AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to legislative meetings; requiring certain duties of the committee chairperson regarding written testimony in certain circumstances; providing an exception for citizens presenting testimony.

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

Section 1. (a) The duties of the chairperson of each committee that has adopted a rule that requires individuals or organizations that request to present verbal or written testimony to the committee to submit written testimony to the chairperson or committee assistant prior to the committee meeting that such individuals or organizations request to present such testimony shall include a requirement that the chairperson provide such written testimony to the vice-chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee. Such testimony shall be provided to the vice-chairperson and ranking minority member 24 hours before the committee meeting, or at least the same time period before the committee meeting that the chairperson requires testimony to be submitted to the chairperson or committee assistant, whichever is earlier.

(b) No chairperson shall require a citizen of Kansas who is testifying before the committee on such citizen's own behalf to provide written testimony to the chairperson or committee assistant prior to the meeting that the citizen requests to present verbal or written testimony.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "committee" means any standing committee, subcommittee, conference committee, interim committee or any committee that is established by law or by the presiding officer of either legislative chamber.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.