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**Legislative Procedures Update Study
Consensus Questions**

Outside Income

Q1. Should there be limits on income from outside employment by state legislators? (Yes) (No)

Q2. If there are limits, should:

You may choose more than one for yes or for no.

- a. All outside earned income be prohibited (Yes) (No)
- b. New York follow the federal model using a percentage of base salary (Yes) (No)
- c. A dollar amount to be specified (Yes) (No) If, yes, how much? _____
- d. Some other criteria applied. Please specify:

Optional:

Rank as many of your selections as you wish, in order of preference, with one (1)
being your first choice.

Ban on outside earned income	_____
Percentage of base salary	_____
A specific dollar amount	_____
Some other criteria	_____

Q3. Should legislators' salaries be weighted by the cost of living in different regions of the state?
(Yes) (No)

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Term Lengths for State Legislators

Term Lengths for Assembly Members

Q.1 Should Assembly members serve: First Choice Second Choice Third Choice Two-year
term

Four-year term 2-4-4 year

terms

(Members are elected to a 2 or 4-year term depending on how close the state general election is to the legislative reapportionment that occurs after the US census every 10 years.)

Q.2 Should the elections be staggered? (Yes) (No)

(For instance, terms can be staggered by odd and even numbered districts, divided 1/3-1/3-1/3 as the US Senate or a variation of 2-4-4, taking into account reapportionment every 10 years?) This question does not concern how terms would be staggered, only should they be staggered.

Term Lengths for Senators

Q.3 Should State Senators serve: First Choice Second Choice Third Choice Two-year
term

Four-year term 2-4-4 year

terms

(Members are elected to a 2 or 4-year term depending on how close the state general election is to the legislative reapportionment that occurs after the US census every 10 years.)

Q.4 Should the elections for State Senate be staggered? (Yes) (No)

(For instance, terms can be staggered by odd and even numbered districts, divided 1/3-1/3- 1/3 as the US Senate or a variation of 2-4-4, taking into account reapportionment every 10 years?) This question does not concern how terms would be staggered, only should they be staggered.

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Legislative Leadership and Committee Chairs

Q1. Should there be restrictions on how long a particular legislator is allowed to serve in any of the leadership positions listed below? (Yes) (No)

Q2. If yes, check off all those leadership positions that should be restricted.

- Speaker of the Assembly
- Temporary President of the Senate (Majority Leader)
- Majority Leader of the Assembly
- Minority Leader of the Senate
- Minority Leader of the Assembly

Q3. If you restrict a member who holds one of these titles, shall that person be allowed to take on a different title after that "term" expires? (Yes) (No)

Q4. If you restrict a member who holds one of these titles,

- should the limit be a *life-time* limit or
- should reappointment be allowed after a specified period of time? Q5. Should

there be restricted tenure for committee chairs? (Yes) (No)

Q6. If you restrict the length of time one can hold a committee's chair, shall that person be allowed to take on a different committee's chair after that "term" expires? (Yes) (No)

Q7. If you restrict the length of time one can hold a committee's chair,

- should the limit be a *life-time* limit or
- should reappointment be allowed after a specified period of time?

Q8. Should stipends (lulus) continue for committee chairs and all leadership positions?
(Yes) (No)

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