

2021 Maryland General Assembly Witness Testimony Guidelines

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES								
Committee		Deadline	Bill Order Posted	Oral Testimony	Sponsor Witnesses	Time Limit	Zoom Details	Q&A
B&T YouTube	Budget & Taxation 3 West Miller 410.841.3690	2 business days before hearing, between 10 am-3 pm Monday hearings sign up on Thursday, Tuesday hearings sign up on Friday	Morning of hearing	Limited – up to 4 SUP, 2 SWA, 4 OPP (4-2-4 configuration) No panels – individual sign up only	<p><i>Sponsor must designate witnesses by 5 pm 3 days before hearing, or slots will be opened to public at random</i></p> <p>SUP – Sponsor can select up to 3 witnesses, can designate a “lead proponent,” 4th would be selected randomly from sign-up system.</p> <p>SWA – 1 selected at random, 1 at discretion of Chair</p> <p>OPP – 2 selected at random, 2 reserved as organizational slots – Chair selects, must input organization in myMGA account details</p> <p>SIGN UP THROUGH SPONSOR, NOT ON MGA</p>	Two min 30 sec; Lead proponent gets 5 min	<p>Will receive link the night before hearing</p> <p>When signing in, Zoom name must match sign up name Log in 15 min before, if testifying on first 2 bills</p> <p>Cannot designate someone else to take your spot or use zoom link</p> <p>Camera must be on</p>	<p>All witnesses on a bill will testify before Q&A</p> <p>All witnesses should remain on Zoom until Q&A session is over</p>
EHE YouTube	Education & Health & Environmental Affairs 2 West Miller 410.841.3661 1.800.492.7122 x5400							
FIN YouTube	Finance 3 East Miller 410.841.3677							
JPR YouTube	Judicial Proceedings 2 East Miller 410.841.3623							

SENATE BILL HEARING TIMELINE

	<u>Monday</u> Hearing	<u>Tuesday</u> Hearing	<u>Wednesday</u> Hearing	<u>Thursday</u> Hearing	<u>Friday</u> Hearing
Witnesses from Sponsor	Wednesday @ 5PM	Thursday @ 5PM	Friday @ 5PM	Monday @ 5PM	Tuesday @ 5PM
Witness Sign up & Written Testimony Submission	Thursday from 10AM - 3PM	Friday from 10AM - 3PM	Monday from 10AM - 3PM	Tuesday from 10AM - 3PM	Wednesday from 10AM - 3PM
Sign up link sent	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday

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PLEASE NOTE: MACo has provided this information, but it is subject to change at any moment. Please always check the individual committee witness guidelines on the [MGA website](#) for the most updated policies and procedures.

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

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APP YouTube	Appropriations House 121 410.841.3407	2 business days before hearing, between 10 am-3 pm Monday hearings sign up on Thursday, Tuesday hearings sign up on Friday	Day before the hearing (or on Fridays for Monday hearings)	Maximum 50 witnesses per bill No panels – individual sign up only	Sponsor may request witnesses to testify with them and chair will try to accommodate	No info – assume 2 min	No info – assume sent the night before	No info – assume Chair will announce	
	ECM YouTube								Economic Matters House 231 410.841.3519
	ENT YouTube								Environment and Transportation House 251 410.841.3990
HGO YouTube	Health & Government Operations House 240 410.841.3770			Encouraged to submit written as not all witnesses will be selected for oral testimony – witness will receive an email notifying them of selection status Chair expects to call 5 PRO and 5 CON on most bills No panels – individual sign up only Normally, bills will be heard 1:30 pm-3:15 pm, and 3:45 pm-5:30 pm	Sponsor has 5 min, may cede their time to another witness	2 min per witness	Will receive zoom link via email	All witnesses on a bill will testify first, then all Q&A All witnesses should remain on Zoom until Q&A session is over	
JUD YouTube	Judiciary House 101 410.841.3488			Encouraged to submit written as not all witnesses will be selected for oral testimony – witness will receive an email notifying them of selection status Maximum 50 witnesses per bill No panels – individual sign up only	Sponsor has 1 min more than other witnesses	Reintroduced bills in exact identical posture as when they passed out of JUD in 2020 Session: 2 min for sponsor; 1 min for other witnesses Newly proposed bill being heard for first time by JUD: 3 min for sponsor; 2 min for other witnesses	Same as above	Q&A after each witness – witness removed from Zoom hearing room after questions are asked of them	
W&M YouTube	Ways & Means House 130 410.841.3469			Maximum 50 witnesses per bill No panels – individual sign up only	No info	3 min per witness, though may be reduced to 1 or 2 min – Chair will announce at beginning of hearing	Will receive email w/link the night before hearing Will be let into zoom from waiting room at start of hearing UNLESS large number of witnesses, then admitted in groups of 15 Will be removed from hearing after that bill – if testifying on another bill, click that same zoom link to rejoin when that bill is called. No info on Q&A		