

CASB Connections Podcast Discussion Guide

Colorado Legislative Basics

1. How many legislators serve in Colorado's state legislature?
2. How many senators? How many representatives?
3. Who can run for a legislative office?
4. What are the terms for senators? Representatives?
5. How many days is the legislative session?
6. What is a special session and who can call one?
7. Are legislators paid?
8. What are committees of reference?
9. Where can a bill be introduced?
10. What is the Joint Budget Committee (JBC)? How many serve on the JBC?
11. What is the Long Bill?
12. What is the role of a lobbyist?
13. What is involved in a committee report?
14. What is the path of a bill once introduced?
15. What does a referendum clause require?
16. How many paths are available for a bill to become a law once it makes its way to the governor?
17. Where can you find current information on bills?

Definitions

1. Act
2. Adoption
3. Amendment
4. Appeal
5. Apportionment
6. Appropriation
7. Bill
8. Call of the Senate or House
9. Caucus
10. Committee
11. Committee of the Whole (COW)
12. Committee report

13. Constitutional majority
14. Emergency clause
15. Enacting clause
16. Executive session
17. First reading
18. Item veto
19. Joint session
20. Petition
21. Postpone indefinitely
22. Quorum
23. Ruling of the Chair
24. Simple majority
25. Special order
26. Sunset
27. Supplemental appropriation
28. Suspension of the rules