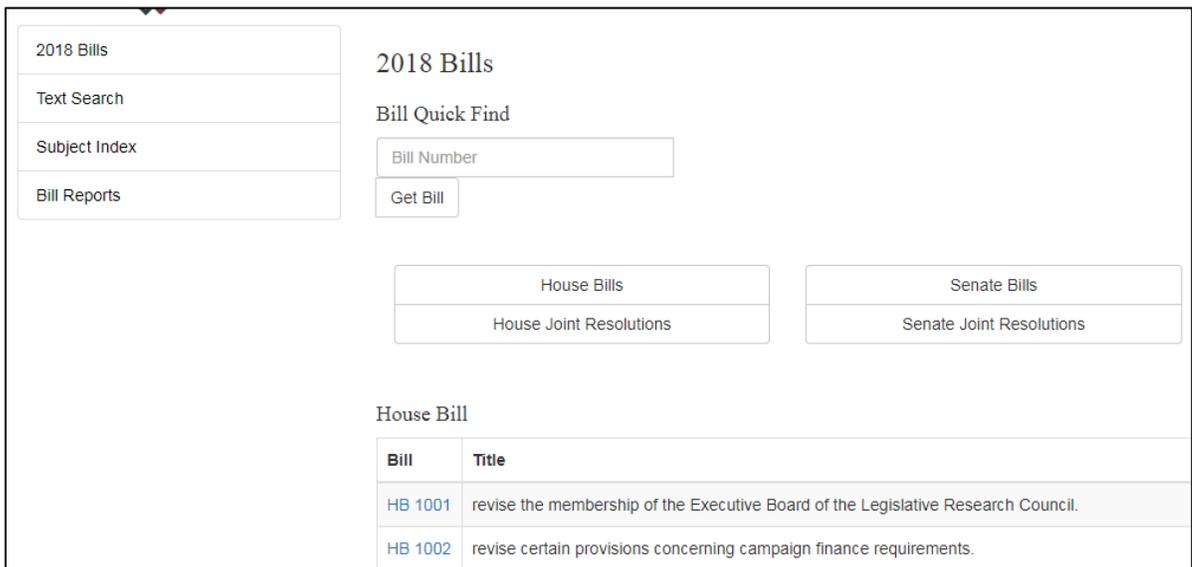
This legislative resource provides a step-by-step breakdown to find the information listed above.

## Finding and tracking a bill or resolution

1. Visit [www.sdlegislature.gov](http://www.sdlegislature.gov) to reach the legislature’s homepage and move your cursor over the top of the “Legislative Session” link, but **do not** click the link:



2. When your cursor is over top of the “Legislative Session” link, a drop down window will appear, click “2018 Bills” in the drop down window;
3. After clicking the “2018 Bills” link, you will be taken to the bills’ main page on which you will find the entire list of bills and resolutions – submitted both in the House Senate – as well as a variety of options to find a bill or resolution you are looking for:

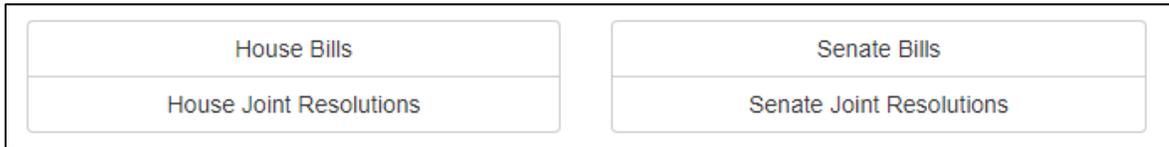


Bill	Title
<a href="#">HB 1001</a>	revise the membership of the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council.
<a href="#">HB 1002</a>	revise certain provisions concerning campaign finance requirements.

4. If you know the specific bill or resolution you’re looking for simply enter its number in the available field and click the “Get Bill” button:



5. If you know the Chamber in which the bill or resolution your searching for is, click the corresponding button:



6. Or you can utilize the search options located on the left side of bills home page, which includes:



- The “2018 Bills” button will bring you to the bills home page;
  - The “Text Search” button takes you to a subsequent webpage where you can enter a keyword(s) into the search field and click the “Search Text” button;
  - The “Subject Index” button brings you to another webpage where you can click on a keyword that relates to a bill’s subject and organizes bills and resolutions that fall under that subject area;
  - The “Bill Reports” button sends you to a new webpage that focuses on the bills and resolutions that have been signed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard, but also presents other report options.
7. If you’re interested in perusing all or the most recently submitted, which will appear at the end of each separated list, bills and resolutions scroll through the list found on the bills home page:

House Bill	
Bill	Title
<a href="#">HB 1001</a>	revise the membership of the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council.
<a href="#">HB 1002</a>	revise certain provisions concerning campaign finance requirements.
<a href="#">HB 1003</a>	revise certain provisions concerning the content of the campaign finance disclosure reports and to declare an emergency.
<a href="#">HB 1004</a>	revise certain provisions regarding petition forms for initiated measures and initiated a
<a href="#">HB 1005</a>	revise certain requirements for a recitation regarding the effect of a vote on certain ballot measures.
<a href="#">HB 1006</a>	revise the extent of comments required by the director of the Legislative Research Council regarding certain ballot measures and the period of time in which those comments are to be made.
<a href="#">HB 1007</a>	create a citizen initiative review commission to review initiated measures and initiated amendments to the Constitution and to prescribe the commission's powers and duties.

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## Reviewing a Bill or Resolution

1. When you have found the bill or resolution you wish to review, click the blue bill number link:

<a href="#">HB 1008</a>	revise certain provisions that authorize the secretary of transportation to provide for temporary variable speed limits on state highways in the interests of highway safety due to varying weather, road work, and other conditions.
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2. After you've clicked the link you will be taken to that bill or resolution's specific page, on which you can review the bill's summary, who its sponsors are, the keywords it is associated with, action taken on it and links to review different text versions of the bill or resolution:

### House Bill 1008

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**Purpose:** revise certain provisions that authorize the secretary of transportation to provide for temporary variable speed limits on state highways in the interests of highway safety due to varying weather, road work, and other conditions.

**Sponsors:** The Committee on [Transportation](#) at the request of the Department of Transportation

**Keywords:** [Motor Vehicles](#), [Speed Zones](#)

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Date	Action	Audio	Location
Bill Text Versions			
		HTML Format	PDF Format
12/20/2017		<a href="#">Printed</a>	<a href="#">Printed</a>

3. Four columns found on the bill or resolution's specific page will update you on its progress:

Date	Action	Audio	Location
<a href="#">01/14/2014</a>	First read in House and referred to House Education H.J. 15		
<a href="#">02/05/2014</a>	Scheduled for hearing		1:36:15
<a href="#">02/05/2014</a>	Education Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed, <a href="#">YEAS 9</a> , <a href="#">NAYS 5</a> . H.J. 302		1:36:15

- The "Date" column shares the last date of action made on the bill and a hyperlink that recaps the day's account related to the bill;
- The "Action" provides a summary of what take place on the date as it relates to the bill;
- The "Audio" column offers a hyperlink to SDPB's audio coverage of the committee or floor hearing of the bill;
- The "Location" column time stamps the start of the discussion on the bill.

4. You can also review, and print, the full text of the bill or resolution by clicking either "Printed link under the "HTML Format" or "PDF Format" columns:

Bill Text Versions		
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12/20/2017	<a href="#">Printed</a>	<a href="#">Printed</a>

## Finding your legislator

1. Visit [www.sdlegislature.gov](http://www.sdlegislature.gov) to reach the legislature’s homepage and move your cursor over the top of the “Legislators” link, but **do not** click the link:



2. When your cursor is over top of the “Legislators” link, a drop down window will appear, click “2018 Legislators” in the drop down window;
3. On the Legislators page, you will find an alphabetic listing and accompanying photo of each 2018 legislator in the House and Senate and links to their legislative profile webpage and legislative email address, as well a corresponding phone number:



4. Once you’ve found the legislator you’re looking for click the blue “View Profile” link to review additional information about your legislator:



- The “Detail” link displays the same information shown in the picture above;
  - The “Committees” link lists the legislative committees the legislator is a member of, their role on committee and the day(s), time and location of the committee meeting;
  - The “Bills” link lists the bills, resolutions and commemorations the legislator is either the prime sponsor or co-sponsor of;
  - The “Hearings” link may list the committee hearing the legislator has testified at;
5. To email your legislator, click the **Email: [Dan.Ahlers@sdlegislature.gov](mailto:Dan.Ahlers@sdlegislature.gov)** link and an email message from the service you use (i.e. Outlook, Gmail, etc.) will open.

6. If you're not sure who your legislator may be, move your cursor over the top of the "Legislators" link and when the drop down window appears, click the "Find My Legislator" link:



7. On the "Find My Legislator" page you can select from a variety of options to find out the individuals who represent you in the legislature:

A screenshot of the "Find My Legislators" search form. The form is titled "Find My Legislators" and is divided into two sections: "By District or City or County" and "By Address". Under "By District or City or County", there are three dropdown menus labeled "District", "County", and "City", each with a downward arrow. Below these is a "Find" button. Under "By Address", there are two text input fields labeled "Your Address" and "Your Zip", and a "Find" button below them.

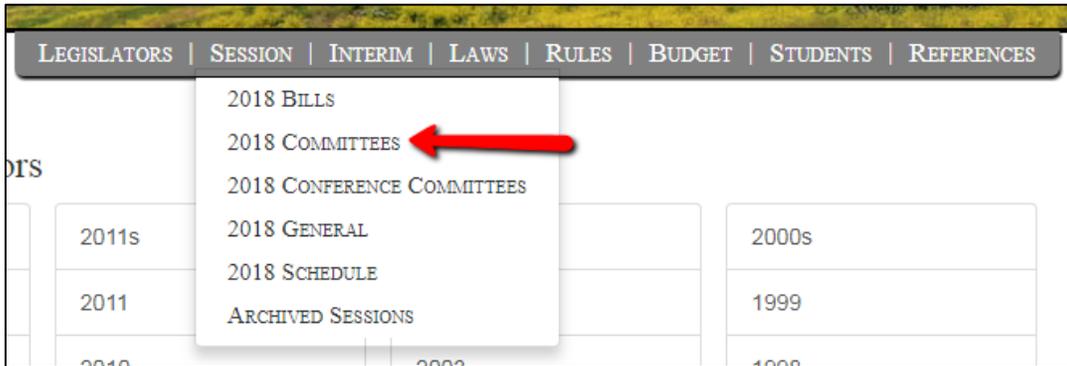
- If you know your legislative district, select it from the "District" drop down menu and click the "Find" button;
  - Select your "County" from the drop down menu and click the "Find" button;
  - Select your "City" from the drop down menu and click the "Find" button;
  - Enter "Your Address" in the required AND "Your Zip" in the required field and click the "Find" button.
8. The "Legislators" drop down menu also offers options for your to review legislators and information:



- The "2018 Legislator Listing" provides sortable lists of legislators from each body;
- The "Historical Listing" allows you to search the name of a legislator to see when they served in the body;
- The "Legislator Term Limits (PDF)" is a downloadable listing of when legislators terms are up in their respective chambers;
- The "Downloadable Address List" downloads a spreadsheet containing contact information of legislators;
- The "Archived" option allows you to search legislator lists from previous sessions.

## Finding a legislative committee

1. Visit [www.sdlegislature.gov](http://www.sdlegislature.gov) to reach the legislature's homepage and move your cursor over the top of the "Session" heading and click the "2018 Committees" link:



2. On the left side of the 2018 committees homepage a listing of each legislative committee from both chambers will appear and to review a committee's information, click its corresponding link:



3. Once you have clicked the link for the committee, or legislative chamber, you wish to review, you'll be taken to their specific page where additional information is provided:

### House Education — 2018

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**Detail**

**Chairs:** Johns, Timothy

**Vice-Chair:** Holmes, Thomas

**Representatives:** [Brunner, Thomas \(R\)](#); [Campbell, Blaine "Chip" \(R\)](#); [Frye-Mueller, Julie \(R\)](#); [Glanzer, Bob \(R\)](#); [Holmes, Thomas \(R\)](#); [Howard, Taffy \(R\)](#); [Johns, Timothy \(R\)](#); [Kettwig, Jason \(R\)](#); [McPherson, Sean \(R\)](#); [Ring, Ray \(D\)](#); [Smith, Jamie \(D\)](#); [Stevens, Mike \(R\)](#); [Tulson, Burt \(R\)](#); [Wiese, Marli \(R\)](#); [Zikmund, Larry \(R\)](#)

**Room:** Room 413

**Days:** MWF

**Time:** 7:45 AM

**Staff:** Clare Charlson

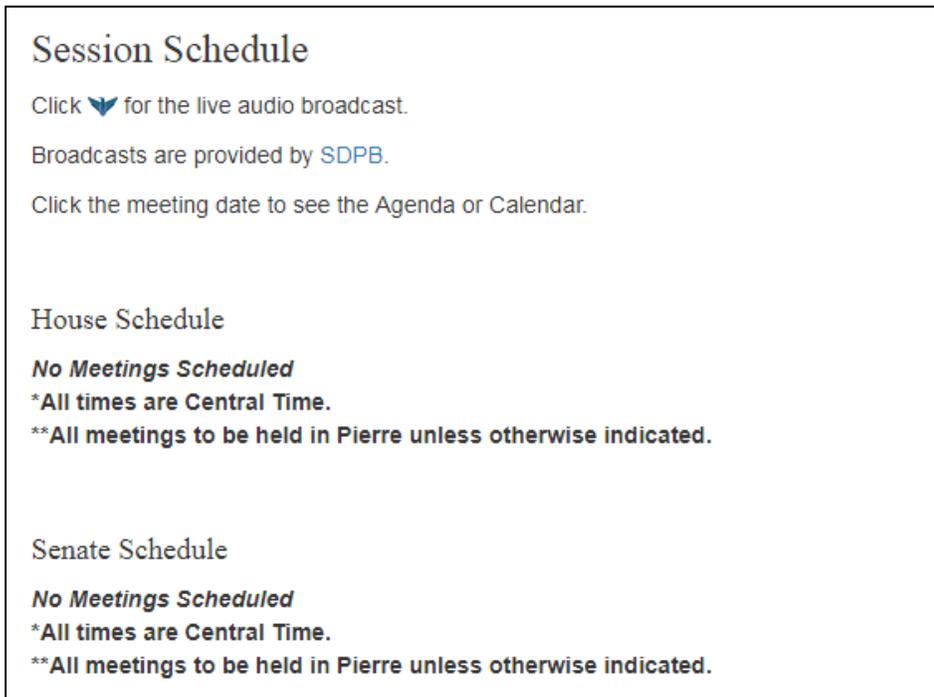
- The “Detail” tab lists the committee’s Chair, Vice-Chair, members, room in the Capitol building in which they meet, days they meet, time they meet and LRC staff member;
- The “Agendas” tab will list the past and present agendas for each committee meeting with the date and time at which they are scheduled to meet;
- The “Minutes & Audio” tab will provide links to the minutes of each committee meeting and the audio from the corresponding meeting;
- The “Bills” tab will list each bill or resolution the committee has held a hearing on.

## Reviewing schedule for and listening to a legislative committee meeting or chamber discussion

1. To review the daily schedule of the legislature's committees and chambers and find live audio links to these meetings, visit [www.sdlegislature.gov](http://www.sdlegislature.gov) to reach the legislature's homepage and move your cursor over the top of the "Session" heading and click the "2018 Schedule" link:



2. On the "Session Schedule" page you will find a list of the House and Senate's committees and chamber schedules for the day:



3. To listen to the live audio, click the SDPB icon (**shown in the image above**) at the corresponding date and time of committee and/or chamber meeting.