

TENNESSEE INTERCOLLEGIATE STATE LEGISLATURE

39th General Assembly

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The 39th General Assembly convenes at 1 p.m. (Central Time), Thursday, Nov. 13, in the State Capitol and adjourns at about 1 p.m. on Sunday.

A schedule is on our web site.

Every accredited institution of higher education in Tennessee is

eligible to participate in TISL.

Every participating school will have one Senate seat.



The House is apportioned by enrollment with a minimum of two and a maximum of 20 seats per school. The range is typically two to 15.

Initial apportionment will be released in late October. At the General Assembly, a few seats might be reassigned Thursday evening if some schools don't bring enough delegates for all of their seats.

Your Delegation

Your delegation should select a Chairperson.

One delegate will be your Senator and will serve only in the Senate. Another will be your Alternate Senator and may double as one of your Representatives.

Extra delegates beyond your allotted seats may serve in staff positions such as clerks, sergeants at arms and assistant secretaries of state. Details are on the web site.

Standing Committees

Every delegate serves on a standing committee. The list of

committees will be posted on the web site by fall.

The Governor appoints a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for each committee. You may apply via the web site. Experience isn't required.

Legislation

This is your chance to improve Tennessee!

Each delegate may sponsor an unlimited number of bills, typically two pages or less.

Each bill must have at least one Senate sponsor and at least one House sponsor, who can be from different colleges.

Submit bills early via the TISL web site or bring them to the General Assembly in digital form.

The Executive Council picks 10 pieces of Priority Legislation to present to the state legislature.

Elections

Every delegate may be a candidate for next year's Executive Council.

Institution Fee

Your school becomes a member of TISL when it pays the Institution Fee, which is based on college enrollment.

Beginning in 2008, the Institution Fee includes a certain number of delegates, which should simplify budgeting and planning. Overall, fees in 2008 are less than in 2007.

Enrollment	Fee	Included Delegates
Fewer than 1,000	\$350	4
1,000 - 4,999	550	7
5,000 - 9,999	750	10
10,000 - 14,999	950	13
15,000 or more	1,150	16

Deadline is Monday, Oct. 27.

Mail a check to TISL, 8642 Poplar Creek Road, Nashville 37221.

Deduct \$25 if your Student Government Association or TISL Delegation has a web site with a link to TISL.

Delegate Fee

Delegates beyond the number included in the Institution Fee pay \$40 each, which is 20 percent less than in 2007.

Lodging

The business-class DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Nashville is the official hotel for the General Assembly. It is one block from the Legislative Plaza and two blocks from the Capitol.

Reserve early! A *limited* number of rooms is available at TISL's very favorable rate of \$107 per night (for up to four people in the room).

Make reservations via a link on the TISL web site; credit card required.

Starbucks and an indoor swimming pool are among the hotel's amenities.

Meals

Three meals are included. Each delegate will pay for his/her other meals, typically about six. Restaurants are in the hotel and nearby.

Parking

Parking will probably cost about \$10 per night. Details will be on the web site.

Check Web Site Often

New information is posted regularly at the TISL web site.

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