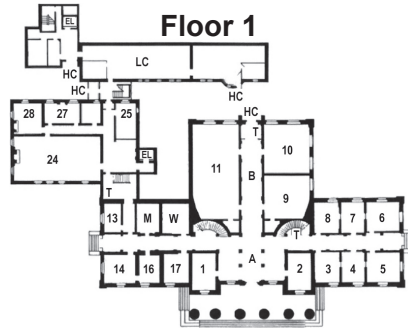
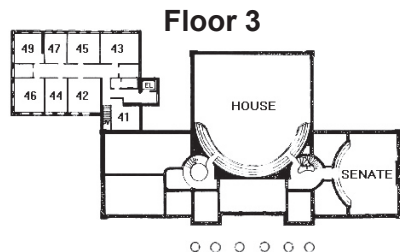
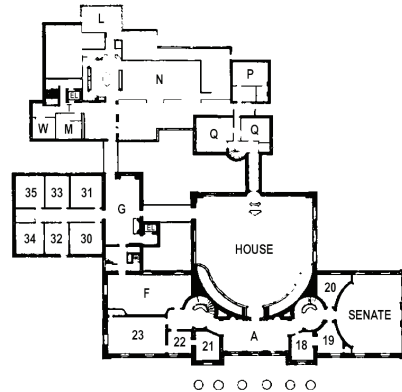


State House Locator Diagrams

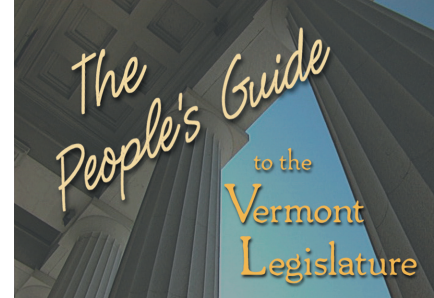


ROOM	NAME
1	Senate Judiciary Committee
2	Sergeant-At-Arms
3	Senate Transportation Committee
4	Senate Government Operations Committee
5	Senate Appropriations Committee
6	Senate Finance Committee
7	Senate Agriculture Committee & Senate Institutions Committee
8	Senate Natural Resources Committee
9	Coatroom
10	Small hearing room
11	Large hearing room
13	President <i>Pro Tempore</i> of the Senate
14	Lt. Governor (President of the Senate)
16	Lt. Governor staff
17	Senate Health & Welfare Committee
24	Legislative lounge (old Supreme Ct. Chamber)
25	Copy center
27	Senate General Affairs
28	Senate Education
A	Lobby
B	Hall of Inscriptions
EL	Elevator
HC	Handicap accessible entrances
LC	Legislative Council
M/W	Rest rooms
T	Public telephones

ROOM	NAME	Floor 2
18	Senate staff	
19	Secretary of the Senate	
20	Senate coatroom	
21	Governor's staff	
22	Governor's staff	
23	Governor's ceremonial office	
30	House Judiciary Committee	
31	House Agriculture Committee	
32	House General, Housing & Military Affairs Committee	
33	House Institutions Committee	
34	House Ways and Means Committee	
35	House Commerce Committee	
A	House vestibule (Hall of Flags)	
EL	Elevator	
F	Cedar Creek Room	
House	House Chamber	
L	Ethan Allen Room	
M/W	Rest rooms	
N	State House food court (Abbey Group)	
P	Speaker of the House	
Q	Clerk of the House	
Senate	Senate Chamber	
T	Public telephones	



ROOM	NAME
41	House Local Government Committee
42	House Appropriations Committee
43	House Transportation Committee
44	House Natural Resources & Energy Committee
45	House Education Committee
46	House Health & Welfare Committee
47	House Fish, Wildlife, & Water Resources Cmte.
49	House Government Operations Committee
EL	Elevator
House	House Chamber balcony
Senate	Senate Chamber balcony



Vermont's State House is one of the most open and accessible in the nation. Visitors are encouraged to watch debate on the House or Senate floor, or to attend committee meetings. Information on particular bills is available from your local legislator or the Legislative Council. Another good source of information is the Legislature's home page on the web, which has a calendar and bill tracking component. It's a good idea to check with the Sergeant-at-Arms' office before traveling to Montpelier because the scheduling of events can change on short notice. The Sergeant-at-Arms' office can also help you navigate the State House, contact a legislator, become a legislative page, arrange a group tour or answer just about any question you may have. The Secretary of State's office produces several valuable publications including the Vermont Legislative Directory and State Manual, and directories of legislators and lobbyists, which are available at many local libraries.

This information is current as of January 2006. For updates, check the Legislature's Home Page or contact the Legislative Council. Teachers can see how this program conforms with Vermont's History and Social Sciences Grade Expectations (GEs) by visiting the People's Guide Website.

Legislative Committees

House:

- Agriculture
- Appropriations
- Commerce
- Education
- Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources
- General, Housing & Military Affairs
- Government Operations
- Health & Human Services
- Health Care
- Institutions
- Judiciary
- Natural Resources & Energy
- Rules
- Transportation
- Ways & Means

Senate:

- Agriculture
- Appropriations
- Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs
- Education
- Finance
- Government Operations
- Health & Welfare
- Institutions
- Judiciary
- Natural Resources & Energy
- Rules
- Transportation

Resources

Sergeant-At-Arms' Office	800-322-5616 or 802-828-2228
Legislative Council Office	802-828-2231
Governor's Action Line	800-649-6825
Secretary of State's Office	802-828-2363
Legislature's Home Page	www.leg.state.vt.us
State of Vermont Home Page	www.vermont.gov
Department of Education	www.state.vt.us/educ
Rutland Herald Legislative Guide	www.rutlandherald.com
Burlington Free Press	www.burlingtonfreepress.com
Vermont Public Television	www.vpt.org
The Snelling Center for Government	www.snellingcenter.org
League of Women Voters	www.lwovvt.org
People's Guide to the VT Legislature	www.peoplesguidetv.org

Glossary of Legislative Terms

Act — a bill passed by the Legislature

Amendment — a change in the language of a bill

Apportionment — division of the state into districts from which legislators are elected

Appropriation — money set apart by formal action for a specific use

Bill — a proposed law introduced during a session for consideration by the legislature

Calendar — the daily schedule which determines the order in which bills are taken up for consideration by the legislature

Caucus — a meeting of the members of one political party, open to the public

Chamber — the House and Senate make up the two chambers of the Legislature, also refers to the room where each meets

Committees — groups of legislators in each of the houses which take public testimony and vote on bills usually on related subjects

Conference Committee — committee comprised of members from each house. It is appointed to reach a compromise on a bill which has passed both houses, but in different forms.

Constituent — citizen residing within the district of a legislator

Constitution — the fundamental law of the state. Amendments to the constitution are proposed by joint resolution and must be approved by a vote of the people.

Draft — any piece of written legislation, at whatever stage of preparation, that has not yet been introduced as a bill

Floor — a traditional description of the interior of either house; "floor action" describes the consideration of measures by the entire membership of the respective chamber

General Assembly — the formal name of the legislature

Joint Session — a session in which the Senate and House of Representatives meet together as they do every year to hear the Governor's State-of-the-State Address

Journal — the official record of the proceedings of the respective houses; printed daily in pamphlet form and published on-line and subsequently certified, indexed and bound at the close of each session

Legislature — the House and the Senate

Lobbyist — an individual engaged to present and promote the views of a group, organization or industry on measures under consideration by legislators

Majority Leader — the leader of the caucus of the majority party

Minority Leader — the leader of the caucus of the minority party

Motion — a formal suggestion offered while the Legislature is in session

President of the Senate — the presiding officer in the senate. As stipulated in the state constitution, this is the Lieutenant Governor.

President Pro Tempore — the senator elected to preside over the Senate in the absence of the President of the Senate

Procedure — the rules and traditional practices of the Legislature

Ratify — to give formal approval and acceptance to

Reapportionment — a redistricting of the state for election purposes

Rules — the methods of procedure determined by the Legislature at the beginning of a session

Sergeant-At-Arms — Officer of the legislature charged with maintaining order and carrying out the directives of the presiding officers or the members

Session — period during which the Legislature meets

Speaker — presiding officer of the House of Representatives, elected by the members at the beginning of each session

Special Sessions — sessions held between the regular sessions

Veto — to cancel or make void

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How a Bill Becomes a Law

