



# Optionsand NextSteps



House Select Committee on Televising  
House Sessions

# Committee Charge

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The Committee shall study the feasibility, cost and other aspects of creating live broadcasts of floor sessions and other meetings in the House of Representatives.

# Roadmap

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- 1) Options and information
- 2) Cable Association
- 3) Committee discussion and policy decisions.

# CoverageOptions

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- 1) Webcast Floor Sessions
- 2) Webcast Floor Sessions and Committee Meetings
- 3) Webcast and Broadcast Floor Sessions
- 4) Webcast and Broadcast Floor Sessions and Committee Meetings

# Webcasting

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## Policy Decisions

- Governance
- Policies
- Production

# Governance

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Who will set the policy and procedure for the broadcasts?

Leadership?

Rules Committee?

New Committee?

# Polycyset byleadership

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- Ohio

**SENATE Rule No.: 107 Title: Privileges - Filming or Taping of the Senate**

**Text:**

Filming, video taping, or audio taping during the legislative session shall be done under **the conditions designated by the President of the Senate.** Taping or filming of a member or members of the Senate in the Senate Chamber or in committee rooms when the Senate is not in session is permissible with the prior consent of all members taped or filmed and with the prior notification of the Clerk. Taping or filming of sessions of committees of the Senate is permissible with the prior consent of the Chairperson of the committee involved. Such approved filming or taping may be for specific time periods set by the chairperson, if such taping or filming interferes with the orderly procedure of the hearing.



# Policyset byCommittee

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## Pennsylvania

### **SENATE Rule No.: XXIII Title: Radio and Television**

1. Filming, videotaping, televising or broadcasting of Senate sessions within the Senate Chamber shall be permitted as provided in **policy directives developed and recommended by the Committee on Management Operations. The policy directives recommended by the Committee on Management Operations shall be submitted to the Senate and shall become effective upon the approval of a resolution by the Senate by the vote of a majority of the Senators elected.** Filming, videotaping, televising or broadcasting of Senate sessions shall be prohibited prior to the adoption of the policy directives.
2. Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to prohibit any licensed radio station from broadcasting a session from the Senate or any part thereof provided that the signal originates from the Senate-operated sound system which transmits Senate session activity to the offices in the Main Capitol and environs.

# Texas

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§ 306.005. USE OF LEGISLATIVELY PRODUCED AUDIO OR VISUAL MATERIALS IN POLITICAL ADVERTISING PROHIBITED. (a) A person may not use audio or video materials produced by or under the direction of the legislature or of a house, committee, or agency of the legislature in political advertising. (b) After a formal hearing held as provided by Subchapter E, Chapter 571, the Texas Ethics Commission may impose a civil penalty against a person who violates this section. The amount of the penalty may not exceed \$5,000 for each violation. (c) Subsection (a) does not prohibit describing or quoting the verbal content of the audio or video materials in political advertising. (d) In this section, "political advertising" has the meaning assigned by Section 251.001, Election Code. Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 877, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

# Policies

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What policies do you want the producers to follow?

Only show individual speaking?

Show reaction shots?

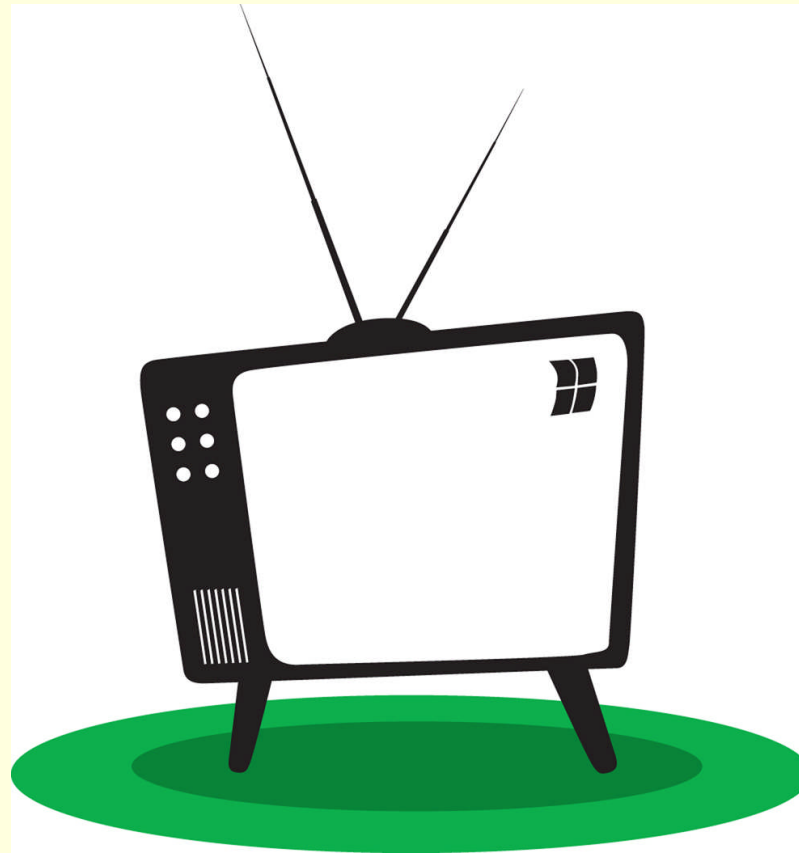
Will broadcasts be archived?

# Who will produce the webcast?

Outside General Assembly?	Within the General Assembly?
Agency for Public Television	House Principal Clerk's Office
UNC-TV	ISD
New Agency	New Division

# TelevisionBroadcast

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Policies to be decided:

- Governance
- Policies (including programming)
- Distribution

# Broadcast policies

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What is broadcast?

When is it broadcast?

What additional programming will be aired?

# Mission Statement of the Illinois Channel

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- 1) To provide citizens with the means to watch their state government at work.
- 2) To provide elected and appointed officials and others who influence public policy with a direct conduit to citizens without filtering their points of view.
- 3) To provide the audience with frequent, unfettered access to elected and appointed officials, governmental bodies, agencies and commissions, and other decision makers.
- 4) To adhere to broadcast production values that accurately convey the business of state government without editing, interpreting, or distorting the proceedings.



# Who will distribute the broadcast?

Outside General Assembly?	Within the General Assembly?
Agency for Public Television	House Principal Clerk's Office
UNC-TV	ISD
New Agency	New Division

# BroadcastDistribution

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3 main possibilities

- Public Broadcasting Digital Signal
- Existing PEG channels
- Video Service Provider Channel

# Public Broadcasting

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Barriers –

UNC-TV has limited spectrum

Programming – what will be on the air when the legislature is not in session?

Potential Cost

# PEGChannels

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**Public** access channels

**Educational** access channels

**Governmental** access channels

# PEGChannels

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Barriers -

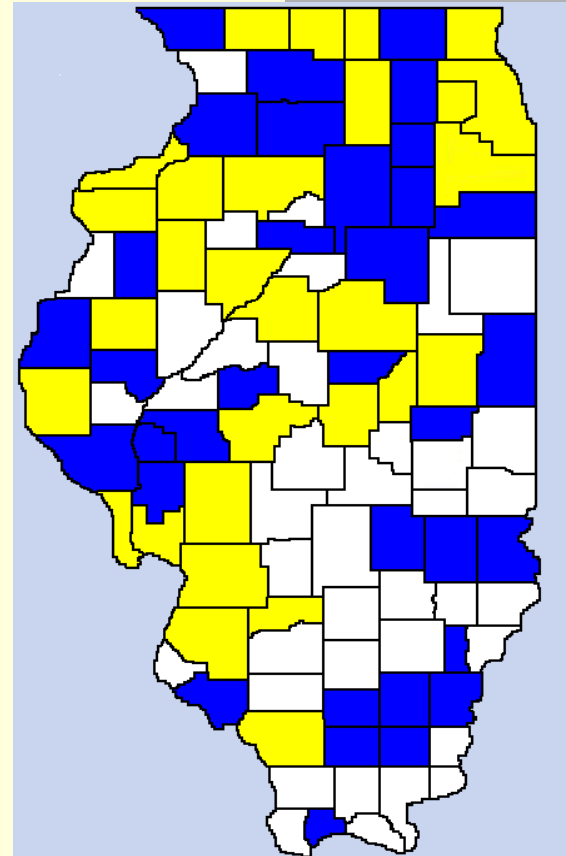
Must negotiate carriage with each individual channel.

Inconsistency with coverage and time of programming.

Technological differences.

# Illinois Distribution on PEG

- Yellow – has channel
- Blue – requested channel



# VideoService Providers

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## Barriers

Cable has limited space.

Programming – what will be on the air when the legislature is not in session?