Texas Senate Guidelines

Impeachment Trial of Attorney General Warren Kenneth Paxton, Jr.

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Guidelines for Public Access to the Senate Gallery during the Impeachment Trial of Attorney General Warren Kenneth Paxton, Jr.

The impeachment trial proceedings are a trial proceeding and not a regular session day.
To ensure open access by the public and preserve the integrity of the trial proceedings in which the members of the Senate serve as members of the court, the following guidelines will be in use:

Admission by Ticket

All persons seeking admission to the Senate Gallery **must** have a ticket to enter.

- Tickets will be distributed on the third floor outside of the Senate gallery for the morning and afternoon sessions of the impeachment trial and will be available to the public on a first–come, first–served basis.
- Distribution of tickets for the morning session will begin at 7:30 a.m. each day and will end when all available tickets have been distributed.
- Distribution of tickets for the afternoon session will begin 45 minutes before the Senate Gallery reopens.
- Doors to the Senate Gallery will open at 8:00 a.m. each day.
- All Senate Gallery seating is open, except for the two press sections and the Senate section.
- If a person must exit during a session, a ticket is required for reentry. Please retain your session ticket for reentry purposes.

Rules During the Impeachment Trial

All persons seated in the Senate Gallery **must** abide by the following guidelines:

- No food or beverages;
- Cell phones, PDAs, and related electronic devices **must** be turned OFF or set to VIBRATE;
- No cameras;
- No electronic music devices or games;
- No talking, clapping, or demonstrations; and
- All persons must remain seated at all times.

A violation of any of the stated rules will result in immediate removal from the Senate Gallery and bar readmission for the remainder of that day.

These guidelines supplement any provisions regarding the Senate Gallery that are contained in the standing rules of the Texas Senate and any rules that may be adopted in regards to conducting an impeachment.