

# TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT Update

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**Friday, January 23, 2009**

Kent Williams, speaker of the House of Representatives of the state of Tennessee, announced his appointments to committees and committee leadership on January 21. With two exceptions, membership of each standing committee is equally divided by party. Only the Calendar and Rules and the Government Operations committees are not equally divided. Republicans outnumber Democrats 12-11 on Calendar and Rules and Democrats outnumber Republicans 7-6 on Government Operations.

In addition, committee chairs are divided between the parties on the following basis:

**Republican Chairs**

Calendar and Rules  
Commerce  
Conservation and Environment  
Consumer and Employee Affairs  
Education  
Government Operations  
State and Local Government

**Democratic Chairs**

Agriculture  
Children and Family Affairs  
Finance, Ways and Means  
Health and Human Resources  
Transportation  
Judiciary

Republican Steve McDaniel will chair the House Rules Committee, and Democrat Ulysses Jones will chair the House Ethics Committee.

Republicans chair all Senate standing committees.

The regular session of the 106th General Assembly of the state of Tennessee will convene Monday, February 9.

The first bill filing deadline is Thursday, February 12.

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