



Texas Senate Guidelines

Impeachment Trial of Attorney General Warren Kenneth Paxton, Jr.

MEDIA GUIDELINES

The impeachment trial proceedings are a trial proceeding and not a regular session day. To ensure access by the media and to 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:

Daily Press Pass

- All press seeking admission to the press sections in the Senate Gallery **must** have a daily press pass.
- Media credentials issued by the Texas Senate are required to obtain a press pass each day.
- Daily press passes will be distributed on the third floor outside of the Senate Gallery beginning at 7:30 a.m. each day and will end when all available press passes have been distributed.
- The designated press sections in the Senate Gallery are open seating, but are reserved for credentialed press only.
- If you must exit during a session, retain your daily press pass for reentry.

Rules During the Impeachment Trial

All press seated in the press sections of the Senate Gallery **must** abide by the following guidelines:

- In order to maintain trial decorum, cell phones **must** be turned OFF or set to VIBRATE. Cell phone conversations are prohibited;
- The use of computers in the press sections is permitted;
- No food or beverages;
- No talking or clapping;
- Still photographs may be taken without flash from the press sections in the Senate Gallery;
- Cameras should be in place at least 15 minutes before the proceedings begin; and
- Standing in a press section in the Senate Gallery is prohibited.

Pool Cameras and Rotating Photographers

Two pool cameras have been selected to be on the Senate floor in designated locations, and one rotating media photographer will be allowed on the Senate floor for 15 minutes at the beginning of each day's session and for 15 minutes at the conclusion of each day's session. The following guidelines will be in use:

- Appropriate dress is required—coat and tie are required for men and no jeans are allowed;
- Cameras must be in place at least 15 minutes before the proceedings begin;
- Decorum in the chamber must be maintained and movement is limited to breaks or recess;
- Pool-feed access is managed by the news organizations (KXAN and KVUE) chosen to cover the trial;
- Rotating photographers will be selected by news organizations.

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