



## **MEDIA IDENTIFICATION BADGES**

(All applications are reviewed and must be approved before badges are issued)

Legislative media identification badges are a privilege and are issued as a security measure to salaried journalists working for a commercial or non-profit news outlet providing routine non-partisan coverage. The outlet must be recognized by the Louisiana Broadcaster's Association, the Louisiana Press Association (Active Membership, Individual Associate Membership or Associate Online Membership only) and/or National Press Foundation (or similar organization). The news outlet must verify the applicant's employment.

Applicants cannot engage in lobbying, advocacy, advertising, publicity or promotions for any individual, political party, corporation, business or government agency.

Media identification badges may expedite entry into the building and may give journalists access to designated press areas during proceedings of the legislature on a first-come, first-served basis when space is available. Media equipment must be compact and stationary so as not to disrupt traffic in the chamber, committee rooms, committee hallways and any other public space in the capitol.

***Press or Media badges issued by any other entity are not valid for entrance to the designated media areas of the Capitol.***

The cost of a **new** yearly identification badge is **\$10.00** per badge. The replacement cost for a lost badge is \$10.00. Payment should be submitted via check or money order made out to Louisiana House of Representatives. (NO CASH OR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED)

### **Other Important Information to Know:**

- Media badges do **not** exempt journalists/photographers from passing through security.
- Balcony seating is always open and available for overflow media and the general public. Media badges are not required to monitor session proceedings from either the Senate or House balcony.
- Cameras (both still and video) are **not** allowed in either chamber's balconies.
- Official legislative live-streaming of all chamber and committee proceedings is available for download at [house.la.gov](http://house.la.gov) and [senate.la.gov](http://senate.la.gov) or using the mobile LA LEGE app. All other forms of streaming are prohibited in both chambers and in committee rooms.
- Journalists given access to Chamber Floor Seats will be given special identification and as well as a copy of the Chamber Rules to be strictly followed. **NO PHOTOS ARE ALLOWED FROM THE CHAMBER FLOOR SEATS BY THE MEDIA**

- No interviews are to be conducted on the floor of the chambers.
- Journalists covering the legislature shall follow each chamber's dress code.
- Documentary filming is strictly limited during legislative proceedings and requires special permission (not a media identification badge) from the presiding officer in each chamber.

***You will be notified upon approval or denial of your application. Media identification badges can be revoked at any time for non-compliance with all requirements including rules of both chambers, disruptive behavior, or failure to continue meeting the qualifications.***

Once approved and payment received, your identification badge will be created and available on your next visit to the State Capitol in Room 207 of the Capitol Security Office located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

If you have any questions, please contact Meg Casper Sunstrom in the Legislative Communications Office at 225-342-7646.