ILLINOIS SENATE MEDIA GUIDELINES
FOR THE 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to the Senate Rules of the 101ST General Assembly, the President of the Senate has the power to
preserve order and decorum in the Senate and to grant access to certain areas of the Senate to members of
the media. To that end, the following guidelines shall be enforced by the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Assistant
Sergeant-at-Arms, or any Senate staff designated by the Senate President:

1. All Senate Rules regarding the media apply as contained in Senate Resolution 2 of the 101ST
   General Assembly or otherwise amended.
2. In order to obtain access to the press galleries of the Senate, designated press areas of Senate
   committee hearing rooms, or other areas of the Senate, a person must have a media credential
   issued by the Office of the Senate President. To obtain a media credential, a person must submit
   an application to the Office of the Senate President. All applications submitted are subject to the
   review and approval of the Senate President or designee.
3. Persons eligible to apply for a media credential must be a bona fide resident correspondent of
   reputable standing, giving their chief attention to the gathering and reporting of news. Applicants
   must be employed by newspapers, periodicals, radio or other news services (hereinafter “news
   organization”) that regularly publishes a substantial volume of news material of either general,
   economic, industrial, technical, cultural, or trade character whether on television, in print, on the
   Internet or a combination thereof. The news organization must engage in and require coverage of
   Illinois on a continuing basis and must be owned and operated independently of any industry,
   institution, association, or lobbying organization. All applicants must also be employed by a news
   organization that is published for profit and is supported chiefly by advertising or by subscription,
   or is published by a nonprofit organization. Each applicant must operate independently of any
   industry, or institution, and not engage, directly or indirectly, in any lobbying or other activity
   intended to influence any matter before the General Assembly or before any department or other
   instrumentality of the Executive branch.
4. The Senate President shall determine, in his discretion, whether or not an applicant meets the
   criteria set forth in paragraph 3. Any person granted a media credential under these guidelines
   shall not engage in lobbying or paid advertising, publicity or promotion work for any individual,
   political party, corporation or other organization.
5. The Senate President may issue temporary credentials to individuals who meet the eligibility
   requirements contained in these guidelines, but who may be on short-term assignment or
   temporarily residing in Springfield, Illinois.
6. All persons issued a media credential shall obey all security regulations when entering the Capitol
   and its office buildings.
7. No person issued a media credential shall be entitled to enter the Senate press gallery or other
   designated press unless appropriately attired, including but not limited to:
   a. Gentlemen must wear jackets and ties in the press galleries.
   b. Ladies and gentlemen are prohibited from wearing hats in the press galleries.
8. Seating in the press galleries is reserved for persons with media credentials issued by the Office
   of the Senate President.
9. Press access is also available in the Fourth Floor gallery. Additional, but limited seating will be
   set aside for persons with media credentials in the public gallery, but no cameras may be used in
   this area.
10. Still photographs may be taken without flash from the press galleries on the Senate floor and media area of the public gallery on the Fourth Floor.

11. No photographs or video may be taken of the Senate floor or a Senate committee room while the Senate or committee is in session unless the person who seeks to take such photographs or video has a media credential and has received prior permission to do so by the Senate or the committee, as applicable.

12. TV and cameras with video capability are not permitted for use in the press galleries on the Senate floor.

13. Standing in the press galleries on the Senate floor is discouraged and may be prohibited by the President or Presiding Officer as the case may be.