**Sweden – The Riksdag**

1. Website:

[https://www.riksdagen.se](https://www.riksdagen.se/)

2. Locating Relevant Documents/Files On-line:

*A.RULES OF PROCEDURE*

**1. Name:**  The Riksdag Act

**2. URL**:

English pdf version: <https://www.riksdagen.se/globalassets/07.-dokument--lagar/the-riksdag-act-2015.pdf>

Swedish website version: <https://www.riksdagen.se/sv/dokument-lagar/dokument/svensk-forfattningssamling/riksdagsordning-2014801_sfs-2014-801>

\*\* full text code version?? : <http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se/sfst?bet=2014:801>

**3. What is the date for the most recent revision on the rules of procedure?**

September 1st, 2018. (source: <http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se/sfsr?bet=2014:801>)

**4. Is there a section of the rules of procedure that covers voting rules? If so, indicate the section.**

Chapter 11, Article 10

**5. If available, please list the rules governing the use of roll call votes.**

“A vote is carried out at a previously established point in time or after due warning. When a vote is taken, the Speaker formulates the proposal on which the vote will be taken….The proposal which is to be put to the vote is read out and submitted to the Chamber for approval. The vote shall be taken electronically or, when this cannot be done, by means of a call of names.” (11.10.1)

“When a vote is taken electronically, the way each member votes is registered.” (11.10.2)

“When a vote is taken by means of a call of names, the Speaker calls upon two members to record the vote. The Deputy Speakers are called up first, followed by the other members according to constituency. Responses must be one of the following: ‘Yes’, ‘No’, ‘Abstain’. When a vote is taken, the way each member votes is registered.” (11.10.3)

“If the Speaker deems it appropriate, a vote may instead be taken by having the members rise in their places. If the result of such a vote is unclear or if a member calls for a count, a new vote shall be taken electronically or by means of a call of names…. When a vote is taken by having the members rise in their places, the Speaker calls first on those members wishing to vote ‘Yes’ to rise and calls thereafter on members wishing to vote ‘No’ to rise.” (11.10.4 and 11.10.5) (This is an indication vote.)

**6. If the documents are available in multiple languages, does it seem like the same number of documents/files are available in the different languages?**

The Riksdag act is available in both English and Swedish.

**7. How exactly did you locate these files? (i.e. if you were going to write instructions for someone else to find them, what would that look like?)**

Under “Documents and Laws,” then “Laws” on the Riksdag website (<https://www.riksdagen.se/en>).

**8. Looking at the documents available on-line, are there specific language skills you think would be required to code information of interest from them? If so what are these?**

No, because the document is provided in English.

**9. Is there anything else you think we should know?**

**10. Does the legislature or an official source publish a document/file for previous versions of the rules of procedure? If so, repeat questions 2-8.**

No.

*B.RECORD OF LEGISLATIVE VOTING*

**1. Please indicate the terminology for the type of votes as reported in the working language of the legislature (e.g., scrutin public ordinaire).**

“Ledamöternas roster,” which means “Members’ votes”

**2. Looking at the documents available on-line, are there specific language skills you think would be required? If so what are these?**

Google chrome translates the website into English. The downloadable pdf does not include the voting results.

**3. Does the legislature or an official source publish a document/file covering the voting record online (separate from the plenary minute)?**

Yes.

**If so:**

**-Where can one find these documents? Please provide instructions for how someone would find them.**

On the Riksdag website, under “Debates and Decisions”. Scroll down to “parliamentary decisions”. At the bottom of this page, you will see a tab that says “all parliamentary decisions” which brings you to this link: <https://www.riksdagen.se/sv/global/sok/?doktyp=bet&beslutad=1&sort=beslutsdag&sortorder=desc>

If you click on each report, it has a “decision” tab with a table of votes from each party.

Also, in each parliamentary decision, the minutes for that day are provided (in the Swedish pdf). Voting records are in there for each party, but not specific names.

**-What types of votes are reported (e.g., the roll call vote record for individual legislators)?**

Yes, the roll call vote record is reported.

Name, party, voice (yes, no, abstain), and constituency are recorded for each legislator.

There is also a column called “vote” in which every entry is “substance”. This means the vote was on the issue of substance.

**4. If you find on-line documents, does this seem to be all the relevant documents for a specific time period? If so, what is the time period? If not, can you describe what is missing?**

They have reports and opinions going back to 1900.

**5. Can one automate downloading of these files? If so, please provide any available computer code for that purpose.**

Not sure.

**6. Did we download all the information available in the sources indicated in this section? If not, please indicate which source and years we are missing.**

Not sure.

*C.MINUTES OF PLENARY SESSION*

**1. Please indicate the terminology for the type of information as reported in the working language of the legislature:**

The Chamber Minutes are referred to as “Kammarens protokoll.”

**2. Does the legislature or an official source publish a document/file covering the specific information online? If so, where (please provide instructions for how one would find them)? If an official source is not available, please list any secondary sources**.

Here is the link to the plenary minutes: <https://www.riksdagen.se/sv/global/sok/?q=&doktyp=prot>

They are all downloadable in pdf format or they have website versions of them.

Go to the Riksdag website, then the search page. On the right, click on “Chamber Minutes”.

**3. If you find on-line documents, does this seem to be all the relevant documents for a specific time period? If so, what is the time period? If not, can you describe what is missing?**

There are over 17,000 documents going back to 1867 (on the right hand side you can sort by date).

**4. Can one automate downloading of these files? If so, please provide any available computer code for that purpose.**

Not sure.

**5. Looking at the documents available on-line, are there specific language skills you think would be required to code information of interest from them? If so what are these?**

All pdf is in Swedish. However, since they also have them directly on the website, one can use google chrome translate.

**6. Did we download all the information available in the sources indicated in this section?**

Not sure.

*D. ATTENDANCE*

**1. Please indicate the terminology for the type of information as reported in the working language of the legislature:**

“Anmälan om frånvaro från dagens sammanträde” means “Notification of absence from today’s meeting”

“Anmälan om ersättare” means “Notification of replacement” – legislators can also serve as substitutes for other legislators during their leave (this seems much more common)

“Anmälan om återtagande av plats i riksdagen” means “Notification of take-back of seats in Parliament “

“Upprop” means Call, after which is listed the composition of the chamber for that day

**2. Does the legislature or an official source publish a document/file covering the specific information online? If so, where (please provide the URL)? If an official source is not available, please list any secondary sources**.

The minutes are available in a downloadable pdf immediately under each minute report heading, but they are in Swedish. They provide a comprehensive list of attendance, but I would want to speak to someone who actually knows Swedish though to confirm the meaning of the lists.

If you click on a specific minute report and then scroll down, you will see “the document is large, click to open on your own page”. This allows google chrome translate feature to work, because we’re still on a webpage. The “Call” list is available there too.

**3. What years are available on this source?**

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**4. Can one automate downloading of these files? If so, please provide any available computer code for that purpose.**

Not sure.

**5. Looking at the documents available on-line, are there specific language skills you think would be required to code information of interest from them? If so what are these?**

One would need to understand key words concerning attendance in Swedish when looking at the pdf minutes or if they didn’t want to use chrome translate.

**6. Did we download all the information available in the sources indicated in this section?**

Not sure.

*E. ROLL CALL VOTE REQUEST*

**1. In the available on-line documents, can you identify a request for a roll-call vote? If so, are there specific words or other indications that systematically identify the requester?**

After speeches, there is an adjournment. Votes are taken at a predetermined time (see A5).

**2. Do the available on-line documents report a justification for a request for a roll-call vote? If so, are there specific words or other indications that systematically identify the justification?**

Not that I can find.

**3. How is the decision to accept or deny the roll-call vote request made (this may be found in the rules of procedure)?**

Roll call vote is the standard procedure.

**4. In the available on-line documents, can you identify whether the request was accepted? If so, are there specific words or other indications that systematically identify this?**

See question 3.

*F. DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE*

1. Roll-call votes:

**a. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the names of participants who participated in discussion before a vote? If so, where can this be found?**

In the “debate” section of the specific decision webpage, it lists the speeches. The speeches are also in the pdf minutes under the “debate” section, each starts with “Anf”

**b. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the length (in words) of a participant’s speech? If so, where can this be found?**

I would suggest word-count, it is not already pre-calculated.

2. Indication Votes:

**a. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the names of participants who participated in discussion before a vote? If so, where can this be found?**

It would be very rare for a vote to be indication (members rising in place), and it is up to the Speaker. I have not seen one in the documents so far.

**b. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the length (in words) of a participant’s speech? If so, where can this be found?**

See part a.

*G. VOTING*

1. Roll-call votes:

**a. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the subject of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

It is easily found in the website page for each parliamentary decision (see part B, question 3)

**b. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the procedural type (motion/agenda/article of a bill/amendment/etc…) of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

Yes, immediately under the heading, at the end of the first paragraph, where it lists both the “Committee's proposal for a decision” and “parliament’s decision”.

**c. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the result of the vote (e.g., the motion passed)? If so, where can this be found?**

Yes, in the same place as part b.

**d. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the method (electronic, calling of names, etc..) of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

I have not found this.

**e. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the breakdown of the vote outcome (e.g., yes/no/abstain) in the aggregate? At the level of individual legislator? If so, where can this be found?**

Yes, since roll-call votes are the standard procedure. See part B section 3.

**f. In the available on-line documents, can you determine whether there were any arguments documented during the vote (e.g. , a protest over procedure)? If so, where can this be found?**

This would be found in the chamber minutes for that day.

2. Indication votes:

In my research, I did not come across any indication votes in practice, though there is a procedure outlined for them in the Riksdag Act (11.10.4)

**a. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the subject of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

**b. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the procedural type (motion/agenda/article of a bill/amendment/etc…) of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

**c. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the result of the vote (e.g., the motion passed)? If so, where can this be found?**

**d. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the method (electronic, raising of hands, etc..) of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

**e. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the breakdown of the vote outcome (e.g., yes/no/abstain) in the aggregate? If so, where can this be found?**

**f. In the available on-line documents, can you determine whether there were any arguments documented during the vote (e.g. , a protest over procedure)? If so, where can this be found?**

*NOTES ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD BE RELEVANT*