

NEWSLETTER

Legislative Updates



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In the House... On Thursday, January 23rd, the Minnesota Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the Quorum dispute. The Court released a ruling on Friday, January 24th in favor of the DFL. The Court has ruled that under the provisions of the MN Constitution and prior cases, a quorum to conduct business in the Minnesota House is 68 and not 67. There will be more information to come as the House attempts to resume operations.

In the Senate... Senators continue to operate under their co-leadership agreement and will do so until the new Senate District 60 elect, Doron Clark, is sworn in at a date to be determined. This will mean the Minnesota Senate will return to previous DFL leadership in a 34/33 split.

Upcoming Events

Join us for February Advocacy School!

Now that we've kicked off the 2025 legislative session, it's time to take our advocacy skills to the capitol! Join us for our February Advocacy School where we'll walk through the workhorse of the Legislature's structure, committees. 🗣️ Proposed bills are most emendable during the committee process and understanding how you can effectively advocate at the committee level is key. 💪

ACTION ALERT

How long of a lobbying cooling off period do politicians need? 🤔

It's common for legislators to become lobbyists immediately following their time in office. Requiring former legislators to "cool off" before they return to lobby their former colleagues stops the revolving door and levels the playing field. Policies that require a cooling-off period vary in length and we want to hear from YOU about what Minnesota needs!



In The News



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House GOP & DFL Negotiate Leadership Structure

Given the Supreme Court ruling, GOP and DFL leaders are in negotiations to settle House control. Read more [here](#).

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Minnesota Supreme Court Rules on Quorum

On Friday, January 24th the Supreme Court released their ruling on the matter of quorum requirements in the Minnesota House of Representatives. The court found that in order to reach a quorum, there must be 68 representatives present. This leaves the Minnesota House in a precarious situation given the DFL boycott and the GOP House operations. Read more [here](#).

3

Do legislators get paid during stalemate?

As Democrat House Representatives continue boycotting, the question of if and how much they are getting paid is at the top of many Minnesotan's minds. Learn more about how our legislators get paid [here!](#)



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