

ECRI PolComm Processes Straw Proposal 2021

Goals of Process Revisions

- Efficiency – faster turnaround time for endorsement of bills, shorter meetings
- Usefulness – PolComm is better able to weigh in at the legislature in real time
- Transparent – everyone clearly understands processes and knows how to propose changes to processes
- Democratic – decision-making process is open and fair

Proposed Process

1. Collect all proposals for legislative agenda in a Tricider PolComm board (e.g. [example here](#))
 - a. Password protected and sign-in required
 - b. Must be an ECRI individual member OR organizational representative to vote. No organization may vote more than once.
 - c. Each proposal must include sponsors, bill number, and bill text link (if full text is included, okay to not have bill number)
 - d. Proposals due 12pm each Friday of legislative session
2. ECRI members vote on a proposed slate every Monday (voting closes 6pm Monday)
 - a. *Undecided–quorum for how many people need to vote before decisions are made?*
 - b. VP of Policy should put bills that receive more comments and/or are controversial and/or are new on the PolComm agenda for discussion
 - c. VP of Policy can send out summary of what happened in the poll on Monday or Tuesday
3. Monthly PolComm meetings are reserved for discussion of controversial bills, legislative priorities, and bills that have not been introduced before
4. Bills recommended by PolComm continue to be approved at full board meetings through a slate, but ECRI can weigh in on bills from prior years before the full board has approved them

5. Controversial bills (i.e., bills that received significant discussion/lack of consensus at PolComm) should be discussed at full board before ECRI weighs in
6. March PolComm will focus on what ECRI bills are considered priority bills
7. Note: if you want ECRI (i.e., VP of Policy, President, or Administrator) to support a bill at a hearing or by written comment, we need you to tell us in advance and ideally draft the comments.