**Slovakia – Unicameral (National Council)**

1. Website:

<https://www.nrsr.sk/web/?>

2. Locating Relevant Documents/Files On-line:

*A.RULES OF PROCEDURE*

1. **Name:** Rules of Procedure of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Rules of voting at NR SR meeting

1. **URL**: <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/?sid=nrsr/dokumenty/zakladne>

<https://www.nrsr.sk/web/Static/en-US/NRSR/Dokumenty/rules_of_procedure.pdf>

[English Version]

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

The most recent revision was on May 1, 2019.

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

Yes.

Rules of voting at NR SR meeting: Session 1.1, 1.2, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7(Reasons for the vote by showing hands) 1.8 (roll-call vote)

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

Members shall vote in person only by means of their voting card.

Before the vote starts, the chairman or rapporteur of the committees shall make a proposal, which will be put to the vote, including the parliamentary press number.

The Deputy shall vote on the submitted petition during the interval designated for

a vote of 20 seconds, unless the National Council decides otherwise.

**Voting shall use four buttons with the following functions:**

1. Button 1 (presentation) to show presence in the Chamber;

(b) button 2 (against) to object to the subject of the vote,

1. the 3 (abstention) button to indicate abstentions on the subject of the vote;
2. a button 4 (za) to agree to the subject of the vote.

After the time expired, the results of the vote will be displayed in the following form



The technical equipment printer shall print immediately after the vote. A record of the outcome of the vote showing how the Member voted will be printed.

(1) roll-call votes shall be used in particular on formal occasions; or

important votes.

(2) At least one fifth of the present Deputies may vote by roll call.

The proposal shall be decided by the National Council without debate.

* The vote shall be that the invited Member expresses his / her will by saying: “I am voting in favor proposal 'or' vote against 'or' abstention '.
* The President shall repeat the vote of the Member.
* The President gradually invites Members to vote.
* Verifiers of the National Council shall keep a record of this vote on the basis of which:
* they shall count the votes and make minutes thereof.
* The President shall declare the result of the vote on the basis of the minutes.

**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 official language of Slovakia is Slovak. All documents are written in Slovak.

Language skills are required. There are the same number of documents which are available in different languages.

**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?)**

1. Google “Slovakia National Council”

2. Go to <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/?>

3. At upper left corner of the webpage, switch language to Slovak by clicking the Slovak icon

4. Turn on the google webpage translation

5. Click ‘papers’ tab on the top menu bar and click ‘Basic documents’ in the drop-down menu

6. Then, the ‘Rules of Procedure of the National Council of the Slovak Republic’ and ‘Rules of voting at NR SR meeting’ are available for downloading (Slovak version documents)

**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?**

The official language of Slovakia is Slovak. All documents are written in Slovak.

Slovak is required for comprehending the documents.

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

N/A

**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.**

N/A

*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).**

hlasovanie je verejné alebo tajné. (Public or private records)

technického zariadenia (technical equipment)

zdvihnutím ruky(raising hands)

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

The official language of Slovakia is Slovak. All documents are written in Slovak.

Slovak is required for comprehending the documents.

**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.**

1. Google “Slovakia National Council”

2. Go to <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/?>

3. At upper left corner of the webpage, switch language to Slovak by clicking the Slovak icon

4. Select ‘Meeting’ (Schôdze) on the top menu bar

5. Select ‘Vote’ in the drop-down menu and click on ‘According to meetings’ (Podľa schôdzí)

6. Select the time period and the correspondent voting information will show up

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

Based on my review, I noticed that most voting includes roll-call vote record at each individual legislator level.

**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?**

The webpage provides the relevant documents from 1998 till date.

The voting records and other information in different time periods/terms can be accessed from the link below.

<https://www.nrsr.sk/web/Default.aspx?sid=schodze%2fhlasovanie%2fschodze>

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

<https://www.nrsr.sk/web/Default.aspx?sid=schodze%2fhlasovanie%2fschodze>

It can’t automatically download these files. However, you may view the voting results by following the instruction below.

You first need to select the time period in the link above.

You will see a table which includes all voting results on anyday. At the very right column ‘Votings by clubs’ (Hlasovanie podľa klubov), you can click any tabs below to get the voting records at individual legislator level, attendance, and outcomes on that issue.

1. **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.**

We can’t download but we can scrap and review all the information we need from this website.

*C.MINUTES OF PLENARY SESSION*

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

Minutes of Plenary Session is referred as Text transcript of the debate (Textový prepis rozpravy). All transcripts are recorded in Slovak.

**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**.

**1.** Google “Slovakia National Council”

2. Go to <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/?>

3. At upper left corner of the webpage, switch language to Slovak by clicking the Slovak icon

4. Select ‘Meeting’ (Schôdze) on the top menu bar

5. Select ‘debate’ in the drop-down menu and click on ‘Text transcript of the debate” (Textový prepis rozpravy)

6. Select the time period and the correspondent voting information will show up

**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?**

The website provides text transcripts from 5th legislature term till date. Besides, this webpage allows you to query and filter out specific speeches by utilizing their imbedded research engine.

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

<https://www.nrsr.sk/web/default.aspx?sid=schodze/rozprava>

We can’t download but we can scrap and review all the information we need from this website.

**4. 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?**

The official language of Slovakia is Slovak. All documents are written in Slovak.

Slovak is required for comprehending the documents.

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

Yes. Some information may not be automatically downloadable. However, we absolutely can scrap the information from the webpage.

*D. ATTENDANCE*

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

The quorum of the National Council shall be a simple majority of all Members

When within thirty minutes after the set beginning of the session of the National Council (Section 17), less than a simple majority of all Members are present, the Chair may adjourn the beginning of the session to the next day.

The **quorum of a committee** shall consist of an absolute majority of its Members.

**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 attendance for each plenary session is recorded during the voting process. When any vote was carried out, the legislators needed to log into the system to cast their votes. If one legislator was absent in that session, the voting system will record absence in accordance to that.

<https://www.nrsr.sk/web/default.aspx?sid=schodze/hlasovanie/schodze>

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

2019

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

It can’t automatically download the attendance information. However, you may view the attendance information by following the instruction which is the same as accessing the voting results.

URL: <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/default.aspx?sid=schodze/hlasovanie/schodze>

**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?**

The official language of Slovakia is Slovak. All documents are written in Slovak.

Slovak is required for comprehending the documents.

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

They aren’t automatically downloadable. However, we can absolutely scrap the information we need from the webpages.

*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?**

By voting by roll call, the Members are called by the Chair. Each Member, when his/her name has been called, shall say: “Voting in favor of the proposal", or “Voting against the proposal", or “Abstaining from voting".

Each statement shall be repeated by the Chair. Any other statement shall be considered abstaining from voting.

**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?**

Most voting results include each vote at level of individual legislator. Because of that, we can assume any votes, which are administrated by recording each legislator’s name, are roll-call voting.

If we only focus on the voting for which each legislator’s name is called, the detailed justification for this request should be recorded verbatim in the “text transcript of debate”.

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

Voting by roll call may be proposed by not less than one fifth of Members present. Such motion shall be resolved by the National Council without debate.

1. **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?**

Voting by roll call may be proposed by not less than one fifth of Members present. Such motion shall be resolved by the National Council without debate. In another word, the roll-call vote motion should be automatically adopted.

*F. DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE*

1. Roll-call votes:

1. **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?**

All speeches, debates, and dialogues taken before or after voting are recorded in the *Text transcript for debate*, which you can find in the link below. The names of speakers are also included.

URL: <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/default.aspx?sid=schodze%2frozprava>

(\*First, you need to select the time period.)

1. **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?**

All speeches, debates, and dialogues taken before or after voting are recorded in the *Text transcript for debate* (Textový prepis rozpravy), which you can find in the link below. The names of legislators are also included.

The length of each speech should be easily counted.

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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?**

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(\*First, you need to select the time period.)

**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?**

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*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?**

The procedural types and subjects of the vote are recorded along with the results in the voting records.

**URL:** <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/Default.aspx?sid=schodze%2fhlasovanie%2fschodze>

**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?**

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**URL:** <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/Default.aspx?sid=schodze%2fhlasovanie%2fschodze>

**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. The results of the votes are included. It can’t automatically download these files.

The instruction for accessing this information is the same as accessing the voting records, which I wrote in the section B.

**URL:** <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/Default.aspx?sid=schodze%2fhlasovanie%2fschodze>

**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?**

Most voting results on the website include the individual legislator voting record. Because of that, we can assume that most voting is taken in the way which each legislator’s vote will be posted online.

The method of the vote should be included with the voting records.

**URL:** <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/Default.aspx?sid=schodze%2fhlasovanie%2fschodze>

**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. We can determine the vote outcome and the breakdown of vote at level of individual legislator.

**URL:** <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/Default.aspx?sid=schodze%2fhlasovanie%2fschodze>

**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?**

All speeches, arguments, and quick remarks delivered on the floor should be recorded in *text transcript of debate.*

**URL:** <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/default.aspx?sid=schodze/rozprava>

2. Indication votes:

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Yes. We can determine the vote outcome and the breakdown of vote at level of individual legislator.

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**URL:** <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/default.aspx?sid=schodze/rozprava>

*NOTES ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD BE RELEVANT*