

SENATE BILL No. 410

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislative branch; requiring the state capitol and
2 legislative meetings to be open to the public.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
6 the state capitol shall be open to the public between the hours of 8 a.m. and
7 5 p.m. on all weekdays, except on public holidays designated in K.S.A.
8 35-107, and amendments thereto.

9 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), all legislative meetings shall
10 be open to the public and no restriction on the number of members of the
11 public present in:

12 (1) Any meeting room for any legislative committee shall limit the
13 number of members of the public to fewer than 15 persons;

14 (2) the gallery for the house of representatives shall limit the number
15 of members of the public to fewer than 50 persons; or

16 (3) the gallery for the senate shall limit the number of members of the
17 public to fewer than 50 persons.

18 (c) Nothing in this section shall supersede or otherwise affect the
19 authority to recess for a closed or executive meeting in accordance with
20 K.S.A. 75-4319, and amendments thereto.

21 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
22 publication in the Kansas register.