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 should be made when consultation fails to resolve the disagreement.
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Commerce Committee

The Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection has jurisdiction over all bills relating to banking, insurance, securities, nonhealth related occupational licensing boards, and liquor.

State Agencies

Commerce, Department of 45.012
(Except for Energy and Telecommunications Division)

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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.

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Minnesota State High School League 128C.01
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Commissioner of Education

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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 Resources 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
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Small Business Air Quality Compliance Advisory Council 116.99
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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
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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

Cable Communications
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. All bills appropriating money will be referred to the respective policy committee before being referred to the Finance Committee.

Outdoor Heritage Fund
Clean Water Fund
Parks and Trails Fund
Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

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Commissioner of Management and Budget
Health, Human Services and Housing Committee

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Confirmations

Commissioner of Health
Commissioner of Housing Finance
Commissioner of Human Services

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board – 12 members
Housing Finance Agency – 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
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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.02

Higher Education Advisory Council 136A.031, subd. 2
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Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority 136A.26
MnSCU Board of Trustees Candidate Advisory Council 136F.03
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Confirmations

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority – 8 members
Minnesota Office of Higher Education – Director
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
Science & Technology Authority 116J.658

Bureau of Mediation Services 179.02

Access Review Board 471.471
Agriculture Chemical Response Compensation Board 18E.05
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Animal Health, Board of 35.02
Apprenticeship Board 178.02
Electricity, Board of 326B.32
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Invention, Board of 116J.988
Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board 298.22, subd. 2
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Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council 182.656
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Workers’ Compensation, Council on 175.007
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Victory Memorial Drive Implementation Steering Task Force Laws 2006, Ch. 218, § 2

Agricultural Utilization Research Institute 116V.01
Enterprise Minnesota, Inc 116O.03
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Passing on the Farm Center 17.985
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State Agriculture Society 37.01
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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
Invention, Board of - 11 members
Plumbing Board – 12 members
Rural Finance Authority – 6 Members

Workers’ Compensation Court of Appeals – 5 judges

Other Laws

Allocating Bond Authority
Amusement Rides
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Food Shelves
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Industrial Development Revenue Bonds
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State Building Code
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 Victim Crisis Center, Department of Public Safety  611A.41
- 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
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- 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
- Battered Women, State Advisory Council on  611A.34
- 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
- Fire Protection Advisory Council  299M.02
- Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Advisory Council on  243.1606
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Commissioner of Human Rights
Commissioner of Public Safety
Judicial Standards, Board on – 6 members

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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.

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Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

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Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board
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.

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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
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

Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee  290.173

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
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Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact Commission 218.75
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- Minnesota Zoo
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- Board of Water & Soil Resources
- MN Conservation Corps
- Science Museum
- LCCMR
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- 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
- Ombudsman for Families

#### 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
- 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

#### 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 Licensing 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
- Dept. of Public Safety