



**LEX CURIATORUM:** On senators taking a leave of absence from the senate (Liberia Legatio)

*Standing Operating Procedure*

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- I. A senator may appeal to the senate for a temporary leave from senatorial duties
  - a. This leave may be granted through the senate issuing a Liberia Legatio to the senator by the censores or princeps senatus
  - b. This leave can be no longer than 12 months
- II. The senator seeking leave must obtain the written permission of at least three of the following: consules, censores, praetores, princeps senatus
  - a. In this request the senator taking leave must state an expected return date
  - b. In this request the name of the proxy who will vote on behalf of the senator taking leave must be indicated
  - c. When all requirements are met, the messages of support plus the original petition for leave must be sent to all members of the senate plus the consules, praetores, and censores.
  - d. Fulfilling all these requirements results in an approved Liberia Legatio
- III. The senator taking leave must assign their vote to a proxy who is a current senator, this proxy remains in place until the senator taking leave returns or the expected return date passes
- IV. To return to active status the senator taking leave must:
  - a. If tax is unpaid, the returning senator must pay the annual tax within 30 days of their return
  - b. send a message to the censores, consuls, praetors and princeps senatus stating their return to senatorial duty
- V. With an approved Liberia Legatio a senator may become inactive during the designated period of time and remain on the senate
- VI. A Liberia Legatio may be renewed only once upon the request of the senator
  - a. Renewal requires the senator renewing leave to contact the consules, praetores, censores and princeps senatus. They must secure the written support of three of these individuals and circulate this written documentation to all parties listed in section II.
  - b. The total leave taken with renewal included cannot exceed 24 months
    - i. If a longer duration of leave is required then the senator is to resign from the senate
- VII. A current princeps senatus who is granted a Liberia Legatio is considered to have resigned the position of princeps senatus. A new princeps senatus must be immediately appointed.
- VIII. In order for committees to amend or rescind this standing operating procedure (lex) both the advisory committee (senate) and century committee (Comitia Centuriata) must pass a majority resolution to this effect.