

Proposed Amendment to the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council

26. Personal Appearance and Dress.

(a)(1) All members and alternates of the Legislative Council shall dress, at a minimum, in business casual clothing when attending meetings of the Legislative Council and any of its subcommittees. Business casual clothing does not include jeans, t-shirts, sweat pants or sweat shirts.

(2) If a member will be making a presentation or providing testimony to the Legislative Council or one of its subcommittees, the member shall dress in business professional clothing.

(b) It shall be the determination of the presiding chair of the Legislative Council or its subcommittees whether a member is in violation of this rule. When a member is found to be in violation of the rule, the presiding chair may choose to revoke membership privileges for that member for the particular meeting at which the violation occurs.

(c) The chairs of the Legislative Council or of a Legislative Council subcommittee may waive the requirement for business casual clothing if the committee or subcommittee will be holding its meeting at a site away from the State Capitol and the meeting activities require casual dress. The chairs shall notify the members of the committee or subcommittee of the waiver of business casual dress requirements in advance of the meeting.

Men: Guide to Business Casual

What to Wear

- **Blazer:** A blazer or a tie is not required for business casual.
- **Shirt:** Button-up collared shirt. Athletic apparel, t-shirts, and logo wear are not business casual.
- **Pants:** Nice trousers or khakis. Jeans and sweatpants are not business casual wear.
- **Shoes:** No sandals, flip flops, or sneakers.
- **Outerwear:** No athletic jackets and sweatshirts.

Business Professional is distinguished from business casual by the wearing of slacks, coat, and tie.

Women: Guide to Business Casual

What to Wear

- **Shirt:** Blouse, sweater, turtleneck, or sleeveless shirt. T-Shirts, athletic shirts, and logo shirts are not business casual wear.
- **Pants:** Dress pants, khakis, trousers, or corduroy pants. No jeans of any color.
- **Skirts and dresses:** Skirts and dresses are considered business casual.
- **Shoes:** No sandals, flip flops, or sneakers.
- **Outerwear:** No athletic jackets, or sweatshirts.

Business professional wear includes a member wearing a business suit (pant or skirt) or a dress.

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Importance: High

Pursuant to ALC Rule 18.(b), this email and the attached document serve as the required six (6) days' written notice of a proposed amendment to the Rules of the Legislative Council. This amendment is being proposed by Senator Jimmy Hickey, and will be addressed at the February 19, 2016 meeting of the ALC under New Business. Senator Hickey has also requested that you be provided with the attached examples to assist in understanding of the proposed rule.

Please feel free to contact Marty Garrity, Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, with any questions or concerns regarding the procedure for amending the ALC Rules.